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CAMP HOLLYMONT FOR GIRLS

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By Merridy Sims

As we kick off the Fall season, I am staying busy being mom to Steele and Spence and working in the camp office. Steele (age 3) has started soccer and scored his first goal in the second game of the season. Spence is learning to speak and though he has a small vocabulary now, he'll be ready to converse with you next summer! My husband, Terry is still working with Continental Airlines.

As lead skill facilitator, I am reviewing all the skill activities. I am currently focusing on Outdoor Living. For those of you who took the skill, remember how much fun you had learning to cook hotdogs or smores on the grill? What grilling recipes do you have for next summer? In 2008, we will add a series called OUTDOOR ER that covers first aid procedures for animal bites, bee stings, sunburns, heat exhaustion, hypothermia, etc.

Be sure to sign up for Outdoor Living next summer!



25th Reunion

By Gail Mashburn

Approximately 100 camper and staff alumnae families from near and far attended Hollymont's 25th Anniversary Reunion Celebration, August 4-5. Saturday's opening assembly kicked off the weekend festivities as we enjoyed a special performance by the 2007 staff, sang old camp songs, watched a slide show with pictures spanning the last 25 years, and recognized special alumnae in attendance. The dining hall was decorated with vintage camp clothing, photo collages, and an array of Hollymont collectables. (We raided the archives!) Videos from over the years played continuously on a big screen.

The main celebration was held Saturday evening at sunset on the Hollymont grounds. We listened to live music by David Spencer, ate delicious, heavy hor'deourves, and mixed and mingled with camp friends from days gone by.

One of the many highlights of the weekend was seeing so many friends and getting to know each other's families. Of course, we documented this special weekend with plenty of new pictures, too. A personal favorite may be one with Loren Jane and five or six of her new favorite (infant) friends. We called the photo, "Hummingbird Cluster One, Class of 2014"!! We'll plan to post that photo again when these girls are at Hollymont as official campers. That day will be so fun for these girls AND their mothers!!!

We're happy to be in touch with so many of our former Hollymonters, and we do hope to find those that are MIA... Our next reunion will be even bigger and better! Please help us to update our records, and let us know if you know of other Hollymont alumnae in your town. Their names and addresses may have changed over the years, but they are forever Hollymont girls!!

First and foremost, I would like to thank you, our Hollymont family, for the tremendous and overwhelming support you have shown over the past several months. My husband's passing has certainly been a great loss for me and my family, although we know our loss was his gain! Your prayers, cards, and letters of encouragement have been so greatly appreciated. Every photo and piece of correspondence is in a special box so that Loren Jane will have a glimpse of the outpouring of love we received, and so that she'll better understand one of the many reasons Hollymont is such a special place. John was amazing for so many reasons, but most of all, he truly loved the Lord, and was a wonderful husband and father. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your expressions of love and support.

Missy Roper

Summer Wrap

By Lauren Glass

Hollymont's 25th summer was INCREDIBLE!!! We had a super staff and awesome campers. New friends, skills, evening activities and devotions were the most memorable, and definitely the best! Looking ahead to the 2008 summer, we're excited to find new activities you'll love.

Get ready for HOLLYMONT EXTRAVAGANZA!!! During the 2007 A Session we held our first Extravaganza complete with a picnic dinner on the front lawn, karaoke, group games, and lots of fun! Hollymont campers enjoyed grilled hamburgers and hotdogs while listening to friends performing their favorite songs. The western-themed evening included hay bales, straw hats, and even a little line dancing! Extravaganza 2008 plans are under way and we promise it's an evening you won't want to miss! If you have an idea for the theme, please e-mail me at: lauren@hollymont.com



New Faces....

By Amy Lewallen

Hello Hollymont girls!! I am excited to be back on staff as an Assistant Director after taking several years off to teach school in St. Simons Island, GA. Nellie (my dog) and I will be living in Asheville year-round. I enjoyed meeting many of you this summer and hope to see more of you as Lauren and I travel this winter promoting camp. If you're interested, we'd love to come to your home and share the Hollymont word! One of my primary responsibilities will be working with staff. I will be traveling to college campuses and keeping up with our wonderful counselors from summers past to coordinate an awesome 2008 staff! I'm also working to update the website and develop new skills and activities. Please send me an e-mail, if you have any fun ideas or simply to let me know how you are doing: amy@hollymont.com



2008 Hollymont Summer Dates

6 Day Sessions

(Campers Age 6-10)

A-1W: June 15-20
C-1W: July 27-August 1

13 Day Sessions

(Campers Age 6-15)

A: June 15-June 27
B1: June 29-July 11
B2: July 13-July 25
C: July 27-August 8

27 Day Sessions

(Campers Age 6-15)

AB1: June 15-July 11
B: June 29-July 25
B2C: July 13-August 8

Design the next Hollymont T-Shirt!

Submit your best artwork anytime between now and December 1, 2007 and YOUR design could be featured in the camp store in 2008!

The contest is open to both campers and staff, so get those creative juices flowing!

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