



Camp Riva-Lake, located on the 1st plateau of the Cumberland Mountains, will provide a fun-filled, wholesome environment for girls. We are committed to fostering character development and leadership and building physical skills through age-appropriate camping activities.

Spring 2008

Building a new generation of memories

100 Girls....And counting! We have cracked the century mark with recruits this year! Last "mail call" we had 104 girls between our 2 sessions, having exceeded our goal numbers for both. Many thanks to you, our former campers, and to our awesome new City Representatives. We have girls with great geographic diversity, from Phoenix to New England, and everywhere in between. For those who have been receiving newsletters since our 2001 reunion, we know this achievement warms your hearts. Please keep spreading the word that Riva-Lake is BACK!!

2008 Camp Dates:

Session 1: Thurs. July 10- Sat. July 19

Session 2: Sat. July 19- Sat. Aug 2

When you read our Fall newsletter, you saw how much fun we had at camp with alums last summer and how valuable their help was! This summer, Lawrie, Caroline & DeSaix will be sitting on the Rock House porch waiting for your visit. Whether you drop by just to see camp, or stay and help out, we'd love to see you.

- Opening preparations from July 8th-10th include an opportunity to help with counselor orientation
- Closing up camp from Aug 2nd-3rd when we can always use a few extra hands



Alums, Parents & Prospective Campers at the Memphis recruiting party!

Successful Bunk-Up Campaign

Last year we kicked-off our Bunk-Up campaign to enable CRL to quickly phase in new bunk beds. We're thrilled to report that we'll be purchasing **25** new bunks for 2008. This is almost 50% of our needed bunks! Each new bunk costs \$350. To donate a bunk, you may send a check to CRL at PO Box 13591 New Orleans, LA 70815.

The rapid growth of CRL with capital expenses like new bunks would not be possible without your generous support. Camp honors are based on cumulative gifts:

Prep: under \$100
Marolymp: \$100-\$249
Elk: \$250- \$999

Ravine: \$1,000-\$2,499
Camp: \$2,500-4,999
Laurel: \$5000-9,999
Member of Council Ring: \$10,000 +

Thanks and honors since our last newsletter go to....

- DeSaix Brinkley- Council Ring
- Sally Brinkley- Elk
- Ann Archer Davis-Elk
- Catherine Owens Lipmann-Camp
- Lynne Robertson- Ravine
- Lawrie Canale Peyton- Laurel
- Nonnie Thompson Preuss- Laurel
- Scott Canale Sellers- Marolymp in honor of Lawrie Canale Peyton
- Clara Creighton Wood- Elk
- Pamela Yeager- Prep
- Ponseti family for purchasing CRL memorabilia from a New Orleans antique store!

We often get questions about items that we still need for camp. Check out our WISH LIST on www.camprivalake.com. You'll also find a link to Target.com with specific items you can purchase/ship to camp.

Recruiting

Hosting parties to share the magic of CRL is a fun but critical part of our success. We are grateful to our moms-including alums- who have brought us an amazing group of girls this summer. Nashville- Marybeth Stone and Lynne Robertson; New Orleans- Suzanne Childs & Coco Judd; Atlanta- Vicky Gray, Laura Nunnally, Donna Wilson, Nonnie & Lawrie Peyton; Memphis- Kim Mullins; Clarksdale- Becca Etheridge & Rivers Humber and Sue Craig; Jackson- Betsy Bradley; and Dallas- Kay Kerman.

If you are interested in hosting parties in another city, please let Nonnie know. aapmat@mindspring.com

Want to get involved?

If you are interested in taking on specific tasks or joining the CLR Board, contact DeSaix: desaixb@sbcglobal.net
Specific talents we can use include:

- Webmaster
- Part-time administrative help
- Landscaping
- Marketing & creative design
- Digital Photo Albums

Looking Ahead

We are making special plans to commemorate 2 important milestones.
- **Alum/Mother-Daughter Camp:** to celebrate our 5th summer re-opened, we'll plan a special time for former campers, counselors and mother-daughter groups of any age. This will occur just after our summer session ends in August 2009. To express interest or volunteer to serve on a committee to put the programs in place, please email us at info@camprivalake.com

- **Anniversary Photo Album:** to commemorate CRL's old and new traditions for 70 summers, we plan to produce a photo album that we know you'll treasure. We will need photos from all of the CRL eras. Please send copies of your digital photos on a CD (old pictures can be copied and put on a CD) to P.O. Box 13591, New Orleans, LA 70815

Lastly, we'd like to thank Carol Garner-Houston for her service to the Board and welcome new members, Lynne Farrar Robertson & Tina Hamm Hilmas!

Riva-Lake Love,
The Board of Directors
Milbrey Black, DeSaix Brinkley, Suzanne Burns Childs, Tina Hamm Hilmas, Coco Evans Judd, Sid Mackie, Lynne Farrar Robertson, Lawrie Canale Peyton, Nonnie Thompson Preuss, and Caroline Jones Silva