



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.

Fall 2007

FROM RE-BUILDING TO GROWING

Greetings from the Rock House

Wow- how we've grown in 3 years! We had 60 campers in Session 1, and several Session 1 girls found 10 days was just not enough and stayed for the additional 2 weeks. We had 40 campers for Session 2- still much room to grow, but we are pleased at the increases each year since 2005. The history and traditions of Riva-Lake that we have known and loved have come alive again as the returning campers & counselors have begun to share all they have learned in the past 3 years~ dining hall and vespers songs, team spirit, the building of fires, swimming to the point, and the Riva-Lake way of life.

The activities were great fun and the girls are beginning to excel and pass their achievements- we awarded Elks (4 third tests) and CRLs for the first time this summer! We had exciting basketball games, a night swim, 2 canoe trips and Jane took the seniors on a trail ride through camp. Friendship Day ended with a cookout at our new "outcamp" in Shangri-la, eating yummy s'mores.

Of course, we had some stories that could only come from camp- raiding com, a skunk family trotting over the hills at night, and creative pranks from the campers.

Many hands make light work

We truly cannot thank each of our volunteers enough for the invaluable time & energy that they have put into helping us renew the growth and spirit of Camp Riva-Lake! All of our visitors pitched in to help during their stays and we're very grateful for their help:

- Opening weekend: Sid, Jerry, Nonnie, Suzanne, Coco, Janie, Chotsie, Elizabeth (Peewee), Tina & Greg, Pete and Teddi.
- Session 1: Holly & daughter Margo, Sally, Laura Leigh & family, and Andreas Preuss.
- Session changeover: Martha Douglas, Nonnie, Chotsie, Suzanne, Teddi, and Peanut.
- Session 2: Georgia, Kathy, Milbrey, Tootsie, Marietta, Bryan and Sue.
- Closing: Coco, Nonnie, Suzanne, Scott, Laurie, Sid and Jerry.
- Special thanks to Janie Hughart for judging our swim meets, Burdett Atkinson for judging the horse show and Lynne Robertson for organizing our uniforms.

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Have you checked out our website? See a gallery of photos from our last 3 summers, find out what's on our "Wish List", look for a recruiting party and download a camper application. You can also refer prospective campers and send us news & feedback!

Recruiting

Our goal is to fill the flagpole benches this summer! We are thrilled to pass along the names of these moms (many of them alums) who are recruiting and hosting parties in these areas. If you have prospective campers, you can let us know on the website, or contact one of the ladies in your area!

Nashville, TN

Marybeth Stone @ 615-309-0159 or gstone5418@comcast.com

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Suzanne Childs @ 504-723-4910 or skbchilds@cox.net
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Jackson, MS

Betsy Bradley @ (601) 981-0589 ~ bbradley@msmuseumart.org

Dallas, TX

Kay Kerman @ (214) 691-3342 ~ kay.kerman@aa.com

Your referrals of qualified counselors are important too! We have been blessed with a wonderful staff these past few summers and would love to see them return to our Marolymp team in 2008. As our numbers grow, so does the need for multiple cooks/dishwashers in the kitchen. Please keep your eyes and ears open for anyone who might be interested in working in the CRL kitchen next summer. Contact Lawrie Peyton: @ 404-231-4242 ~ jpplace55@msn.com

Let's hear it for the boys.....

Most of us have gotten involved in CRL out of gratitude for the love, strength and skills it gave to us as children. Many do so in hopes of passing that experience on to their girls. But there's a group of men who give selflessly though they never personally experienced "the sisterhood" of CRL. Special thanks to...

- * Andreas Preuss who each year gets footage of the fun and uses his unique skills to create our camp video;
- * Greg Hilmas for his tennis challenge ladders and who did anything asked for during opening~ including the dishes;
- * Scott Childs for his heavy lifting during camp closing;
- * Jerry, who was there for both events and earned the nickname "Mr. Commode" for the toilets he repaired;
- * Pete Peyton & Dusty Silva who make family sacrifices to give us directors Lawrie & Caroline for the summer;
- * Sid Mackie who guides the board in all things operational in addition to the time he takes to open/close camp;
- * Wayne Chrisco, our facilities manager, who does so much more than his title could ever describe!

CRL is available for off-season events!
Contact Nonnie at 404-364-9409.

Quotable....

We'd like to share some of thoughts of former campers as returned to Riva-Lake this summer:

"I want to thank you so very much for giving Lizzie an incredible 1st summer at CRL, the 1st of many I think! She had a ball and has spoken so fondly of everyone and everything. She sings the songs all of the time, and it just warms my heart to know my daughter feels the special feelings about Camp Riva-Lake like I do!.....Thank you for giving my child something that will forever be near and dear to her heart!!" Love, Laura Halle Nunnally

"What a special time at Riva-Lake! Sue, Etta, and I loved being a part of all that has been so dear to us ~ Council Ring, dining hall singing, vespers, and much more! It was so sweet of Milbrey to establish the Georgia Haaga Loyalty Cup... Mama would be so proud of...all who have brought back Riva-Lake ... Your efforts will guarantee fortunate girls to have the time of their lives and make memories like we all have ~ Great job and cheers to you!" Bryan Haaga Hughes

"Like so many of us, I have never felt as comfortable and at home as I feel at CRL. There is something about the breeze through the trees, the dappling of the sun on the lake, the crunch of the gravel, the smell of the horses at the barn, the sound of the basketballs bouncing on the Playhouse floor, the bell tolling for all the activities, the crackling of the fire, the ringing of the girl's laughter that centers me. " Holly Brinkley Lyons

"Thanks to you for all you have done to get my favorite place on earth going again" Mary Stewart Smallpage Bailey

A round of applause

Thanks to our 2007 donors, who gave cash, in-kind donations, and made contributions to our Bunk-Up campaign:

- Margaret Loaring-Clark Jones: Elk
- Lara Garner Shane: Ravine for KK Supplies
- Helen Stahel: Elk
- Clara Wood: Elk
- Many parents who contributed unused Com funds

CRL is a non-profit organization and your contributions are tax-deductible. With increased enrollment, our plans are to operate at break-even in 2008-2010, but we would love to accelerate our plans to improve camp. Our top priority is the "Bunk Up" campaign to phase in new bunks over the next few years. Each bunk costs \$350. To donate, please send a check to CRL at PO Box 13591 New Orleans, LA 70815-3591. See the bunks (model 4500) at www.americanbeddingmfg.com.

Celebrating a life

This year Camp Riva-Lake was very saddened by the passing of Georgia (Joy) Haaga, a much loved and fondly remembered alum. She was not only a camper, counselor, and assistant to Milbrey for many years at Riva-Lake, but she sent all three of her daughters and one granddaughter to camp as well! This past summer, knowing that Georgia Haaga continues to remain a special part of the spirit of CRL, the first CRL Loyalty Cup was awarded in her memory to senior, Carson Mullins.



A family tradition

Daughters or relatives of alums who joined us this summer:

- Whitney and Joy Atkinson (counselors) - daughters of Burdett Stillwell (O)
- Reily Gregson (counselor) - daughter of Chotsie Thompson Gregson (M); niece to Nonnie Thompson Preuss (M)
- Beth Morgenthau (counselor) – niece of Caroline Silva (O)
- Martha Douglas Peyton (part time counselor and Rock House help) - daughter of Lawrie Canale Peyton (M)
- Micah Pratt (counselor) - stepdaughter of Adelaide Farrar Pratt (O)
- Milbrey Whitham (junior counselor) – daughter of Boo Black Whitham and granddaughter of Milbrey Black (O)
- Louise Etheridge (camper) – daughter of Becca Peay Etheridge (O)
- Hannah Peay (camper) – niece of Becca Peay Etheridge (O)
- Peyton Olsen (camper) – cousin of Lawrie Canale Peyton (M)
- Margot and Courtney Childs (campers) – daughters of Suzanne Burns Childs (M)
- Martha Langford (camper) – daughter of Betsy Bradley (M)
- Madeleine Mears (camper) – daughter of Marie Claire Stahel, niece of Helen & Elizabeth Stahel (Os)
- Katie Kurtz and Mary Kate Ritchie (campers) – cousins of Suzanne Burns Childs and Emelie Burns Rountree (Ms)
- Charlotte Preuss (camper) – daughter of Nonnie Thompson Preuss (M)
- Ellen and Roslyn Glover (campers) nieces of Trish Todd (M)
- Erica and Ashley Hilmas (campers) – daughters of Tina Hamm Hilmas (O)
- Trish Johnston (camper) – daughter of Lu Jones Johnston (O)
- Carson Mullins (camper) – daughter of Kim Brown Mullins (M)
- Austin Hasenmueller (camper) – granddaughter of Martha Flowers (O)
- Leslie Ann Bell (camper) – great niece of Lockie Holmes York (M)
- Evelyn Humber (camper) – daughter of Rivers Harlow Humber (O)
- Lizzie Nunnally (camper) – daughter of Laura Halle Nunnally (M)
- Ann Robertson (camper) – daughter of Lynne Farrar Robertson (O)

Our dates 2008 are:

Session 1:

Thu. July 10 - Sat. July 19

Session 2:

Sat. July 19 - Sat. Aug 2

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