

## ***Hello BYM Camping Program Alumni!***

We hope that you are enjoying your Long Overnight and that your pack is light, your trail clear, and your river interspersed with serenity and exhilarating patches of white water, and all the escapades that make a good Hero and Adventure Story!

We are writing to update you on plans for the **2010 Camping Program Alumni Reunion** scheduled for **Friday, September 17- Sunday, September 19!** Imagine the fall colors coming up Mink Farm Road! After lots of discussion and brainstorming, the Alumni Committee has framed the mission and goals for our alumni gatherings as **Fun, Fellowship, and Appreciation.**

### **Fun and Fellowship**

“My camp friends are my family.” “My favorite Meeting for Worship is around the Fire Circle.” “Frazzlerham!!!” The Facebook Groups: BYM Camps – Who was in my Unit – 62 Members! Catoctin Alumni – 69 Members! Take Me Home Mink Farm Road – 178 Members! And last but not least....Quaker Camp Changed My Life – 526 Members!

Need we say more? We loved camp; we waited for it all year long, it got inside us and stayed! Growing up doesn't mean we have to grow *out* of camp. Come back. See your friends. Sit for a spell at the Fire Circle. Sing. Fill your spirit. You are missed.

### **Appreciation**

It was such a wonderful privilege to grow up at camp and build the kind of lifelong friendships that have shaped our lives. It is an equal privilege to ensure that current and future campers will have the same kind of transformational experiences for years to come. In order ensure that camp can be well maintained and sustain itself into the future, it is critical that we develop a culture of philanthropy among those of us who value our experiences at camp so deeply.

Therefore, each one of us on the Alumni Committee has committed to an ongoing monthly donation of \$10/month for an adult, \$15/month for a couple or \$20/month for a family. We invite you to join us in this commitment by clicking on the following link.

<http://tinivurl.com/bymcpdonations> (click “to make a gift to BYM” and then choose either BYM Camp Programs or BYM Camp Properties)

If you join us in committing to camp with an ongoing monthly donation, you and yours will be invited to the Annual Alumni Gathering at no cost. For those who are not yet ready to commit to

this level of support, you are invited to come join us for the gathering and simply pay \$65 per person for the whole weekend or \$15 per person per meal.

Alumni donations will fund critical improvements projects at camp including:

- New camper cabins
- Recreational facility improvements including swimming facilities
- Wind and solar projects
- Need based camper scholarships featuring a special focus on diversity
- Needed adventure equipment (ropes, canoes, etc.)

A few things to look forward to at the 2010 Alumni Gathering: **All the Camp Fun with All the Camp Bells** Enjoy a typical camp day including Socio-economic Groups, arts & crafts, Frazzlerham. Hike to Coffee Hollow or up to the tower, trade back rubs in the Lodge, enjoy Meeting for Worship, singing, reconnecting with old Friends AND **Saturday Evening Square Dance with SLIM HARRISON!**

We can't wait to see you on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Check in will begin at 1:00pm. We will depart on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> after lunch. Please feel free to contact any one of us with questions!

Peace,

Ethan and Amy Williamson, Chris DeWilde, Allen Fetter, and Jan Bomhardt (Edwards)