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SKYLAND'S INK-AND-PAPER ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER

A Strong Start for Camperships

After launching in the fall of last year, Skyland's Campership Fund raised over \$6,550 before the start of the summer. Your donations allowed us to say "yes" to two young women who needed the Campership Fund to make camp a reality.

When parents learned of the camperships awarded to their daughters they were overcome with emotion. With animated cries of "thank you!" and "I'm walking on air!" the families showed immense gratitude to those who helped to provide such an important experience for their daughters.

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Skyland's 100th Reunion

August 4-6, 2017

Save the date!

Gearing up for Skyland's 100th

A gold sedan crept up the road around the Big House. With caution and a heavy dose of curiosity, the car continued until finally stopping at Cabin Three. A tall woman with wavy white hair pulled herself out of the passenger seat. "That's the cabin where I stayed," she said, pointing toward Cabin Four as a smile stretched across her face. **Patricia (Fisher) List ('50, '52)** (pictured right on Skyland's front porch) had not been back to Skyland since her last year as a camper. For the past five years during her summer vacations, she drove over to Clyde and searched for Skyland. She finally found it this summer; her eyes were bright as she was flooded with treasured memories.

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PRESERVING THE ESSENCE OF SKYLAND

Even decades later, stepping onto Skyland Hill can feel like unearthing a time capsule. While facilities are upgraded and programs are added, many of the same essential elements continue to define the Skyland experience today. See how 2014 campers experienced some of our favorite traditions in Skyland history.



Skyland campers atop Mt. Mitchell, 1920s



Then: Ballroom dancing on the Clubhouse stage **Now:** *The Little Mermaid* was the 2014 production.



Then: The front yard swing hosts friendly conversation and heart-to-hearts. **Now:** New swing, same use!



Then: Campers splash in the creek-fed pool. **Now:** Good old-fashioned fun endures in the new pool.





Skyland campers hiking Mt. Mitchell, 2014



Then: Campers tap into their creativity. **Now:** Recycled Arts uses natural & recycled materials.

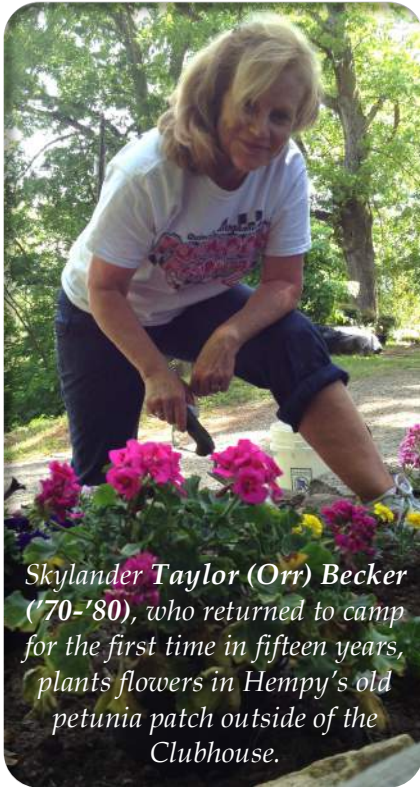


Then: The barn houses Skyland's horses. **Now:** Recent upgrades in the new barn include wash racks and paddocks.



Then: Camp songs are a favorite tradition. **Now:** The faster and louder the songs, the better!





Skylander Taylor (Orr) Becker (70-'80), who returned to camp for the first time in fifteen years, plants flowers in Hempy's old petunia patch outside of the Clubhouse.

A Very Successful Work Weekend

In early May, the dusty door to the Big House was cracked open, awakening it from months of hibernation. The walls were empty of the watercolor paintings and black and white photos that tell Skyland's history. Over the next month, dedicated Skylanders would contribute hundreds of hours to prepare camp for the summer ahead. The bulk of the work took place over the Alumnae Volunteer Work Weekend.

Over Memorial Day Weekend, a crew of Skylanders came from as far away as Massachusetts and Florida. While some cleaned tack in the barn, others planted flowers or sorted through boxes of memorabilia. By the end of the weekend, the tennis courts and pool deck shined from fresh power washing, Cabin Five had turned into a brand new staff lounge, and the Clubhouse was eagerly awaiting its next cast of rising starlets.

Many thanks go out to the alumnae and friends who readied Skyland Hill for this summer, from work weekend participants to the many who came by to paint, compost, and clean throughout the spring. Your hard work reenergized Skyland with its characteristic liveliness, camaraderie, and love. Thank you for helping to start the summer off just right!

Save the date for the next Alumnae Volunteer Work Weekend (May 22-25, 2015). We would love for you to join in!

A Strong Start for Camperships (*Continued*)

Skyland continues to be a uniquely supportive community for girls and women. Decades of experience show us how integral Skyland can be for campers' development during, and well beyond, their years at camp. In a time when this rare environment for young girls seems to be so critical, we are proud to see many of you paying this precious experience forward to the next generation. This summer, your donations allowed two more young girls to connect with nature, work as part of a team, and gain deeper understandings of their own potential. A very warm thank you to the most recent donors:

Anonymous
Valerie Anthony
Carl & Taylor Becker
Lynn Black
Art & Marjorie Canaday
Dianna Fischer
Anna Gant



Ann & Elizabeth Giles
Mary Hoven
Helen Lane
Heather Morin & Grace Vaughn
Cally & Frank Rogers-Witte
Ed Rosen
Skyland's 2014 Counselors

As you plan your year-end giving, we hope you will consider donating to the Campership Fund so that even more young girls can experience the great benefits of Skyland.

Visit www.SkylandCamp.com/donate to make your tax-deductible contribution!

Director's Corner

It's hard to believe that in three short years, Skyland will celebrate 100 years of providing unparalleled summers to girls from across the globe. As we reflect on our history and consider what makes Skyland so successful, a few things stand out.

The People

The staff team that Skyland attracts each summer is exceptional. Perhaps it is because we are small and can be very selective or maybe it is because of our unique program. We continually hire women who are 100% committed to Skyland's vision. They are passionate about helping girls gain confidence and learn to connect in meaningful ways, with each other and with the world around us. Our staff teaches creativity by being wildly creative themselves. This summer they thought "let's give the campers some cardboard and duct tape and challenge them to build boats that will carry a person across the pool." There was some learning about why things float and a lot of hilarity when they didn't. It was a perfect Skyland activity encompassing teamwork, learning and a whole lot of fun.



Director and long-time s'more lover, Sherry Brown, shows Mother-Daughter campers Maddy and Anna how to roast the perfect marshmallow.

The Programing

From the full-blown musical theatre production of *The Little Mermaid* (which was pulled together in two weeks and featured every camper) to amazingly fun tennis games and super creative recycled arts, the programing this year was superior. Our campers (and even our staff) are learning that a world without electronics can be a wonderful place. We'll take *real* face time over chats and texting any day!

The Facilities and Grounds

We have been blessed with what we believe is one of the most beautiful places on earth! Through the decades, hundreds of supporters have given their time, love, and expertise toward the beautification and preservation of Skyland. Their tender care continues to live long after the work is done and what remains is a sense of respect, love and caring that is simply unmatched at other camps. Thanks to all who have helped support and maintain Skyland for future generations. Your time, energy and love are so greatly appreciated.

Skyland Camp for (Grown-up!) Girls

Building on the growing success of Luxe Life Camp (this year's camp was sold out and the waitlist was long!) we continue to create experiences for adult campers. In September we launched Equine Facilitated Learning and Coaching (EFLC) programs with a 3-day workshop. Attendees called it "one of the best experiences of my life. It was rich and pure and deeply meaningful." The workshops are facilitated by Skyland's own Kay Anderson, who has been trained and certified in EFLC. Future EFLC programing will include workshops for small groups as well as tele-seminars and individual coaching.



It's a little-known fact that Skyland Director, Mike Brown, is a naturally skilled horseman. Here he walks beside camper, Raisy, on her first-ever Skyland riding experience.

With all of these programs, and of course Skyland's traditional overnight camp, we hope you all will make your way back to Skyland Hill sometime soon!

Skyland Spotlight: Madi Weisberg



Madi came to Skyland through family friends and Skyland alumnae Kate (Goldman) Gholston and Avery (Gholston) Teichman in 2005. She spent her first seven summers as a games counselor before taking on the role of head counselor in 2012. At the end of that summer she joined Skyland's year-round team, now serving as Skyland's Assistant Director. Madi spearheaded the efforts for accreditation with the American Camp Association, launched the Skyland Campership Fund, and reinforced Skyland's alumnae outreach efforts.

During the summer, Madi crafts the camp schedule, supports daily activities, and trains and mentors the counselor staff. She loves any excuse to get out and play with campers, whether rallying on the tennis courts, splashing in the pool, or leading a hike on campout. In the off-season, Madi hires the summer staff, meets prospective campers, plans for the summer, and tackles special projects.

Madi graduated from the University of Michigan with a BS in Brain, Behavior, and Cognitive Science. She enjoyed nine months studying and traveling in South America followed by a solo bicycle trek across seven states. In August, Skyland's avid adventurer joined her family for their sixth annual backpacking trek along the Appalachian Trail. Next time you find yourself in Clyde, keep an ear out for a roaring "Good Morning, Skyland Hill!" – her trademark way to start the day.

Gearing up for Skyland's 100th

Each year, alumnae like Patricia are reconnected with Skyland. They share stories from their camper days, ask about former cabin mates, and share updates about those with whom they are still connected. With each person who reconnects, friendships are rekindled and Skyland recovers a little more of its history. We're on a mission to uncover as many "missing" Skylanders as possible for the upcoming 100th reunion. Can you help us find them?

Jean Alred	Frances Derrickson	Esther Joiner	Marcia Pace
Sasha Anderson	Punsky Ellington	Jan Jones	Patty Patterson
Susie Arnold	Martha Gay Evans	Kathleen Kemp	Cathy Paxson
Mary Bales	Emily Figura	Sarah Lail	Allison Potter
Molly Ballou	Dorsey Fiske	Michelle Lail	Anne Potter
Anna Boozer	Holly Graham	Sue Linebaugh	Sarah Powell
Barbara Bell	Deanie Griffen	Hestel Lovelace	Angel Rakes
Pam Bennett	Betsey Guerrant	Nissa Anderson Lyman	Sally Satchwell
Ann Bomford	Caedmon Haas	Melissa Mackey	Elizabeth Dew Seroka
Merrin Burke	Heron Haas	Judy Maness	Caroline Stackhouse
Ashley Bush	Sophie Roo Winters Hart	Claire Mannin	Polly Stage
Bonnie Butt	Susan Spence Hill	Corky McCabe	Cricket Taylor
Gail Caruso	Juxon Hodges	Melissa McGinnis	Mary Troxler
Allison Casper	Laura Hurfarth	Jeanine Moore	Shirley Williams
Nancy Daniel	Jacklyn Hurfarth	Lauren Myers	Katie Wood

If you know the whereabouts of a missing alumna, please email any information to Madi Weisberg at madi@skylandcamp.com.

Look Who Came to Visit!



Counterclockwise from top left:

Bunny Brown with Ann (Lucas) Smith ('54-'63)
 Mary-Keith Mann ('96-'01) with Patty Johnson ('75-present)
 Gale (Prettyman) MacNab ('54-'56) with husband, Forrest
 Elizabeth Clifford ('75)

At Mother-Daughter Weekend:

Suzanne (Marquette) Esposito ('80-'85) with daughter, Allie
 Katherine (Brewer) Eulenfeld ('87-'98) with daughter, Anna
 Marjorie (Baker) Hinchliffe ('88-'92, '95) with daughter,
 Stephanie



We'd love to hear from you! Update your contact information and complete the survey at www.SkylandCamp.com/alumnae.

Alumnae Updates

Beau (Barre) Covert ('78-'79, '86) and her husband have been happily married for almost 15 years. They have two girls. Maddie is a high school senior and looking at theatre programs. Sophie is entering middle school at the Baylor School. Beau practiced law in South Carolina until her family moved to Tennessee and she decided to spend her time concentrating on her favorite people in the world. Beau sends much love to all her old friends from Skyland!

Karen Barker ('84-'87) graduated with a master's in communications from Marshall University in 2010. Karen has

two future Skylanders, granddaughters Cambria Mae (2011) and Haydin Paige (2013).

Martha (Greene) Goodyear ('92-'00) along with her husband, Zach, and daughter, Caroline, are honored to announce the birth of their family's new addition, Catherine (born August 11, 2013).



After obtaining multiple degrees **Lanier Meeks ('98-'07)** has finally (hopefully forever) finished school. After receiving her bachelor's in psychology from Miami of Ohio, she moved to Washington, DC and obtained two master's degrees: one in forensic psychology and the other in clinical mental health counseling. Lanier recently passed the National Counseling Exam and is looking forward to getting the required supervision hours in order to become a fully Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in the state of Virginia.

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