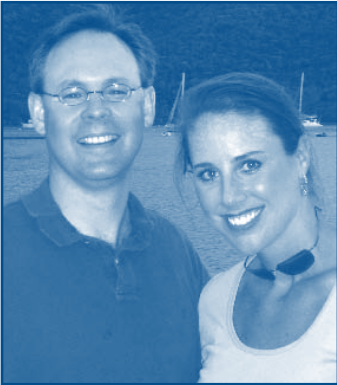


# The Hollymont Spirit

October 2005

## Something Old, Something New



Wedding bells are ringing around Hollymont!

Camp director, Missy McKibbens wed Dr. John Roper in April. John is our newest "Hollymont Man" and we are so excited to have him around!

After camp ended in August, Missy began setting up her new home (and office) in Concord, NC. During the fall and winter, she plans to travel for camp recruiting both campers and staff. She is already planning the Hollymont 2006 summer activities.

Emily Ogletree, formerly Hollymont assistant director, married Nick Dimitris in September. She will return to Hollymont in late October and begin a her new (part-

time) position as Skill Facilitator. Since Emily will be primarily responsible for the daytime skills program, her duties will include recruiting and training program staff, developing skill curriculum, and training/supervising the counselors in the skill program.

Lauren Glass is the newest addition to the year-round staff. She assumes the role of Assistant Director. Lauren's primary responsibilities will be to recruit campers and staff and assist Missy with the development and supervision of the camp program.

Lauren hails from Jackson, MS. Her Hollymont affiliation began in '99 when

she served as Eagle 6 counselor. The following year she was the Hummingbird Head Counselor. Lauren



graduated from Mississippi College in 2001 and then went to Southwestern Seminary. Prior to returning to Hollymont for the 2005 summer, Lauren worked with Cornerstone Assistance Network in Fort Worth, Texas.

Lauren is thrilled to be joining the Hollymont team and looks forward to seeing many Hollymont friends at camp showings in the coming months!

**I love Camp Hollymont!!! It was one of the best experiences ever. I made lots of new friends and I had loads of fun. I've already started counting the days. I love Camp Hollymont!**

**-Camper, LA**



# Somebody's Talkin' About...

## Summer 2005

At the end of each camp session, we mail surveys to our campers and their parents. Missy and the staff look forward receiving comments and suggestions. We have heard from 30% of our Hollymont 2005 family.

And the results are.....

Top five skills—Horseback riding, cooking, arts & crafts, LIFE, and drama.

Top five meals—Hamburgers, spaghetti, soup & grilled cheese, tacos, and lasagna.

Top five evening activities—Council ring, Commando, Game Show, Rockmont dance, and Talent Show.



Have we received your survey? If not, send it in soon! As we plan for Summer 2006, your responses will help determine what skills and activities are added, dropped, continued, and/or improved.



*Camp Hollymont is the best camp in the world. I plan on coming there until I am too old to. I love Hollymont!*

-Camper, NC



*"My daughter LOVED devos! Talks about it all the time! I am so thankful for her experience at Hollymont—where it is a joy to be a Christian girl!!"*

-Parent, AL



*"This year at Hollymont was my best and favorite! My counselor made it that way! She made everyone feel included and was completely real! I loved camp, always have, always will!"*

-Camper, NC



# WE ARE FAMILY

Mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, aunts, nieces, cousins...we have them all at Camp Hollymont! A rich family heritage began many years ago at Hollymont and continues to be the thread that keeps many young faces coming back each summer.

The Hollymont-Valdosta, Georgia connection began when Eleanor Rebecca and her sister Mary Clarice (MC) Eldridge came to Hollymont as campers for the 1992 summer. Their mother, Eleanor, came to Hollymont in 1994 as our very first program staff member. "Holly Mama" initially taught dance and subsequently taught homesteading—a combination of cooking, sewing, and gardening.

Gail Eldridge, aka "Aunt Holly", heard about Hollymont from her sister-in-law Eleanor and joined the Hollymont program staff in 1997. She began by teaching homesteading and her daughter Ashley, came as a camper.



*"Hollymont is an arena in which a girl's skills and abilities can be developed producing leadership that lasts a lifetime."*

*"The thing that has blessed me the most through the years has been seeing Ashley connecting with other young women who mentored her in the Christian faith providing her with ongoing discipleship. This process has helped to shape Ashley into the beautiful young woman she is today."*

Ashley attended Hollymont as a camper, CIT, and Assistant Counselor. She is currently a sophomore at Wake Forest University (NC). After eight straight

summers at Hollymont, Ashley took off last summer to study abroad in London. When we caught up with Ashley in September, she was balancing five classes (calculus, physics, world history, and two education courses) and researching the possibility of studying abroad in the fall (Africa or a third world country elsewhere?). We are hoping that she can find time for another Hollymont summer. When asked what Hollymont meant to her, Ashley said, "Friends, faith, and fellowship.

Julia Hoover is the next generation to join the Hollymont family. She came with her Grandmother Gail for the first time during the B1 session of 2004. She "had a blast" and returned again in 2005. Julia told us she was already planning for an exciting 2006 summer and was looking forward to her favorite skills—swimming and gymnastics!



# 2006 Summer Options

We are now offering 2, one-week sessions for campers ages 6-10! Check out our 2 and 4 week options for all campers ages 6-15!

## 6 day options (for campers ages 6-10 only)

A1 June 11-16  
C1 July 23-28

## 13 day options

A June 11-23  
B1 June 25-July 7  
B2 July 9-21  
C July 23-August 4

## 27 day options

AB1 June 11-July 7  
B June 25-July 21  
B2C July 9-August 4

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