

# *Who's Who in Orange and Blue 2013*



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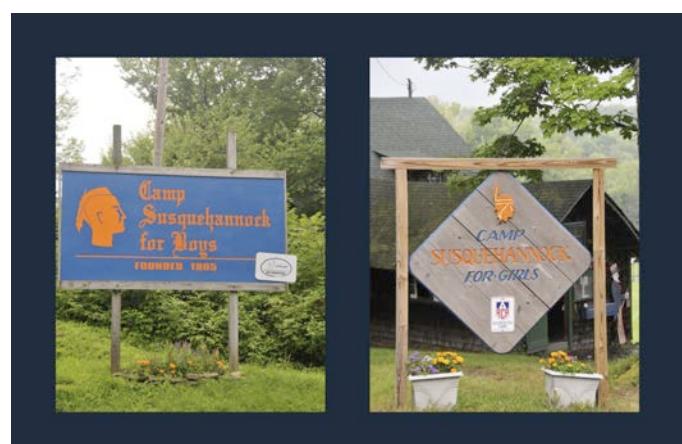
Because the three founders of Camp Susquehannock attended either Princeton (**orange**) or Yale (**blue**) and chose their school colors for camp!

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## From the President, Board of Directors

*By Allan D. Shafer '70*

Greetings from Tripp Lake! Once April arrives most of us tend to think of spring. The weather at Camp during the first week of April was cold and snowy - not very spring-like at all - and probably not what most of you have ever experienced. Camp tends to thaw out a little slower than other areas: the ice on the Lake has only just melted, there is still snow to be seen in certain places and not much has begun to grow. Still, the robins have announced their return, peepers are making noises in The Swamp, geese have begun flying north and there is that definite scent of spring in the air. It won't be long before many of you will be back to help us get things ready for Opening Day and our 108th summer!

Each new year is marked by a particular series of hellos and goodbyes. We say hello to both old and new friends as the summer begins, and say goodbye to our fears as we conquer new challenges. We also say hello to the new experiences we are trying for the first time, and goodbye to friends as we leave at the end of Camp. Last year, we had some very special hellos and goodbyes: Smitty (aka **David Smith '01**) said hello to new equipment in the Kitchen and was happy to say goodbye to the older items that were replaced! Along those same lines, we all look forward to saying hello to the organic garden **Blake Shafer '95** is planting and we are eager to share with the upkeep of the new garden. Many of our alumni can remember back to the days when all of Camp's food was grown on-site and this new project will hopefully inspire the use of more sustainable resources in the future.

On a slightly different note, we had to say some special goodbyes last year. We said goodbye to Ward, Buff's (**Buff Weigand '48**) beloved canine companion. Ward had become one of those institutions at Camp that you just count on being around forever. Whether he was lumbering through S4G or taking a nap in the shade during meals, one of two things could be certain: wherever Buff was, Ward was not far behind, and, wherever Ward was, you knew Buff was close by. It is always hard to say a final goodbye to a friend, but we can certainly take comfort in the fact that Ward was a special part of the Susquehannock family and will always be remembered.

We also said goodbye to **Marnie Saunders '47**, the sister of Mr. Ed (**Edwin H. Shafer '34**) and Mr. George (**George C. Shafer '36**). Marnie practically spent her whole life at Camp, faithfully working for many, many years. Her obvious love for Camp has been passed on to the entire Saunders family, who have become ardent supporters of Susquehannock and contributed great things towards the program. A memorial service was held for Marnie at Cubberley Grove after Camp had ended for the summer. Her loving husband Charlie (**Charles B. Saunders Jr. '47**), her children, Charlie, George, Lucy and John, (**Charles B. Saunders, III '59, George C. Saunders '62, John R. Saunders '70**) offered moving testimonials highlighting a few of the countless special moments. At the conclusion of the service, a lone bagpipe sounded, paying homage from the dock. As the sound echoed off the hills around the Lake, one couldn't help but sense that Marnie was there, looking at the reflections off the water and listening to the wind through the pines, breathing in all that encompasses Camp. Though many of you may not have had much direct interaction with Marnie, be assured that she helped shape Camp and it is a far better place for having known her.

As life slowly returns to grounds upon which thousands have played before us, we look forward to everything that this summer will bring. Whether it is fresh vegetables from the garden, new sports equipment, some new siding for the buildings on campus (**Paul Travis '05** has been quite busy during the off-season!), or spending time with friends both old and new – be sure to say hello to it all. This summer, like all before it, will be the best ever.

## The State of Susquehannock 2012

**By Cannie Shafer '82 and Win Shafer '65, Directors**



As the years roll on, we have had more and more amazing experiences of historic proportion - many are just hysterical moments - as we see more and more campers coming to Susquehannock whose parents were also campers! Some of these new campers are even the third or fourth generation in their family to put on the *Orange and Blue*!

Last summer began with a joyous and memorable event, as family members (including all six grandchildren), beloved friends, and many generations of Camp "family" assembled at The Montrose Club in Montrose for a celebration of Mr. Ed's 90th birthday. The Montrose Club was a fitting location for the festivities, as Mr. Ed's father and Camp founder **George Carlton "King" Shafer** was prominently involved in the Club's establishment. King had a hand in building the Club's clay Tennis Courts before capturing the first Club Championship on those very courts in 1900! Mr. Ed's dinner was great fun and served as a fitting testament to a wonderful man - there were songs, stories, Camp cheers, a surprise visitor or two, in addition to a fabulous slideshow of pictures from Mr. Ed's entire life! We all enjoyed the guest of honor's favorite Camp dessert - Strawberry Shortcake. At the end of the evening, Mr. Ed chuckled and said with a mischievous gleam in his eye, that for his birthday next year he would like a fireworks display! We're working on it!



Mr. Ed's 90th Birthday Celebration

We did indeed have yet another fantastic summer at Tripp Lake. If you haven't already, check out the video clips posted on the Camp website - you can relive all of the events throughout the summer. No matter what state or country you call home, you can almost hear the bells ringing, the Lake water splashing, the cheering and the laughter as you watch these videos or look at photos. We live in amazing times and are fortunate to have tools that allow us to stay connected - but it is an even more valuable experience to have authentic face-to-face contact with our friends while at Camp. We form real and meaningful relationships during the summers as we spend time with our friends in a very intense 24/7 way! We are only able to deeply appreciate the convenience that technology allows if we take the time to "unplug" while at Camp. The connections we make at Camp are stronger than anything available through a screen!

We continue to welcome campers and staff from all over the United States and from countries around the world at 41.9898N by 75.9269W (Brackney, PA, USA). Our abiding thanks always goes to the Senior Staff, the Cabin Counselors and our Support Staff - nothing would be possible without them! This past summer we had World Games, watched the Summer Olympics in London, while we had our own Olympic Field Day at S4G and the Fourth of July Field Day at S4B. As usual, we did the fun Orange and Blue S4G and S4B activities, like the Super Mongo Goofy Monster Relays, in addition to Camper Skit Night during First Session and Counselor Skit Night during Second. We survived sleeping under the stars (or sprinkled by Susquehannock Dew), "invasions" by Pancho Villa's gang, enjoyed Canoe Trips on the Delaware River, Binghamton Mets baseball games - complete with awesome fireworks displays. We loved cook-ins and cook-outs, our Orange and Blue reversible jerseys (wait until you see this year's edition!). We loved making tie-dye shirts and trips to Creek Bend, the Chocolate Factory and Salt Springs State Park. Full Season campers traveled to Cooperstown, NY, explored the Baseball Hall of Fame and mined for diamonds by hand - some campers even brought some diamonds back! The girls at S4G got lots of new sports equipment, which was used during Clinics and Orange and Blue competition. We appreciated visits from alumni and other guests, including Jamie Zimron who offered special clinics in Aikido and Golf and Kim Richter who led Lacrosse clinics at S4G. We enjoyed playing Gigantusball, climbing the Tower, taking hikes, the Horse Shows and Regattas, Cheer Contests - as well as the end of the session Candle Floats at S4G and Campfires at S4B. We also gathered once each Session in Cubberley Grove by the Lake for a Sunday chapel service and experienced the serenity of that special place. Embracing the theme of sustainability, we used recycled t-shirts to express our hopes and dreams in the spirit of Nepalese prayer flags that were displayed around campus.

We all realize the special times we share together while at Camp are too short, and how truly sad it is to leave one other when returning home. We all know that we are better off when together, yet we do carry the Camp Spirit with us wherever we go. There is something special that remains with us as a result of our time at Camp - these memories and shared experiences are what draws us back whenever possible.

We hope to see you this coming summer!



## **Susquehannock 4 Vegetables - Sustainable News**

We are happy to announce that we will begin a sustainable garden project this summer at Camp! Work will begin in April on the new S4V Organic Garden, which will be planted near the Climbing Tower. During this initial summer, it will be a demonstration garden where campers can learn how to tend the plants and help grow the vegetables - without the use of any chemicals. We will use everything that is grown as best we can during this first summer, but a lot of work is needed before we can consistently use the home-grown vegetables in our Kitchen. As it was mentioned earlier, Camp had a long history of harvesting food grown on-site for use in the Kitchen and we hope that this garden is the first step as we return to that way of life. Many S4B alumni remember weeding and picking vegetables from the large gardens where the Flower Room and Stables are now. Cannie specifically remembers picking currants, raspberries and blackberries to freeze during her first summer at Camp in 1982! We are very fortunate to have Counselors and Support Staff who are committed to this Sustainability project and we know that this idea will "grow!"

If you are interested in helping out with this exciting initiative, please consider donating garden materials such gloves, trowels, books, bags of peat moss or even a perennial plant for the various beds we are preparing around Camp.

### **Camp and Character by Paul Tough** ***From the March/April 2013 issue of the ACA's magazine Camping***

Paul Tough is a nationally-recognized author who has written extensively for the New York Times Magazine (italics) on the topics of education, poverty and politics. His latest book How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity and the Hidden Power of Character has been acclaimed by many school communities across the United States as a "must read."

In this book, Paul discusses recent neuroscience research into non-cognitive skills, a singular skill set that cannot be measured by standardized tests, sometimes described as grit, curiosity, perseverance, conscientiousness and optimism. These are very important skills that need nurturing by parents and educators, allowing our children to become successful later in life. Paul Tough affirms what we have known is important in Camp life - all interpersonal relationships are transformative and beneficial. The summer camp experience allows for these relationships to occur, as campers gain an understanding and appreciation of nature, teamwork, independence, which leads to an interest and desire to explore. Paul Tough believes, as we at Susquehannock do, that the camp experience affords children a perfect balance of autonomy and support. At camp, child can take risks, make mistakes and actually fail in a nurturing and trusting environment. The child learns the lesson from their mistake and is then ready to move onto the next experience.

Read the complete article via the link below - and thank you for the gift you are giving your child!  
<http://www.acacamps.org/campmag/1303/camp-character-interview-paul-tough>



## Staff Changes for Summer 2013

The following letter was sent to Staff members in December 2012:

*Dear Camp Family,*

*We are writing to announce to you that Trish Pearson, the Head of Camp Susquehannock for Girls, will be taking a sabbatical leave this coming summer. She has been trying to fit graduate work and travel into her teaching and administrative duties at her school in McKinney, Texas and not meeting with many opportunities. We want to give her the chance to do these things that are very important to her and that as an educator she can really only pursue during the summer season!*

*We are extremely grateful to the six summers that Trish has contributed to Susquehannock! No one has been more dedicated and few can claim the long haul in a mini-van with dogs, cats, bikes, plants, clothing and household accessories for a family all the way from Texas like Trish! As most of you will remember Trish came into the Camp family by marriage...the way many of us do! She married a Camp alumnus...Tim Percevecz and they have also brought their daughter Cassidy as a camper. Tim and Cassidy (as a four year old) visited for a Camp reunion and a family tradition was rekindled when a year later Trish came with Cassidy and then Tim was able to free his summers to join them! Trish is very active in her high school History department designing curriculum, leading AP Courses and leading various clubs and activities. She was able to take some students from her school this last June to Italy. Trish brought her intellectual and caring approach to Susquehannock. She was a critical member of the team who helped transition S4G in its move from its original campus at Lake Choconut in Friendsville. She helped re-establish S4G's traditions and program on the new site and also led the staff to infuse their own ideas at Brackney as we all came to share the Tripp Lake campus. We will always appreciate her hard work, enthusiasm and guidance to all things "S4G!"*

*For next summer's season, we have asked Jay Pearcy to be the Interim Head of the Girls Camp and happily he has accepted. Jay is himself an alumnus of Susquehannock. Jay's sister Paige Pearcy attended Camp for many years, and now Jay's two daughters Kaitlyn and Elizabeth are campers. Jay has a strong record as a teacher, a varsity coach, a dorm parent, a grade level dean and now serves as the Middle School assistant head at Springside-Chestnut Hill Academy outside of Philadelphia. After his many years as a camper, Jay was a counselor at Camp, Director of the Waterfront and senior staff member. He has worked with Trish and the girls' staff for the last several years.*

*Once a Camp Family member, always a Camp Family member! So we send our gratitude but also our best wishes to Trish for many happy trails and great adventures, and we look forward to news and visits!*

And so, we are happy to announce that **Heather DelGrande** will serve as Assistant Head of S4G this summer! Heather has been working at Springside Chestnut Hill Academy for three years as an editor and communications assistant in the Development Office. Her husband Michael is the Athletic Director at SCH and the Boys Varsity Lacrosse Coach. The DelGrades also worked together at Bullis School in Potomac, MD, where Heather served as the Athletic Office Administrative Assistant for ten years. She coached Girls Middle School Lacrosse, Swimming and Junior Varsity Softball, as well as Upper School Aerobics. Heather also served as Assistant Athletic Director at the Potomac School in McLean, VA, where she also coached weight training and conditioning. Michael and Heather have a seven year old daughter named Zoe who is very excited for her first summer at Camp!

We are also pleased to announce that our own **Laura Boles '98** has accepted an offer to be the S4G Program Director, working with Jay Pearcy and Heather. She is a graduate of Lancaster Country Day School in Lancaster, PA and the University of Toronto in Ontario, Canada. During the past year Laura has been working in Baton Rouge, LA for Teach For America as an English/Language Arts Coordinator along with other leadership roles. In addition to her years as a Camper and CIT, Laura has served as the Head of the S4G Waterfront and supervised the LIT program. She will begin a Master of Arts in Teaching program at New York University's Steinhardt School this fall.

The role of S4G Head Counselor will be filled by **Paige Reilly '12** this summer. We are truly thrilled that Paige is returning for a second summer from her home in Northern Ireland. Paige is currently studying Events and Marketing at Edinburgh Napier University in Scotland and will be graduating in 2014. Before she joins the Camp staff this summer, she will have completed a six month placement at The Royal Yacht Britannia.

# A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR 2012 STAFF



*Camp could not run without you! (Some staff not available for photos)*

## Reflections from the Head of S4B

By **Andrew Hano '83**



### Is it Time Yet?

Since returning to Camp Susquehannock five years ago, I have developed a routine for marking time during the off-season. Upon arriving home in August, I think of time in terms of “I’ve been home less time than I spent at Camp this summer.” By November we are deeply entrenched in the school year and enough time has passed that the previous summer becomes catalogued in my past memories of Camp. The thought of “next summer” is too far in the future to get too excited about. Then suddenly, it’s January 1 and I begin to make plans for the new Camp season. And then finally in May I begin marking off the time as “there are fewer weeks left until Camp starts than I will spend at Camp all summer”!

As I write this piece, I am in the *making plans* portion of the year and you probably want to know what we are planning for S4B in 2013. Two things have been on my mind: the first is a sports report, as in a Boys Camp version of *SportsCenter*. A group of campers will collect game results, conduct interviews with players and then provide updates twice a week at Morning Meeting. I look forward to hearing about the plays of the week, or the top performing Intermediate camper!

The second is an evening swim. We play hard at the Boys Camp and we have enjoyed warm weather during the past few summers. I would like to see the boys head to the Lake and cool off following Evening Activities to cool off before bedtime more regularly. The evening is such a tranquil and special time at the Lake, it’s truly the perfect venue for winding down an exciting day at Camp.

One thing is always on my mind no matter when it is during the off-season: I always think about the great campers and counselors that spend the summer with me at Camp Susquehannock.

The clock is ticking. See you at Camp this summer!

## Reflections from the Head of S4G

*By Jay Pearcey '84*



### Camp and the Five Senses

When asked to write this piece for the *Who's Who in Orange and Blue*, I started thinking about the ways we experience Camp through our five senses. I came up with a number of lists from the different perspectives I have had during my time at Susquehannock: Camper, Counselor, Senior Staff member, and since 2009, Parent. I have had the unique perspective of spending significant time at both Camps: growing up at the Boys' Camp and now more recently working at the Girls' Camp as an adult.

#### TASTE

What does Camp taste like? I was immediately struck by a memory from childhood: knowing what day of the week it was when the homemade ice cream was served. There are certain tastes that stand out to me more than others because Camp is the only place I get to experience them: peaches at Loyal Guard Chicken Feeds, a cold glass of Bug Juice, over-cooked charcoal black hot dogs during Overnights, water straight from the washstand, Spiedies - a local delicacy, and Dreamland BBQ imported all the way from Alabama by Tony Meyers during Work Week.

Also, who could forget the tradition of Week in Review - you either love it or hate it, there is no in between. There are also some other foods that provide poignant memories because these are enjoyed during rare excursions from Camp: fast food at Creek Bend, Dippin' Dots at a Binghamton Mets game and Chicken Wings at the Lake View Inn, just to name a few.

Then there is the true Camp contraband: candy. The joy of care package candy from my youth has evolved into visits to Campteen. Nothing at Camp quite matches the eager anticipation of making your candy selection or the frustration knowing it's not your Campteen day.

There are more sentimental tastes like the Orange and Blue Chicken Feed at S4B or Orange and Blue Build-Your-Own Ice Cream Sundae Bar at S4G.

But for me, the true taste of Camp will always be corn on the cob. You spent all summer watching it grow during Soccer clinics until that fateful day during Second Session when it would finally be served. Basted in butter, salt, and the sweat of the Work Crew members who shucked it, Junior Campers received one ear, Hill Campers got two and Counselors had earned the right to eat their fill. No matter where corn on the cob is served, I am always reminded of Camp.

## TOUCH

What does Camp feel like? Our sense of touch is constantly assaulted by different sensations while at Camp: a quick nap on a denim divan cover on the front porch of the Lodge, the grittiness of a slide on the clay of King's Court, the refreshing briskness of an evening dip in Tripp Lake, the tacky sensation of a painted face, jacuzzi-like action of swimming through Mongaup during the Canoe Trip, the chill of morning Instructional Swim, the cool shade underneath the trees while seated in the bleachers near the Senior Baseball Field. The shocking cold of putting on a perpetually damp bathing suit. These are just a few of the feelings that one recalls from their summers at Camp.

For me the sensation that will always bring me back to Camp is the surprisingly soothing feeling of a scratchy wool blanket. Mine was a monstrous red & black product of the Hudson Bay Company. It first belonged to my mother when she was a camper in the 1950s and then faithfully served me for over a decade. When I moved into Ye Ritz for the first time in 1986, I met my Camp friend **Brian Brotschul '86** over that blanket as my mother taught me to make hospital corners with it. **Iggy Velasco '84** threw up on it about two weeks later. Everyone in the cabin had a similar blanket and not a single one was new. They all looked like they had spent a previous life trapping beaver pelts in the Rockies or subduing the Kaiser in France. A quality blanket might be the single most useful piece of Camp equipment - one simple layer, easy to make the bed, kept you warm and toasty on the coldest August nights. When you are living in a cabin with ten other campers not much is just yours. But your bed, and thus your blanket, was your own little space, just for you.

## SOUND

What does camp sound like? My list of Camp sounds was the easiest to make by far.

On the fields and courts, frequent whistles by officials, the “thunk” of a Tennis ball struck by a racquet, the rasping of a Street Hockey stick across the surface of the Hockey Court, the squeal of the Zip Line, and the dribbling of a Basketball on old dirt courts.

At the Lake, a bellowed “Buddy Check,” the reverberation of diving board, the quiet lapping of water against the side of a canoe, and of course “Allllll Booooooooooats IIIIIIIIn!”

As for sentimental sounds: the Locomotive Cheer of “S-U-S-Q-U-E-H-A-N-N-O-C-K,” my Mount Inn counselor playing “Taps” on the trombone nightly, Mr. P singing the second verse of “Take Me Out to The Ballgame” by himself, little girls laughing, the never-ending Telephone Song, Mr. Ed saying grace, the old crank telephones, and “Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah...PRAISE BE THE LORD!”

For general Camp life: the latches snapping shut on a trunk, shuffling of playing cards, screen doors slamming, 99.1 The Whale, squealing springs on a cot, “GOOD MORNING, S4G!,” and the constant squeaking of the swings behind what is now my family’s cottage.

But I think my choice for one sound that best defines Camp would be popular choice: the bell. There is something reassuring about the regularity of the bell, which rings seven times a day. That is almost 52,000 times over the last 107 years. How many thousands of meals have been announced by that bell? I tried to calculate it: the bell has called us to over 2.5 million individual meals over the last 107 years. I don’t know what King paid for the bell but I would say we have gotten our money’s worth out of that purchase!

## **SMELL**

What does Camp smell like? This list was the most difficult to create, it seems that the smells of Camp seem to often get overpowered by the other senses. I certainly remember the smells of bug spray, fresh cut grass, leather stain in the Craft Shop, a cabin full of wet cleats, and a bed of pine needles at The Swamp campsite.

The smell that will always be associated with Camp for me is definitely Ivory Soap. Camp should own stock in this company. Proctor & Gamble could be filming commercials at the waterfront with a soundtrack provided by 19-O-Jive. Blue Cowboys Basketball sweat? No problem, Ivory Soap. Villa sludge? No problem, Ivory Soap. No more Aussie? No problem, Ivory Soap. Tough day at the horse barn? No problem, Ivory Soap. Drop it at the Float? No problem, it’s so pure it floats!

## **SIGHT**

What does Camp look like? There are so many great images of Camp it is hard to narrow it down to just one: sunset viewed from the top of the Climbing Tower, the trail of United States flags to the Lake on the Fourth of July, straining faces during Tug of War, S4G’s giant campfire, painted faces for the Olympics, the flag pole atop the Main Lodge, cedar shake and green trim buildings.

Some other less iconic images of Camp life: a S4G Counselor sitting on top of the crossing guard post, Archery targets on a wind-swept field, a pile of sleeping bags at the Hitching Post, and a buddy tag board full of tags.

Of course there are some sentimental images; dusty Tripp Lake Road on Opening and then Closing day, a full mailbox, meteor showers just as spectacular as a Senior Staff member as when I was nine years old, watching a lightning storm after last bell with the girls from Cabb and Mount.

The lasting image however is the Candle Float. I truly love having been a part of both Camps and enjoy the separate traditions as well as the similar ones - both no better and no worse than the other. I attended my first Candle Float in 2008. I was Head of the Waterfront at the time and facing the dilemma of which closing ceremonies to attend. Cannie convinced me to attend the Candle Float since I had never previously attended. I have not missed one since, although I have had to leave early twice to carry my weeping daughter away after she was overcome by the emotion of the event. It is an incredibly moving final ceremony, from the opening song, to the silence waiting for the first girl to speak, to the laughter brought on by funny stories, to the unavoidable crying, and then finally the

quiet walk together back up the hill for one last night in the cabin. I have loved all ten of the Candle Floats I have attended and don't plan on missing any in the future.

For anyone who has spent significant time at Camp it is always surprising how it really is a place apart. Our off-season lives are hectic and busy. When you return at the end of the summer, you put away your orange and blue wardrobe, carry the battered trunk up to the attic, and then begin to get excited about jumping back into a new school year. But it is never long before you start to miss Camp and summer friends. Pretty soon you find yourself counting down the days, looking forward to the taste of corn, the feeling of your blanket, the smell of Ivory Soap, the sound of the bell, and the sight of candles bobbing on Tripp Lake. I cannot wait to see you all soon.



# In Loving Memory: Marnie Shafer Saunders

May 12, 1927 – May 25, 2012

By Nora Saunders '95

When I received the solicitation for *Who's Who in Orange and Blue* submissions, I thought it would be nice to include a little bit about my grandmother **Marnie Shafer '47** who passed away in the spring of 2012. Grand Marnie, as we all called her, was King's middle child and only daughter. She grew up spending her summers at Susquehannock, met my grandfather at Camp, got married there and returned every summer throughout her entire life.

As a child, she lived in the Big House that is attached to Win and Cannie's residence. In fact, the staff cottage next door was originally built as her playhouse! Here is a photo of her on the porch of the Big House:



When Grand Marnie was old enough, she began working in the Camp Office. My grandfather **Charlie Saunders '47** (or Grand Charlie to me), got a job at Camp because his father had been a counselor and was friendly with King. Grand Charlie worked a few summers at Camp and during this time he met Grand Marnie.

Here's a photo of them on what used to be diving board!



This photo was taken at their wedding, which was held in the Main Lodge:



Later in life, Grand Marnie and Grand Charlie visited Camp every summer and would stay in their cottage near the Lake Court. Lots of time was spent on that Court, as Grand Marnie inherited King's love of Tennis, playing well into her late seventies! When I was a child, my aunts, uncles and cousins came to Camp every summer to spend time together, play Tennis, swim and have fun - I even took a dip in Tripp Lake when I was just six weeks old!



Even though Grand Marnie is no longer with us, she has left my family with a gift that is very important to us all - Camp. Every time I jump into the Lake, play on the Lake Court or simply walk around Camp, I will always be thankful for what she has left behind.

I realize many of you don't know Grand Marnie, but I thought it would be nice to share the story of King's daughter, her children and grandchildren, who, like me, continue to visit Camp over 100 years later. That's four generations total, including Grand Marnie's father-in-law!

# Work Week at Susquehannock - Your Help is Needed!

Attention Alumni 18 years and older: We are looking for volunteers to help out at Work Week this year!

**When:** June 9-16, 2013

**Where:** Camp Susquehannock 2308 Tripp Lake Road, Brackney, PA 18812 (Please be sure to bring your own bedding)

Be part of this amazing team! Come back to Susquehannock for a few days or the entire week and lend a hand as we prepare the facilities for the summer.

**RSVP:** If you plan to attend, you must RSVP to Tarryn Rozen ([tarryn@susquehannock.com](mailto:tarryn@susquehannock.com)), she will send you the volunteer paperwork to complete and this will also help us know how many people we will need to accommodate.



*"The more you eat, the more you get paid!"*

## Susquehannock Homecoming Weekend

Join Camp alumni over Labor Day Weekend for the Third Annual Homecoming Weekend at Tripp Lake!

**When:** Friday, August 30th, 2013 - Monday, September 2nd, 2013

**Where:** Camp Susquehannock 2308 Tripp Lake Road, Brackney, PA 18812  
Guests may sleep in cabins, pitch tents, drive a motor home or stay at a local hotel.

The Lake (including boats), tennis courts and other facilities will be available.

Contributions of \$50/person for the weekend are greatly appreciated. Children under 6 years old are free. Dinner on Saturday and Sunday evening will be provided.

Important: please RSVP by Sunday, August 25th. Contact Josh Oryhon for more information:  
Josh: (518) 424-5701 or [josho@susquehannock.com](mailto:josho@susquehannock.com)

All Camp alumni, family and friends are welcome!



Future S4G camper Anya Marwaha takes her first dip in Tripp Lake with her mother Brianne. The family visited Camp during the Homecoming Weekend in 2012, when **Raj Marwaha '93** shared his love of Susquehannock.



## You Said It: Camper Quotes from 2012

*My favorite memory of Camp was going to Salt Springs. To get there, we went on a long hay ride. I shared a lot of jokes with my friends. We got to climb up waterfalls and swim under them. The day ended with a nice cookout!*

**Lucas Alimonti '10**



*My favorite cabin memory was during cabin cleanup when we were dancing and listening to music. I also liked it when my counselors kept reminding me to keep my elbows off the table. This year was really fun and I am definitely coming back next year.*

**Ryan Corniel '12**



*Each year at Camp, you can rely on certain things and traditions that won't change! One of those is the Regatta. It is fun swim race that keeps everyone involved. Although you "have" to do three events, the ones you do are completely up to you and even on the sidelines, you are involved in watching some of the veteran swimmers race. It is always very close and fun no matter what the results are. Whether you are in the heat of the race or watching, it is always a fun way to spend your morning!*

**Noah Goldstein '10**

*This year, I was finally 14 years old and was allowed to go on the Canoe Trip. It was one of my favorite parts of Camp. Spending eight hours on the Delaware River was incredible. Rowing all day under the sun, and sometimes we were swimming, and sometimes we were flipping. My favorite part was Mongaup when we got out of our canoes and did water sliding down the rapids. Finally the perfect day ends with the best Chinese Buffet ever!*

**Grant Bianchi '07**





*Every year, the Loyal Guard Chicken Feed gives us a chance to reflect on our year. It is always fun to listen to the funny or the sentimental speeches of other people. I always have fun and I can't wait to return the next year. Loyal Guard Chicken Feeds are a highlight of my time at Camp.*

**Michael Sherman '05**

**Abigail Hano '08** wrote a school essay about Camp and she shared it with us:

### Olympian Dream

“Yeah, I’ve been in the Olympics,” I told Emma. “I won the Olympics.” She was eyeing me curiously, trying to figure out what in the world I was talking about. So, I explained, “I was on team Madagascar, in the 2012 Olympics....

“Our first event was the mighty boot throw. I ripped the boot, it flew to the sky, and when it hit the earth with a big rumble, it had flown far from where I had started. Our team then advanced to the water balloon chin pass. We lined up boy, girl and then put the balloon under our chins trying not to drop it as we inch it up and down the row. I think it is the hardest game in the Olympics.

“The relay was our final event. When the first person gave me his life jacket, I had beads of sweat running down my face. I took the life jacket, whipped it on and flew to the dizzy bat. My head started to spin as I rotated around the top of the bat. Next, I sprinted and jumped over a moving string. Within a split second I was crawling under a tarp. I was barely alive as I ran up the hill. I got to the top and ripped off my lifejacket. I handed it to the next person and collapsed.

“I was walking to my cabin when suddenly; I heard a very awakening rumbling sound coming from the dining hall. It sounded like a herd of elephants. I listened, hoots and hollers filled the lodge. I scooted forward to hear. I exploded with joy, trying to be as quiet as possible wanting to hear our name officially in 1st place. The rest of the night I slept because I was so tired. I dreamed that maybe, one day I’d win the Olympics.”

I finished my story as I blew fake kisses to my pretend crowd. Emma blankly stared at me. All she could say was, “Congratulations!”



## Camper Sponsorship Program

Are you looking for a way to offer a child a life-changing summer experience at Susquehannock?

Over the past few years, five families have generously donated money as a living testament to the contributions and hard work of former Camp staff members: **Bob Partridge '53, Jim Steen '47, Dr. Peter Cubberley '83 and Dr. Jack Doane '62**. As a result of these generous donations, several fortunate young people have been able to attend Camp!

The Camp Susquehannock Memorial Sponsorship program offers the unique opportunity to honor a member of the Camp community (camper, counselor or Senior Staff member) by defraying a deserving child's tuition. In doing so, you may or may not wish to choose the recipient of the Memorial Sponsorship. This fund is different from the Scholarship Program as financial need is not the overriding determinant of eligibility. This is a wonderful opportunity to pass on all the benefits and the singular experience you had at Camp!

For more information, contact: **Tarryn Rozen '98** [tarryn@susquehannock.com](mailto:tarryn@susquehannock.com) or **Josh Oryhon '01** [josh\\_o@susquehannock.com](mailto:josh_o@susquehannock.com)

One of our own staff members, **Michael Whalen '04** has solicited donations to partially sponsor a number of campers to attend Susquehannock. Michael wants to share the experience that he enjoyed as a camper and has been working diligently to do so since 2009.

## Now Available: Adirondack Chairs

Need a gift idea for a loved one who happens to be a Grizzled Veteran? Purchase an Adirondack Chair in their honor! Since celebrating our 100 year Anniversary in 2005, we have been increasing the number of dedicated Adirondack Chairs for use at Camp. There is truly nothing better than relaxing on the porch of The Lodge while gazing down on Tripp Lake - this is a favorite past-time of campers, staff, alumni and guests alike.



Adirondack Chairs are available for \$125, which includes a plaque dedicating it to the individual of your choosing. All chairs ordered will be ready for use at Camp this summer.

To order or to receive more information, contact Tarryn at [tarryn@susquehannock.com](mailto:tarryn@susquehannock.com) or (570) 967-2323 or order online at [http://susquehannock.com/alumni/adk\\_chairs.php](http://susquehannock.com/alumni/adk_chairs.php)

Examples of chair dedications we already have at camp are:

<p>In Honor of Edwin H. Shafer II "Mr. ED" Director 1959 - 1994</p>	<p>In Honor of Dave Reeve Camper, Counselor, &amp; Friend 2005</p>
<p>In Honor of the Kulp Family Jon, Carol, Julie and Penny 2005</p>	<p>"SAVY" 2010</p>
<p>To Carol W. Nasser M.S.N C.R.N.P For her many years at her "home" away from home. From: Camp Friends and Family 2010</p>	<p>For George "Buff" B. Weigand 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary July 2010 "Camp is a place apart"</p>
<p>Thank You to Cannie, Francie, Blake and Win Shafer For their dedication to Susquehannock - 2010</p>	<p>Andrew Hano Camper, Counselor, Father, Teacher &amp; Friend 2010</p>
<p>For Jay Pearcy Given by The Pearcy Family In appreciation for great summers at Camp</p>	<p>Honoring Tony Meyers "Camp made the Man"</p>
<p>Tim "T.K." Kent Camper – Counselor S4B Director 1973-2010</p>	<p>2010 Rob "R.K." Kent Camper-Counselor Staff &amp; Webmaster</p>
<p>For Eric I. Rozen Former camper &amp; staff Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday! With love from, Tarryn, Dara and Seth 2010</p>	<p>To Allan D. Shafer Camper, Staff Member, Parent and Trustee. With tremendous gratitude for your hard work, dedication and vision From your loving family – Debbie, Brandon, Emily &amp; Sarah and friends. 2010</p>
<p>Dan Logue Camper, counselor, senior staff member Thanks for sharing. Meg Carroll Tedesco</p>	<p>Russell "Grampi" Boles Love, Daral, Leslie, John and Laura Boles</p>
<p>Tarryn Larson Rozen Happy Birthday 2012 For all you do For Us and Camp Love Eric, Dara and Seth</p>	<p>2012 In honor of Josh O With heartfelt gratitude And appreciation For all that you do Melissa Long, Ed Rogers and Jeff and Dara Barr</p>

## Never Leave Home Without It!

We ran a competition last year challenging our campers to send in photos of themselves wearing a favorite piece of Camp clothing in the most unique place they could think of. This idea must have struck a chord with our alumni because we have received a number of submissions this year as well! We encourage more of you to pull out that favorite Camp shirt, hat, Loyal Guard jacket and wear it proudly. Snap a photo and email it to us: [orangeandblue@susquehannock.com](mailto:orangeandblue@susquehannock.com)

If you are in the market for new Susquehannock merchandise this year, please contact us during the summer when the Camp Store is fully stocked. We are happy to ship your purchase from Brackney to your mailbox!

## Since Camp Ended... By **Josh Oryhon '01 and Tarryn Rozen '98**

Coming on the heels of the very successful summer #107, we didn't have to travel very far from Camp for the first event of the off-season. Alumni of all ages gathered at Camp for the second annual Labor Day Homecoming Weekend. Alumni spent a relaxing weekend at the Waterfront, playing pick-up games and most of all rekindling friendships originally forged at Susquehannock. The most Grizzled Veteran to attend the Reunion was **Edward Buchanan Jr. '40**, who regaled everyone with fascinating stories from his years as a camper and counselor. You have already seen the photo of Anya Marwaha a few pages earlier who was the youngest Homecoming attendee. Despite her lack of Instructional Swimming clinics, she had a wonderful time in the Lake. We were also joined by some of our amazing staff from the summer - these folks were clearly not ready to say goodbye to Camp at the end of Second Session. The Labor Day Homecoming is truly a singular experience that allows Grizzled Veterans an opportunity to re-live their youth and bask in the beauty of Camp. We sincerely hope that you and your family consider attending in 2013!

In preparation for our Early Bird Plus deadline, we were very happy to finally release an online enrollment option in October - making the registration process more convenient for parents. Instead of filling out the five page Camper Application by hand and then mailing it in, parents can now complete the registration process in around 10 minutes.

We expanded our social media presence with some new features designed to increase our online visibility. Check out the Susquehannock Facebook Page and Twitter feed for a Photo of the Day posted every week day, including a special "Throwback Thursday" theme. Posting all this content was made possible by our current campers and alumni who emailed their own submissions - thank you all very much! The accounts also posted beautiful photos of Camp during the autumn and winter - a breathtaking scene that not many are lucky enough to appreciate in person. The importance of these new media was accentuated during the landfall of Hurricane Sandy during the autumn. Many people took to social media for the latest news stories, to check on friends and family, or simply to pass the time. After receiving a number of inquiries on how Camp was weathering the storm, we posted updates from those hunkered down in Brackney along with a number of photos - specifically images of Camp during the gorgeous days we all enjoy. Our social media outlets are like a *Who's Who in Orange and Blue* that are updated every day - please visit us online if you haven't done so already!



Obviously spending time with Camp friends is more fun in person, so many campers and staff in the Philadelphia area jumped at the opportunity to attend our two Reunions. "TK" (**Tim Kent '73**) and **Maude Kent '88** generously opened their home for the annual Autumn Reunion on October 21st. A few months later, our two-part Winter Reunion was held at Minella's Diner and Devon Lanes outside Philadelphia. All participants enjoyed the chance to see friends and spend some time catching up.

We were able to meet a number of new prospective families during the Camp Fair season - thanks so much to the Senior Staff, Counselors and Campers that helped out at these events! Camp was proudly represented by these engaging and personable people. We were also able to meet a number of new families at an Open House hosted by the Richter family in late January.



A few weeks later, the Susquehannock Winter Classic took place over Presidents' Day Weekend. A number of current staff and alumni made the trek to Camp, shoveled off a playing surface on frozen-over Tripp Lake and spent the weekend playing ice hockey and sledding. Experiencing Camp during the winter months is truly special and we are thankful to the Saunders family for making their cottage available.



And finally: by the time you are reading these very words, we will already be giving tours to prospective campers. It's very likely these new campers could end up in your cabin! Please contact Josh (518) 424-5701 or [josho@susquehannock.com](mailto:josho@susquehannock.com) if you would like a tour in the spring, or call the Camp Office if you are interested in visiting during the summer.

It has a very productive off-season thus far and we are looking forward to seeing you at Camp this summer!

### **Stay Connected to the *Orange and Blue***

If you're not at Camp this summer and find yourself missing the good times, we are happy to offer a number of online options to stay connected!

For valuable information and resources, including dates/rates, all necessary forms, upcoming events and many years' of photos visit our official website: [www.susquehannock.com](http://www.susquehannock.com)

Stay up to date with all the latest news and events via our social media outlets:

[www.facebook.com/susquehannock](http://www.facebook.com/susquehannock)

[www.twitter.com/CampSus1905](http://www.twitter.com/CampSus1905)

While Camp is in session this summer, be sure to check out the frequently-updated *Tripp Lake Times* to see photos and videos of the fun as it happens: [www.tripplaketimes.com](http://www.tripplaketimes.com)



## Susquehannock Fund Contributors

The Board of Directors and staff of Camp Susquehannock would like to recognize and thank the following donors for their tremendous support. These donations were made from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 until March 31st, 2013 in support of our programs and Annual Scholarship. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### **The Hill Camp Society: \$1,000 – \$2,499**

Bruce Williams & Virginia Pulito	Nick Madine
Park Avenue Charitable Fund	Francis DeRoos Jeanmarie Perrone
Charles and Margaret Saunders	Laurianne Foran

### **The Pancho Villa Club: \$500 – \$999**

Bruce and Sandy Denham
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### **The Tripp Laker Club: \$250 – \$499**

Kelvin Wheeler	Allan Lenzner
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### **The Lake Choconut Club: \$100 – \$249**

Thomas and Maude Kent	Frank and Suzanne Shaw	Kent Family Fund
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### **The Orange and Blue Club: Up to \$99**

Anthony Meyers	Dr Michael Meyers & Barbara Meyers	Sally Skidmore
Andrew and Susan Castaldi	Ann Lordeman and James Steen	Robert Kent
Roger Moister, Jr.	Andrew Yates	Johnny Hall
Eric and Tarryn Rozen	Tom and Ann Kent	Jon Savitch

The following people have contributed funds to help **Michael Whalen '04** sponsor a child to come to Camp: Sarah Whalen, Mathilde Cruice, Sydney Cruice, Karen Lynch

You too can make a difference in the lives of children. We have made the donation process even easier with our automatic deductions set up through Paypal. You can choose how much to donate and how often to donate it. We will take care of the rest. Donations start at as little as \$5 per month and you can unsubscribe at any time.

<http://susquehannock.com/donate.php>

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to camp, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, please send a check or money order made out to:

**Camp Susquehannock, Inc.  
2308 Tripp Lake Road  
Brackney, PA 18812**

Or submit a donation online at  
<http://susquehannock.com/donate.php>

# Who's Coming to Camp – As of April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013

<b>Susquehannock for Boys</b>		<b>Susquehannock for Girls</b>	
Alimonti	Lucas	Alimonti	Celeste
Barr	David	Atherton	Adele
Bell	Max	Atherton	Burdine
Bianchi	Grant	Atherton	Essie
Bjorkman	Carson	Baisch	Mackenzie
Bjorkman	Gunnar	Bononi	Silvia
Bjorkman	Trey	Brown	Avery
Bone	Christopher	Cella	Ryan-Elizabeth
Brown	Julian	Cubberley-Thomas	Halle
Byther	Jay	DelGrande	Zoe
Ciacci	Andrew	DeRoos	Annika
Condiff	Noah	Dotten	Katherine
Conklin	Zachary	French	Ellie
Coombs	Connor	Hano	Abigail
Crispin	Quentin	Heinzelman	Molly
Crutchfield	Jackson	Hernandez	Ana
Crutchfield	Carter	Ingalls	Hannah
Cubberley-Thomas	Jace	Jones	Emily
Dana	Henry	Koblish	Anna
Davis	Charles	Korzekwa	Milena
Davis	William	Korzekwa	Chloe
DeRoos	Spencer	Kunkel	Emily
Dierckx	William	Lau	Natalie
Djerassi	Nicholas	Lawrence	Grace
Elliot	Giles	Lawrence	Rose
Epstein	Jordan	Lawrence	Virginia
Fisher	Connor	Lemonick	Elizabeth
Forte	Jonathan	Lick	Eliina
Forte	Thomas	Marren	Claire
Gerhard	Nathaniel	Mullarky	Katie
Goldberg	Matthew	Norris-Howard	Isabel
Goldstein	Noah	Pear	Alexandra
Grant	Cameron	Pearcy	Elizabeth
Hano	Drew	Pearcy	Kaitlyn
Hanrahan	Connor	Percevecz	Cassidy
Harrington	Graham	Pinzon	Ana Ludmila
Harrington	Clint	Richter	Eloise
Harris	Ayyub	Richter	Kelsey
Heinzelman	Nathaniel	Richter	Sydney
Hihn	Ian	Rowell	Reilly
Ingalls	Johnny	Rozen	Dara
Johnson	Charlie	Shafer	Emily
Kirby	W. Brush	Shafer	Sarah
Koblish	Frankie	Shank	Caroline
Kosoff	Jack	Stone	Elizabeth
Loew	Sam	Tamayo Morales	Julieta
McManus	Daniel	Trichka	Mary
Murray	Andrew	Weyant	Jenna
Murray	Peter	Zoga	Olivia
Normile	Brendan		
Normile	Colin		
O'Donnell	James		

Patterson	John
Pear	Lawrence
Petrone	Benjamin
Petrone	Drew
Rabin	Aaron
Ragaishis	Brian
Ragaishis	John
Robertson	Mark
Rogers	Gabe
Rozen	Seth
Rubbo	Jack Ryan
Shafer	Brandon
Sherman	Michael
Shulman	Bradley
Smith	Sahul
Smith	Sahmier
Suppes	Sammy
Suppes	James Conrad
Tamayo Morales	Alejandro
Tamayo Morales	Oscar
Tomlin	Perrin
Torres	Trey
Volikas	Theo
Webber	Samuel
Weinschenk	Graham
Wenzel	Jack
Wilmot	Henry
Winzer	Hugo



## Staff, Camper and Alumni News

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Enos "Sam" Young '62** of Mount Laurel, NJ. Sam passed away on July 17, 2012 at age 81. A Navy veteran and graduate of Gettysburg College and Temple University, he taught and coached at Collingswood High School in New Jersey for 35 years. He also spent 35 summers teaching and coaching at Camp. He is survived by his wife **Nancy Young '52**, his sister Jeanne, his son **David Young '62**, daughter-in-law Wendy, grandchildren Ben and Allison, and daughters Melissa and **Wendy Young '88**.

**Andrew Thalheimer '76** reports that while celebrating his class's 25th reunion at Bucknell University, it dawned on him that it has been 26 years since his last summer as a Camp counselor. Thankfully, Andrew's involvement did not end there, as he later served on the CSI Board of Directors for a number of years and visited Camp both as a Grizzled Veteran and an invasive species in Tripp Lake. In 2004 Andrew emigrated to Canada and found the annual commute to Brackney a challenge. Since relocating to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Andrew has married his wonderful wife Jody, bought a house, painted it Orange and Blue, and fathered two children - Nicholas, turning six in August, and Savannah who will be celebrating her first birthday in June.



While Andrew and family enjoy spending the summer at their local swimming and tennis club, he misses the waters of Tripp Lake. The

Thalheimers have vacationed on Squam Lake in New Hampshire – the closest they've come to the waters of Tripp Lake. They have also spent time with **Allan Shafer '70**, wife Debbie, children **Brandon '06**, **Emily '06** and **Sarah '06**, and nephew **Blake Shafer '95** who happened to be visiting as well. A few years ago they were very honored that **Sam '62** and **Nancy '52** Young visited while spending time in Halifax. The Youngs were the Thalheimers' first and only Susquehannock visitors to date. Andrew assures us that all are welcome - just not all at once. Andrew joins the rest of Camp family in mourning Mr. Young's passing last July, as he was a mentor, coach and friend. Andrew frequently thinks of his many years at Camp and is thankful for those with whom he shared those unforgettable summers. As the new generations follow, he enjoys seeing how they are leaving their mark on Susquehannock and how Susquehannock is leaving their mark on them. Never would he have thought that videos of Soap Day songs would be available on YouTube - one could only imagine a video rendition of the "All Boats In" Shuffle. Andrew can be reached via email at [ahthalheimer@eastlink.ca](mailto:ahthalheimer@eastlink.ca) and looks forward to hearing from you!

**John Lloyd '99** continues the tradition of Susquehannock staff spending the off-season at Episcopal Academy, where he began working in the Lower School after finishing another summer in Tumble Inn. John is also taking graduate Education classes at Cabrini College. He considers **Paul Moeller's '00** closing solo in the S4B's staff rendition of "Puff The Magic Dragon" as his favorite memory from this past summer.

Another former staff member was hired by a school this off-season, as **Nora Saunders '95** began work in the Alumni Relations office at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, DC. Nora lives in Arlington, VA with S4G friend **Helen McCann '00** and they have had visits from **Francie Shafer '94** and **Rachel Zuckerman '01**. Nora celebrated the New Year at Camp with a number of other Camp Alumni, and was also

again back over Presidents' Day weekend for the Susquehannock Winter Classic. Unfortunately her new job does not allow summers off, but she plans to visit in 2013.

**Stephanos Tsirakoglou '95** is currently performing at the South Thuringen State Opera in Meiningen, Germany. He describes Meiningen as "a tiny little village enveloped in the coniferous embrace of the Thuringian forest, which is another way of saying it's in the middle of the woods in the middle of nowhere." Stephanos welcomes any English-speaking visitors willing to travel to Meiningen. Despite being away for a number of years, Stephanos assures us that he thinks of Camp fondly and often.

**Joanne Campbell '92** graduated in May 2012 from Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research with her MSS degree. She is now employed as an Adjunct Professor of Sociology at Rosemont College and also works as a counselor at a private counseling center in Bryn Mawr, PA. Joanne moved to a farm in Chester Springs, PA this past November and is training in Equine Assisted Psychotherapy.

After graduating from New York University and a summer at S4G, **Clare Mahoney '09** moved into an apartment in Center City Philadelphia with **Holly Bailey '01**. Clare met Holly at S4G during her first summer as a counselor, after they both had completed their freshman year at college. While Clare had never attended Susquehannock as a camper with Holly, the two quickly became friends. After graduation, Clare and Holly decided to move in together and report back that it has been lots of fun - living with a Camp friend is a daily reminder of the special times at S4G.

**Dan Logue '90** has spent most of the off-season wishing he could throw tennis balls at things with Rozy (**Eric Rozen '79**). After introducing his girlfriend Laura to Camp by way of the Labor Day Homecoming, the two have gotten engaged. Dan played Ping Pong with both TK (**Tim Kent '73**) and **Paul**

**Moeller '00**. His enduring favorite Camp memory is from the last day of Second Session in 2005, when the S4B Orange and Blue Competition ended up tied. To break the tie and decide a winner, each member of the various Orange and Blue levels shot one foul shot on the Basketball Court. After every member of the Hill Camp had a turn, the competition was still deadlocked. The coaches then took foul shots to break this second tie, which inexplicably ended in a tie as well. The Orange and Blue Head Coaches then took half-courts shots to decide the competition, Dan going up against **Drew Hamm '97**. Both coaches attempted a number of heaves without any success, until Dan managed to make one. Down to his last shot, with the hopes of the entire team on his shoulders, Drew calmly and improbably sank his own half court shot to match Dan's, mass hysteria ensued and Orange and Blue Competition for that Session was declared a tie.



**Jenne (Atherton) Verney '88 passed** along the news that her nieces, **Essie, Burdine and Adele Atherton '12** were campers at S4G this past summer and it brought back many fond memories for her. Jenne is ecstatic that the girls are able to have the amazing Susquehannock experience as she did. She misses Lake Choconut but loves the fact that they got to see their father's (**John Atherton '79**) name written on cabin walls. Jenne and her husband Eric live on Nantucket with their daughter Jimmie. The husband and wife team run a landscaping

business and are already looking forward to sending Jimmie to S4G.

**Blake Shafer '95** returned to Bates College for his senior year, after serving as a S4B staff member. He led a group of Bates freshmen on a five day canoeing and hiking trip in northern Maine, spent the fall playing center back for the Club Soccer team and leading the Outing Club hiking trips on the weekends. Blake spent Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years at Camp and enjoyed sledding on the front hill near the Main Lodge with a number of Staff from both Camps and other alumni. During the winter months, Blake captained an intramural Basketball team competing for the most coveted championship t-shirt. He is finishing up his senior thesis and preparing for a trip to Berlin, Germany in April. Blake will also be spearheading the construction of the new Camp Organic Garden. Blake is looking forward to returning to Camp for Work Week in early June after he graduates from Bates.

After spending his first summer at S4B, **Nate Heinzelman '12** has visited Spain, played fall Baseball, did lots of cross-country and downhill skiing, played Gaston in a local production of *Beauty and the Beast*, took up Fencing, played the piano, participated in Cub Scouts and also went on a trip to Paris, France. Nate is very excited for Camp and looks forward to bringing his sister Molly for her first summer at S4G! Nate's favorite moment from last summer was the trip to the Chocolate Factory in Montrose, PA.



Nate in Cadaques near Barcelona

**Pete McNeely '00** played his final season of Football at Division 3 Carleton College in Minnesota this past fall. His final game was played in the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, home of the Minnesota Vikings. In addition to the stadium being smaller than it looks on television, Pete reports that the air extremely dry which makes it difficult to stay hydrated. After Football season, Pete learned how to play Squash this winter, which will keep him in shape to play Rugby in the spring. Pete visited **Josh Oryhon '01** in Philadelphia and shared a delicious luncheon at Lennie's Hoagies. Pete is currently finishing up his B.A. in Mathematics and is studying Combinatorial Species and Graph Enumeration, or as he puts it "counting a bunch of stuff." Pete graduates in June and is looking for employment, hoping to relocate to Philadelphia. Pete is planning to visit Camp this summer to ensure that **Andrew Hano '83** keeps his shoes in a straight line under his bed, his sister **Grace McNeely '05** doesn't leave wrinkles in her bed, and to show **Craig Williams '05** how to lift the weights Pete left in Lift Inn.

S4G was well represented by the Richter sisters, **Kelsey Richter '11** and **Eloise Richter '11**, who took to the stage in their school's performance of *The Little Mermaid*. In addition to the performing arts, Kelsey played Soccer, Lacrosse and Field Hockey. Her favorite Camp moment was the evening she sleep-walked into **Hannah Kirby's '06** bed. Eloise also played Field Hockey and has so many favorite memories from this past summer that she can't choose just one. Both sisters frequently keep in touch with many of their Camp friends, including **Abigail Hano '08**.

The aforementioned **Abigail Hano '08** is completing her fourth full season of Gymnastics. She competed at Level 5 this season against mostly girls older than her. She recently made her kips on the low and high bar for the first time during a competition! Abigail also played Field Hockey and Lacrosse during the year. She is looking

forward to sixth grade when she can compete on Summit School's athletic teams.

**Drew Hano '11** played Lacrosse and Basketball, using the skills he learned at clinics as he played point guard. Drew also participated in First Tee, a Golf instructional program sponsored by the USGA. He received lessons from the Wake Forest University Men's Golf team at the Golf complex on campus.

Abigail and Drew extended their streaks of award winning in the Dixie Classic Fair's Gingerbread House Contest. Drew was awarded second place for his gingerbread golf cart, and Abigail received third place for her gingerbread tree house!



Here is a painting Abigail did. **Mary Powell '86** took the photo of Abigail at camp. Abigail won the ribbon at the Dixie Classic Fair (Oct, 2012) in the School Art Show in the Mixed Media division.

**Andrew Hano '83** continues his work as an eighth grade American History teacher at Summit School in Winston-Salem, NC. During the winter, he helped run a program called Lifetime Sports, a mix of fitness and other activities. The group took a number of trips, including Skeet Shooting, Bowling, Ice Skating and Skiing. Andrew assures his skeptical friends from the north that cold weather sports are indeed played in North Carolina. He will return for his third season as Girls Lacrosse coach, hoping to build on last season's 14-3-1 record.

The Hano family celebrated Thanksgiving at Bald Head Island, NC and Christmas at Vero Beach, FL. They also attended the third annual Skip Prosser Classic, cheering on the Wake Forest Men's Basketball team to a victory over **Paul Moeller's '00** beloved Xavier Musketeers. The Hanos hope everyone is having a healthy and exciting year and they all look forward to seeing everyone at Camp this summer!



Since Camp ended, **Paul Moeller '00** has been teaching 3rd and 4th grade social studies and science at Ethel M. Taylor Academy in Cincinnati, OH. In September, he was able to attend Homecoming Weekend at camp. Paul saw (in no particular order) **Francie Shafer '94, Abby Woodward '08, Josh Oryhon '01, Mark Moeller '00, Dan Logue '90, John Lloyd '99, Michael Whalen '04, Raj Marawaha '93, and Win Shafer '65**. He was even able to complete an adapted form of "the circuit" down at the lake with the help of Sam "Scooter" Loew '09. To round out 2012, he bumped elbows with esteemed camp veterans such as **Ben Lieb '98, Drew Hamm '97, Vinny McCrink '95, Jon Savitch '77, and Greg Moeller '09**. Paul then took an outstanding trip to Edinburgh, Scotland and Northern Ireland. **Paige Riley '2012** showed him around the coolest parts of both locations, including the majestic Edinburgh Castle, the lovely town of Newtownards, and the spectacular Giant's Causeway. They met up with **Gayle Scott '2012, Debs O'Neill '02, and Elaine Johnson '00** in Glasgow!

Paul's winter was complete when he met up with a rag-tag bunch on President's Day Weekend for a little ice hockey on Tripp Lake. **Nora Saunders '95** was there, along with several others already mentioned. This just in: P-Moe is still looking for the person that stole his pillow from Cab Inn in the summer of 2004. The thief is still at large and is likely very well-rested. He misses that pillow very much. Whoever you are, please return his pillow.

**John Titman '36** passes along the news that after spending all or a portion of the summer at Tripp Lake since the mid 1930s, he has turned in his keys to the Titman Cottage - originally built for his father in 1957. John says he has wonderful and indelible memories of Camp as a Sub-Junior, Junior and Intermediate camper, in addition to working as a farm hand during the two wartime summers, and the many summers spent as a resident in the Titman Cottage.

**Steve Dandridge '04** has returned to his alma mater as a coach of the Springside Chestnut Hill Academy Tennis team. Steve lives with fellow Camp alumni **Ryan Prendergast '03** near Manayunk, PA.

**Jim and Mary Powell '86** are enjoying the retired life and spending time with their three beautiful granddaughters.



Mary is busy with her new D7000 Nikon Camera taking pictures of the girls. Jim still works as a crossing guard, performs with the Hill School chorus occasionally, and also the

Bell Choir at their church. Their dog Matilda May continues to grow and keeps them busy.



Matilda May showing Susquehannock pride.

Jim and Mary are especially looking forward to meeting their new twin grandchildren, as son **Whitaker Powell '86** and daughter-in-law Stephanie are currently expecting once again! The Powells cannot wait to visit Camp this summer - hope to see you there!



**Whitaker Powell '86** is teaching fifth grade at Episcopal Academy in addition to coaching the Girls and Boys Varsity Tennis teams with **Tim Kent '73**. The girls won the League title this past year and the boys will field a strong team in the spring. At the urging of **Mia Kent '95**, TK and Whit started a Paddle Tennis program that has grown significantly in the last few years. As a result, several other local schools have established teams allowing for matches once a week. The coaches hope to gain Interscholastic status very soon. Whit continues to run Tennis camps during the

summer which limits his visits to Camp, much to his chagrin. Wife Stephanie and Whit live in Malvern, PA with their two daughters, Caroline age 5, and Sydney age 2. Caroline began Kindergarten at Episcopal this year. The family is expecting twins in May so their house will become quite busy! Whit is hoping to visit Camp this summer with Caroline so that she can get a taste of Susquehannock. Whit remains in close contact with **Jon Savitch '77, Andrew Hano '83, Tony Meyers '77, Eric Rozen '79, Harrison Williams '67 and Adam Brownold '90**. Savy and his dog Darby spend most Sundays at their house during Football season cheering on the Philadelphia Eagles. Whit sees **John Lloyd '99** on a daily basis as he is a fifth grade intern at Episcopal this year.

Other than their time at Camp, the other highlight of the Rozen family's year was a visit to Australia. They toured the east coast while visiting family and friends. As pictured below, the Rozens proudly advertised the Susquehannock Camps during their travels. They also learned to throw a boomerang - one of the few skills not taught at Camp!



*Susquehannock pride outside Sydney Opera House*

During the trip, **Seth Rozen '11** fell in love with the game of Cricket, while **Dara Rozen '09** preferred jungle surfing in the Daintree Rainforest and jumping waves in the South Pacific Ocean.

Back at home in Rochester, Dara Rozen took up the game of Field Hockey this year and

continued her involvement in Softball, Skiing, Drama, playing guitar and studying Hebrew. Dara has loved being in fourth grade this year and was excited to have her former counselor, **Justine Shank '11** visit while on a trip to play against the University of Rochester in Squash. Much to the delight of her Orange and Blue cheering section, Justine won her match!

Seth Rozen has played Soccer, Baseball, been Skiing numerous times, and participated in Drama while loving first grade, especially because he gets to play Kickball every day at recess.

**Eric Rozen '79** is employed at the University of Rochester and **Tarryn Larson Rozen '98** continues her work for the Susquehannock Camps. The husband and wife duo coached and managed Dara's Softball team and enjoyed exploring Great Barrier Reef on a dive and then climbing one of the most famous bridges in the world, Sydney Harbour Bridge.

**Justine Shank '11** started her freshman year at Hobart and William Smith College after returning as part of the S4G staff. She played on Varsity Squash team, playing six on the ladder. As mentioned earlier, Justine won her first collegiate match against the University of Rochester. The Squash season was a great success: both Justine and her team enjoyed winning seasons. Justine continued her great play at Nationals, when she went undefeated helping her team win their division and the Epps Cup.



*Justine and Dara at University of Rochester*

**Ryan Rubbo '11** passes along the news that middle school "rocks!" He is currently playing Hockey and had a really good season this past winter. Ryan also went on a family reunion vacation to the Outer Banks, NC this spring.

**Jack Simonds '06** is in his senior year at the Taft School in Watertown, CT. After graduating, Jack will be attending Middlebury College in the fall. Jack will be playing Lacrosse in the spring and hopes to form a Susquehannock team to play in tournaments. He cannot wait for the summer to begin and looks forward to being a part of the S4B staff once again!

**Maud Simms '08** is hopes to return as a S4G Counselor this summer after she graduates from Springside Chestnut Hill Academy. She is busy juggling athletics, senior year activities, a family vacation and preparing for her freshman year at University of Pennsylvania. Her mother Amy is an avid Camp supporter and wanted to share with the Susquehannock community that Maud was accepted to attend Penn via early decision! The Simms family is delighted that Maud will be close to home for the next four years. Even though it's not the Orange and Blue of Susquehannock, Penn's colors are red and blue - which is pretty close!



2012 Canoe Trip

As mentioned earlier, **Trish Pearson Percevecz '07** and **Tim Percevecz '72** won't be back at Camp this year but **Cassidy Percevecz '07** will be!

This summer Trish will be spending a month in Siberia on a Fulbright Scholarship. She is

teaching and her students' Advanced Placement scores were among the highest in all of Texas. Outside of the classroom, Trish remains involved with Student Council and was recently honored with an "Inspirational Teacher" award. By the time you read this, she will have traveled to Turkey over Spring Break. Tim completed a year of student teaching before becoming certified to teach Art. He has been hired to teach at a local elementary school. Tim will continue his schooling this summer at the Ringling School of Art + Design. In addition to maintaining straight As, Cassidy was involved in Choir and Lacrosse. The clinics led by Kim Richter and **Moira Mahoney '07** have been very influential on Cassidy, as she is a stand-out player on her team. She remains in contact with Camp friends through Instagram and email, but can't wait to see everyone in person this summer!

The family is planning trips to northern Italy for Spring Break in 2014 and Thailand later that summer.

Sadly, the family said goodbye to their beloved dog Buzzby, a mainstay at S4G, who passed away this past year. The Perceveczs want to publicly thank **Carroll Bedford '04** for nursing him and making his last days so wonderful. Adding to the loss, the family's other dog Fooloo passed away a month after Buzzby. They have been comforted by the arrival of a new dog, very similar to Buff Weigand's Ward.

Trish and Tim will miss Camp and Tripp Lake this year, but look forward to hearing all about it from Cassidy.

**Megan Hicks Maham '91** had her second child, baby girl Scarlet Beverly Maham on March 11, 2013. Congratulations and see you both at S4G in 2020!

**Jessica Strome '11** played on her school's Basketball team, ran a 6:24 mile and was a member of an all-star Softball team. She misses Camp very much!

**Rob Hopkins '77** says that after many years spent working as a Paramedic, he decided a career change was in order. Rob graduated from law school in 2012 and recently opened his own practice in Delaware County, PA. Rob keeps in touch with friends from Camp and hopes to introduce his wife Kate, to the beauty of Tripp Lake in the near future. Rob sent along the following photo he had amongst his Camp memorabilia. Thanks for sharing!



*Pirates of Penzance, late 70's*

**Rob Kent '73** had a long chapter of his life come to a close just before Christmas, as he left the warehouse in Menlo Park, CA where he lived for most of the last seventeen years. With the herculean efforts of friends, former students and parents of former students - including Camp alumni **Ben Sattler '02, Clark Willison '02, Marcus and Nicholas Carlini '06, Adrian Miner '08** - RK was able to get all his possessions into storage with enough time to head east for the holidays. RK spent the holidays with a 18-strong contingent, 12 of whom are alums of Susquehannock. January was spent at his alma mater Williams College, teaching "Aikido and the Art of Persuasive Political Speech." RK is now settled in Rockville, MD, where he is working with **John Wentz '76**, a former camper from his first cabin of Tumble Inn '80. The company supplies ergonomic aerospace sanding equipment to the likes of Boeing, Airbus, Gulfstream, Northrop Grumman and the United States Navy. RK is very much looking forward to returning for his 38th summer in June!

**Ben Lieb '98** has had quite an eventful year thus far: his Philadelphia-Whitemarsh Rugby team advanced to the USA Rugby National Championship last June and they are the #1 seed for the Mid-Atlantic Region heading into playoffs this spring. He also made the US Maccabi Rugby Team, a Jewish Olympic Rugby team, and has traveled to Chicago and San Diego for training camps. Ben is currently starting his own company and trying to keep up with **Craig Williams '05** in Crossfit. Ben recently saw alumni **Josh Oryhon '01, Jordan Gladys '12, Seth Brownold '94, John Lloyd '99, Michael Whalen '04, Dan Logue '90, and Ned Clark '89**. Ben reports that the coolest experience from the past year was joining **Paul Moeller '00** and **Greg Moeller '09** to watch **Mark Moeller '00** graduate from the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.

**Steve Schwartz '76 and Brian Schwartz '82** are happy to report that their 5 year jackets still fit after all these years!



**Ignacio "Iggy" Velasco '84 checks in with** the news that he and wife Marina have been living in Denver, CO for almost 10 years. They have a 4 year old son named Ignacio Nicolas. Iggy currently works at DISH Network on the DishLATINO marketing team. Some of his best memories are from Camp and one of his dreams is to take his son to Susquehannock as a camper one day. Iggy remains a wonderful ambassador for Susquehannock and continues to spread the word whenever possible. He frequently visits the website and

Facebook Page and enjoys looking through old photos, as well as reading about Camp family is currently up to. Iggy sends his very best to everyone!

More good news: **Nathan Dana '98** was awarded the National Science Foundation STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Scholarship.



*Nate and Henry Dana '99 in Arches National Park*

Nate is a senior this year and undecided as to where he will attend college. He was on the Cross Country team, skied during the winter and is playing Ultimate Frisbee during his senior spring. Nate is looking forward to having his brother **Henry Dana '99** join him at Camp again this summer!

**Peter Murray '11** played Football, Rugby and was on the Wrestling team. He was also in his school play and is taking an acting workshop. Peter will be a cast member in his school's performance of a play by William Shakespeare in the spring. Other than the sports and acting, all he really wants to do is be at Camp right now!

S4B camper, **Elliot Barr '11** had a once-in-a-lifetime experience in March, when he was part of a delegation of representatives from the Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation that visited the White House. The Stanley Cup champion Los Angeles Kings were also present to meet with President Barack Obama after their victory in last season's finals. The delegation participated in a question-and-answer session in the White House and then had a street hockey clinic with members of the Kings, organized by the National Hockey League's official youth

development program Hockey is for Everyone (HIFE).



**George Shafer '36 and Dede Shafer '54** reported that they had recently reconnected with a well known Camp family, the Thatchers. Dede wrote: *Many of the older camp staff remember Gingie Thatcher '33 well. Gingie was quite a remarkable lady. She and her husband, Dr. Harold Thatcher '24, head of the history department at Wilkes College, lived for many years in the brown cottage (where Paul Travis '05 now lives). He was one of the fine, longtime tutors at Susquehannock. Gingie, a teacher for many years at Wyoming Seminary, was one of camp's best recruiters. At camp, she was the "lost and found" lady, a pianist for hymns at the Sunday church services, a caring "camp mother" to homesick campers, and a very happy and positive influence on all around her. She and Hal had two sons, George Thatcher '47 and Sanford "Sandy" Thatcher '50. It was these camp alum that Mr. George and Dede reconnected with.*

*George Thatcher went to Yale, then embarked upon a business career focused on small-cap companies. He became CFO of three firms, then CEO of two firms. He said by 1989 he was ready to retire. George, his wife, Hanne, and their two children, Erik Thatcher '84 and Melissa Thatcher '86, were lifelong outdoor enthusiasts (beginning at Susquehannock, of course!). They relocated from Boston to Glenwood Springs, CO, up in the mountains midway between*

*Aspen and Vail. He writes that his years as a Susquehannock camper were highlighted by unusually excellent coaching in a number of sports. He also came away with a very competitive spirit which proved useful during his business career ("I'll never forget those legendary orange and blue competitions!") He also developed a genuine love of the outdoors which influenced his move to Colorado. George's children both attended Susquehannock. His son, Erik, graduated from Colorado Mountain College in 1997, has been working for Kroger in Colorado Springs. Melissa, graduated from University of Colorado Boulder in 1999. She has become an elite downhill skier and enjoys a number of other sports. She worked for some time for an immigration law firm as a paralegal and now works for the Town of Vail.*

*The Thatcher's second son, Sandy graduated from Wyoming Seminary and Princeton, then two years in graduate school at Columbia. He spent 22 years at the Princeton University Press followed by 20 years at Penn State as Director of the Penn State University Press. He retired in 2009, and now resides with his wife, Robin, and three children in Frisco, TX, a suburb of Dallas, where he continues part-time as an editor for several university presses. Sandy is very active and successful in Masters swimming competition. The Dallas Morning News wrote that Sandy, age 68, keeps fit with hour-long swims and weight workouts. Sandy wrote to George Shafer, "I'm more active in masters swimming competition than ever, swimming in about a dozen meets each year." Sandy learned to swim, of course, in Tripp Lake!*

Sandy also shared his news with the *Who's Who in Orange and Blue* and in his own words, he wrote:

**Sanford Thatcher '50** learned to swim at Camp and first crossed Tripp Lake at age 6. During his summers as a Counselor, he would often swim the Lake multiple times, occasionally even doing Butterfly the entire

way. He swam that stroke in high school at Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, PA and then later at Princeton University. Sanford became a Masters Swimmer in 1972 and has competed for the last several years in the Dallas area of Texas, where he belongs to the Plano Wetcats and the Frisco Amateur Summer Swim Team. He broke two of his own state records in his age group in the Texas Winter Games this year. He turned 70 in August and is looking forward to competing as the youngest member of a new age group.

**Until next spring, have a happy, healthy and safe year.**