



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.

Winter 2009

A HOST OF FINE FACES

"Oh Riva-Lake, dear Riva-Lake,
how we all adore you!
We love you, we love you~
to you we'll be true!
Whenever the campers and counselors
get together, a host of fine faces
is gazing at you!"

The summer of 2008 at CRL was indeed a host of approximately 140 fine faces of campers and staff gathered at our wonderful haven for girls in the foothills of Tennessee! We were very blessed to have many of our amazing alums come, not only to visit, but to stay for a bit, roll up their sleeves, and assist with camp! First, thanks to Lynne Farrar Robertson and Milbrey Jackson Black for the time and energy they spent in handling the CRL uniforms for us this year; Eloise Black Morris for always helping us obtain all of our camp awards at the Atlanta Merchandise Mart; and Frances Black Sewell, who was kind enough this Fall to help prepare Riva-Lake's tax returns.

Thanks to Coco Evans Judd, Nonnie Thompson Preuss, Tina Hamm Hilmas and her husband, Greg, Sid Mackie, and Jerry Carrie as always for coming and being the man power that enables us to have camp "ready to go" when the gates open the first day! Tina actually stayed the first session to co-nurse with "Gran" while she continued

to recuperate from neck surgery. This worked so well that this summer Tina will be the camp nurse first session and Nurse Gran will be our nurse second session while Tina and her family head to their family reunion!

We were thrilled to have alums Georgia Thackston Fruechtenicht, Catherine Owens Lippman, Sasha Kreinek, Anne Hughes Sayle, Janie Entrekin Hughart, and Burdett Stillwell Atkinson spend some time with us. With their hands and their hearts filled with the spirit of Riva-Lake, much was accomplished!! Joyce Armstrong, Jody and Tudor's daughter, was gracious enough to take our junior counselors on their nights out, which was a special treat for all! It truly "takes a village" to run a camp, and so with a magnitude of gratitude, we thank all of you who invested time and energy in making this past summer a fantastic success!

If you would like to come and visit this summer, please let Caroline, DeSaix, or Lawrie know. Whether you drop by just to see camp, or stay and help out, we'd love to see you. We can always use more helping hands for the opening and closing of camp:

- Opening preparations/set up from July 7th-9th include an opportunity to help with counselor orientation
- Closing up camp from Aug 1st -3rd

2009 Camp Dates:**Session 1: Thurs. July 9th - Sat. July 18th**
Session 2: Sat. July 18th - Sat. Aug 1st**The "O"s Have It**

The Olympians won the cup for the second year in a row! We want to congratulate our campers who received their CRLs this past summer: Caroline Ponseti (M), Madeleine Long (O), Ashley Hilmas (O), Margo Kaestner (M), Hannah Peay (O), and Trish Johnston (O). A list of all of our other awards and achievements will be printed in our 2008 Racket. They are in the process of being put together right now and if you are interested in receiving one of these please contact: Tina Hilmas at: thilmas@fidnet.com.

Alum/Mother-Daughter Camp Reunion

To celebrate our 5th summer since camp's reopening, we are planning an alum/mother-daughter reunion at camp on Memorial Day weekend from Friday, May 22nd - Monday, May 25th. Former campers, counselors and mother-daughter groups of any age are welcome. Anyone interested in attending or in helping to serve on a committee for this reunion, please contact alums Catherine Owens Lippman at catlippman@verizon.net) or Georgia Thackston Fruechtenicht at frudaddy@yahoo.com). They graciously agreed to be captain and co-captain of this special time together!

We hope to make flagpole, team meetings, vespers, a fun spirited basketball game between the Marathons and Olympians, a scavenger hunt, a canoe trip down the old Elk River, the spinning of great camp tales and memories and more all be a part of this wonderful weekend in May!

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 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.

Check Out Our Website!

If you have not visited our website recently, you will find many wonderful additions! (www.camprivalake.com) The brochure and camp video are now available to view online as well as pictures from the past four summers! The camper and staff applications can now be found and downloaded from our website. Thank you, Sid Mackie and Pat McNamara for your continued efforts in keeping our website updated and a great place for all to visit!

More rah-rahs!

With the rapid growth of CRL comes new capital improvement expenses. Camp would not be possible without your generous support and we thank the following 2008 donors:

- Patty Chadwell - Prep
- Jane Hightower Coble- Prep
- Ann Archer Davis- Elk
- Marietta Canale Haaga, Scott Canale Sellers and Eli Peyton in honor of Lawrie Canale Peyton-Marolymp
- Catherine Owens Lippman- Camp
- Nonnie Thompson Preuss- Laurel
- Pam Yeager-inkind- Prep

We have an up-to-date wish list on our website if you are looking for ways to donate. 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 +

Ping Pong Anyone?

Many of you remember the ping pong tables that used to greet us at the entrance of the Playhouse. Like the swing and tetherball it was such a fun past time between activities and after Sunday School! Unfortunately, the ping pong tables became unusable. Some members of the Haaga Family are planning to send donations to go towards the purchase of an indoor/outdoor ping pong table. If you are interested in helping in donations, please contact Marietta Canale Haaga at (ettarun@aol.com).

Counselor/Cook Hunt

Every summer we have had an amazing team of staff members to be mentors and teachers for these campers both in their cabins and in their activities. Several of our long time counselors will not be able to return in 2009 because of college graduations and exciting new career opportunities. We thank them for their wonderful contributions to Riva-Lake! For the first time since our reopening, we have 4-6 previous campers who will be joining as CITs this summer and we are THRILLED!! If you know of any young ladies from age 16 and up who would make a great addition to our staff, please put them in touch with Lawrie Peyton at JPPlace55@msn.com or 404-272-3977. In particular this summer, we are in search for a qualified sailing counselor and a certified cook to plan our menus and run our kitchen!

The Bells Are Ringing...

...and not just near the Playhouse at Riva-Lake! Wedding bells will soon be ringing for our very own DeSaix Brinkley when she is married to Greg St. Charles in San Diego, CA on March 21st! Greg knows what a special spot DeSaix has in her heart for CRL

and he dove right into the camp spirit when he came to help out during camp closing this past summer!

Congratulations, DeSaix and Greg!

Our Condolences

Our thoughts and sympathy go out to Anne Hughes Sayle and her sisters, Jane and Sally, along with their brother, Allen, upon the death of their mother, Jane Barker Hughes. Mrs. Hughes was the Riva-Lake rep in Memphis for many years. Donations were given to CRL in her memory by Marietta Canale Haaga and Lawrie Canale Peyton.

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- Lynne Robertson, Julie Gaglione, and Marybeth Stone; New Orleans- Coco Judd & Suzanne Childs; Atlanta- Nonnie Preuss, Lawrie Peyton, Donna Wilson, Vicki Gray; Memphis- Kim Mullins and Lee Anne Roehm; 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

Be A Part Of Our CRL Team!

If you are interested in taking on specific tasks or joining the CRL Board of Directors, contact DeSaix:

desaixb@sbcglobal.net Specific talents we can use include:

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

The Ties That Bind

Summer 2008 brought a record number of alum relatives to camp – both as campers and staff. Listed below are their names along with their relationship to the alums:

CAMPERS:

Libby Poland–daughter of Kendall Williams (Atlanta GA) (M)
Hill Belfi – daughter of Scottie Hill Belfi (Atlanta, GA) (O)
Lizzie Nunnally–daughter of Laura Halle Nunnally (Atlanta, GA) (M)
Charlotte and Lele Preuss – daughters of Nonnie Thompson Preuss (Atlanta,GA) (M)
Nicola Preuss – niece of Nonnie Thompson Preuss (Metarie, LA) (M)
Ashley Judd – daughter of Marjorie Rogers and step daughter to Coco Evans Judd (New Orleans, LA) (M)
Maddy Freese – daughter of Kari Hayne. Freese (Metarie, LA) (M)
Shelton Quantz – daughter of Lanier Alexander Quantz (Atlanta, GA) (O)
Anna Brown – daughter of Kathryn Parker Brown (Atlanta, GA) (M)
Peyton Olson – cousin of Lawrie Canale Peyton (Batesville, AK) (M)
Ellen and Roslyn Glover – nieces of Trish Todd (Tarrytown, NY) (M)
Mary and Rosie Nebel- cousins to Ellen and Roslyn Glover (M)
Madeleine Mears – daughter of Mary Claire Stahel (Aurora IL) (O)
Ann Robertson – daughter of Lynne Farrar Robertson (Brentwood, TN) (O)
Ashley, Erica, and Krista Hilmas -daughters of Tina Hamm Hilmas (Rolla, MO) (O)
Carson Mullins – daughter of Kim Brown Mullins (Memphis, TN) (M)
Louise Etheridge – daughter of Becca Peay Ehteridge (Clarksdale, MS) (O)
Hannah Peay – niece of Becca Peay Etheridge (Clarksdale, MS) (O)
Leslie Ann Bell – great niece of Lockie Holmes York (Clarksdale, MS) (M)
Evelyn Humber – daughter of Rivers Harlow Humber (Clarksdale, MS) (O)
Martha Langford – daughter of Betsy Bradley (Jackson, MS) (M)
Claire Sykes and Rives Alexander – nieces to Lanier Alexander Quantz (Jackson, MS) (O)

Trish Johnston – daughter of Lu Jones Johnston (Wilmington, Delaware) (O)
Adelaide Russell – daughter of Lee Anne Haynes Russell (Brownsville, TN) (M)
Emma Larson–(M) great granddaughter of Katherine Healan Brown (Cottontown, TN)

COUNSELORS:

Joy and Whitney Atkinson – daughters of Burdett Stillwell Atkinson (Ashville, NC)
Reily Gregson – daughter of Chotsie Thompson Ogden (New Orleans, LA)
Sara Hughart – daughter of Janie Entrekim Hughart (Nashville, TN)
Micah Pratt – daughter of Adelaide Farrar Pratt (Franklin, TN)



Session 1 2009 legacy campers and staff

Looking Forward

We are all looking forward to another exciting summer in 2009! 45 campers are already pre-registered and the applications keep rolling in! As the verse in our vespers song “Twilight” goes, “Our spirit stands forever true!”

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*