



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.

October 2006

CELEBRATING OUR 2ND SUMMER!

Memories from the Rock House

For a wonderful month, the grounds of CRL were alive again with campers- this year 54 girls in all. Many returned from 2005, and all seemed to "catch the spirit" of CRL, which we hope will continue to be a part of their lives throughout the year. As camp directors (Lawrie & Caroline) and their leadership coordinator (DeSaix), we were privileged to watch them grow and flourish in friendship, teamwork, activities, responsibility and cabin life. It warmed our hearts and we wanted to share a few summer memories that it might warm yours as well ~ ~ ~ the fun welcome from our counselor staff; the spirited singing in the Dining Hall and at team basketball games; the peaceful songs that echoed across the hill when sung at Vespers, Sunday School, and on the patio of the Rock House; the glow of the candles in the Horseshoe with big & little sisters; the serenade of the night creatures which lulled us to sleep at night; watching the sunset reflected off the ripples on the lake; the crackling of a well built teepee fire at the camp out as we roasted hot dogs; the excitement of finding out which horse they would ride in the Horse Show; the sense of accomplishment in finishing a crafts project for Friendship Day; the fun & fellowship of canoeing down the Elk River; trips to KK just to get an extra hug from nurse Gran; riding in Wayne's trailer; the anticipation of hearing who won the cup at Final Council Ring (congratulations to the Marathons for winning it this summer!); the bonds of Marathon, Olympian, and, most of all, Camp Riva-Lake sisterhood ~ THE MEMORIES GO ON AND ON AND ON!

Rah-Rahs !!

As you all know, re-opening camp has been the kind of task that requires many hands & hearts, of teamwork, determination and our share of luck. We'd like to thank those who came to CRL this summer to share their time and talents and help us give campers and staff the best CRL experience possible. Rah-rahs to board members, alums and our extended CRL family!!

- *Burdett Stillwell Atkinson*
- *Mary Stewart Smallpage Bailey*
- *DeSaix Brinkley*
- *Jerry & Susan Carrie*
- *Suzanne Burns Childs & family*
- *Virginia Donelson Curry*
- *Janie Entrekin Hughart*
- *Coco Evans Judd*
- *Timmy Kariker & Steven Kariker*
- *Sid Mackie*
- *Kim Brown Mullins*
- *Lawrie Canale Peyton*
- *Adelaide Farrar Pratt*
- *Nonnie Thompson Preuss*
- *Lynn Farrar Robertson*
- *Emelie Burns Rountree*
- *Anne Hughes Sayle*
- *Laura Leigh Finley Shore & family*
- *Caroline Jones Silva*
- *Betsy Koonce Sottek & family*
- *Elizabeth Stahel*

BIG thanks to our year-round CRL family: Jane Scharber who continues our tradition of excellence in riding with support from husband Donnie, and Wayne Chrisco who manages the facility, with help from his wife, Teddi.

In our next newsletter, we'll be thanking those who've made monetary & in-kind contributions for 2006. Please know that we continue to need your support: in time, talent and tax-deductible donations. In-kind needs will be evaluated for next summer and added to the website, so keep an eye out.

Getting Connected

If you prefer to receive updates by email, please send your email address to camprivalake@hotmail.com. You can also contact DeSaix at desaixb@sbcglobal.net if you'd like to get involved with the Board or other tasks throughout the year!

Recruitment

We are already kicking off recruiting for summer 2007. Parties will be held all over the southeast from October to March. If you are interested in bringing prospective campers to hear about CRL, please visit us in: Atlanta, GA., Memphis, TN., Nashville, TN., Sewanee, TN., Clarksdale MS., Jackson MS., New Orleans, LA or Dallas, TX.. Email us or check out camprivalake.com for the latest schedule. We would love to add more stops this year, so if you are interested in being a city representative and hosting a party, please contact Nonnie Preuss. Tell your friends with camp-age children as you do NOT have to be a former camper to be a representative. Nonnie can be reached at 404-364-9409 or aapmat@mindspring.com.



Fun at a cookout- Summer 2006
Check out the photo gallery from last summer on our updated website!

Legacies

Our desire is to give the gift of CRL to all, and we'd love to have referrals from each of you. But we do want to acknowledge a special group of girls who have helped to re-ignite the CRL Spirit- the legacy girls (campers & counselors ranging from ages 8 to 21) who continue the CRL sisterhood from one generation of a family to the next:

Aggie Bell/Aimee Favrot Bell
Anne Robertson/Lynn Farrar Robertson
Madeline Mears/Marie Claire Stahel Mears
Courtney & Margot Childs/Suzanne B. Childs
Charlotte Preuss/ Nonnie Thompson Preuss
Trish Johnston/ Lu Jones Johnston
Austin Hassenmeuller/Sarah Flowers
Carson Mullins/ Kim Brown Mullins
Roslyn & Ellen Glover/Trish Todd
Martha Langford/ Betsy Bradley
Ashley & Erica Hilmas/ Tina Hamm Hilmas
Hannah Peay & Catelin Peay/ Rebecca Peay
Martha Douglas Peyton/Lawrie C Peyton
Candis LeBlanc & Micah Pratt/Adelaide Farrar Pratt
Joy & Whitney Atkinson/Burdett Stillwell Atkinson

Summer Sessions 2007

We have met our camper goals for those first difficult years and now we hope to grow the number of campers for 2007 to 65. This will enable us to develop a sustaining financial plan, primarily dependent on tuition, in addition to alumni gifts. Mark down the dates and plan for a visit. You will hear that same old tune: "Welcome to Riva-Lake, we're glad you're here!"

- **Session 1: Fri., July 13 – Sun., July 22**
- **Session 2: Sun., July 22- Sun. August 5**

Riva-Lake Love,
The Board of Directors
Milbrey Black, DeSaix Brinkley, Suzanne Burns Childs, Carol Garner-Houston, Coco Evans Judd, Sid Mackie, Cate Nance, Lawrie Canale Peyton, Nonnie Thompson Preuss, and Caroline Jones Silva

