

Who's Who in **ORANGE** and **BLUE**

2019 Edition

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**Multi-Sport Athletic Development
and Confidence-Based Learning
for Children Between the Ages
of Seven and Sixteen**

*The Who's Who in Orange and Blue
is a publication for all campers,
alumni, parents and friends of
The Susquehannock Camps*

From *the* Director's Desk

Hello friends and family of Camp Susquehannock!

I got up this morning and decided it's time to write the introduction to *Who's Who in Orange and Blue* for summer #114.

As I thought about what to write, I began to contemplate what the *Who's Who* newsletter is really about.

Is it about the history of camp?

No, Dede Shafer covered all of that in her book.

Is it about the campus, the cabins, beautiful Tripp Lake? No!

Is it about the awards, chicken feeds, orange and blue competition? No!

It's about you!

It's about your Camp experience... it's about summer... it's about your desire to connect, not only with friends, but with the binding spirit and soul of the Camp that connects us all. It's about you, the people who are Camp Susquehannock!

You are all fantastic and continue to amaze me! Your gracious support, enthusiasm and love of Susquehannock is not only touching but contagious. You are hardy souls; you embody the fundamentals that Susquehannock was founded on in 1905 and it's you who continue to make Camp Susquehannock what it is and what it will be for many years to come.

As you read through this year's *Who's Who* newsletter, I want you to give a big shoutout to some people who have gone beyond the call of duty this off-season. Their selfless dedication is a testament to their passion for Camp! **Patricia Kittridge, Jay & Jennifer Percy, Jacquie Meehan, Andrew Hano, Heather DelGrande, Jon Savitch, Josh O, Paul Travis, Ames Parson, Tarryn Rozen, Amy Cockerill, Tim Kent, Win & Cannie Shafer, Francie Shafer, Bob & Carolyn Hayden, Jim & Mary Powell, Whit Powell, Allan Shafer, Rich Pittenger, Pat Valentine, Harrison Williams, Eric Solomon, Nora Dunnan, Tony Meyers** and all those who have graciously given time and donations to Camp.

Now, before you begin to read through this year's *Who's Who in Orange and Blue*, I want you to simply sit back, smile... and hold that smile for five seconds.

I want you to smile because this issue of *Who's Who in Orange and Blue* is about YOU! Enjoy!

Sincerely,

Jeff Bell '78

Director, The Susquehannock Camps



Meet our new Camp Director!

Jeff Bell '78 is a family man, entrepreneur and lifelong athlete. During the 1970's, Jeff spent seven summers at Camp Susquehannock as a camper. He graduated from The Lawrenceville School (Lawrenceville, NJ) in 1982 and was a member of the Basketball, Baseball and Track teams. From there, he went on to play Baseball at Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, TX) before transferring and graduating in 1987 from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

As an entrepreneur, Jeff comes to Susquehannock with a great deal of experience in leading organizations and businesses. This includes Board Experience, Strategic Planning and Leadership, Fundraising, Recruiting, Major Event Planning and Design, Managing and Motivating Employees, Coaching, Volunteer Management, Direct Marketing and Business Development.

Jeff and his wife Kim live in Center Valley, PA and have been married since 1989. They have two daughters, Courtney and Lauren.

CALLING ALUMNI and FRIENDS of CAMP!

All Alumni and
Friends of Camp
(18+ years)
are invited
to Work Week

Dates:
Friday June 14
to
Saturday June 27

Place:
2308 Tripp Lake Road
Brackney, PA 18812

Please bring
your own bedding

RSVP HERE

*This is required so we
can cater accordingly.*

We hope you enjoy
the articles in this year's
Who's Who in Orange and Blue
and hope to see many of you
this summer as we celebrate the 114th
summer since our founding in 1905.



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That time is near again as we look for alumni of all ages to give back to this special place by donating their time to help prepare the facilities for the next generation of campers.

Whether it is for a day, weekend, the whole week or any part of it - we have something that you can do.

Last year's group was strong - ***Allen Mayhue, Mark Moeller, Stevie Dandridge, Rich Pittenger, Jeff Bell, Tom Forte, Ben Faber, Mackenzie Abernathy, Garner Kaiser, Gavin Hatfield, Emma Stevenson, Paul Moeller, Chic Elliott, Jr., Pat Valentine, Eric Rozen, Tim Duddy, Jeanmarie Perrone, Beau Pettinos*** - truly: the more the merrier!

There are plenty of projects for all skill-sets and experience levels, plus your aching bones will be soothed by the refreshing waters of Tripp Lake.

Come back for a little work, a lot of memories and reunite with fellow alumni as we prepare Camp for its 114th summer.

HONORING WIN and CANNIE *on their retirement*











ALUMNI WEEKEND and OLYMPIC GAMES *August 9th - 11th*

All S4G and S4B alumni (plus spouses) are invited to enjoy a fun-filled weekend at Susquehannock. Come compete with each other on the fields and courts, and of course, in an Olympic Treasure Hunt.

The Olympics will be structured as a team event. Create a team with friends on your own or let us know you would like to participate and we will find a team for you.

Equipment, field/court space, scheduling, and officials provided by the Susquehannock staff. Teams will consist of 4-6 players (rosters of 7 or 8 will have subs). Even if you don't want to compete, you are still welcome to visit for the weekend and cheer on your favorite team.

In addition to the Olympic competition, the weekend will also include: meals, lodging in cabins, the cool, refreshing waters of Tripp Lake, meals (including cookouts), social hours, and plenty of laughs and old stories of past glories.

Please RSVP by Friday, July 5th to

jbell@susquehannock.com

or

harrison.williams55@gmail.com

Cost: \$50 per person plus a friendly donation



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WHO'S COMING to CAMP?

Check out the most recent version
Camper List

Still need to sign up a camper?
Register Here

did you KNOW?

The alumni newsletter
was once named
“Camp Courier”.

The name changed to
Who's Who in Orange and Blue
in the 1970's.

Never Leave Home Without It!

Wear that **#campgear** proudly and help spread the word about
Susquehannock!

Every year we continue to receive photos of alumni wearing their
#campgear all over the world. Join the club and send in a photo of
yourself wearing your favorite piece of Susquehannock clothing in
the most unique place you can think of!

Send photos to oandb@susquehannock.com

We want to encourage more of you to pull out that favorite Camp
shirt, hat, Loyal Guard jacket and wear it proudly. It really does
help spread the word about Susquehannock and it's been known
to connect a few alumni too.

If you are in the market for new Susquehannock merchandise this
year, check out our new **online store at Champion!**



2018 COMPETITION RESULTS

S4G First Half
Orange 190 defeats Blue 150

Sportsmanship Award:
Charlotte Reitmeyer

Spirit Award:
Mikayla Brown

Counselor Award:
Laura Boles

Golden Broom:
Cab Inn

S4B First Half
Blue 280 defeats Orange 130

Sportsmanship Award:
Adrian Artsisheuskiy

Fireball Award (Offensive Player):
Nick Mandel

Brick Award (Defensive Player):
Jack Leggett

Cabin Inspection:
Ship Inn

S4G Second Half
Orange 330 defeats Blue 200

Sportsmanship Award:
Kate Edenson

Spirit Award:
Virginia Lawrence

Golden Broom:
Cab Inn

S4B Second Half
Blue 360 defeats Orange 200

Sportsmanship Award:
Connor Hanrahan

Fireball Award (Offensive Player):
Drew Hano

Brick Award (Defensive Player):
Nick Mandel

Cabin Inspection:
Bunk Bunny

did you
KNOW?

Camp has a dedicated Flickr page
where you can look up past cabin photos and get your
fix with newer images of all the fun at Tripp Lake.

Want to see more Camp photos?

[Click here.](#)

The Time I Liked Myself Best

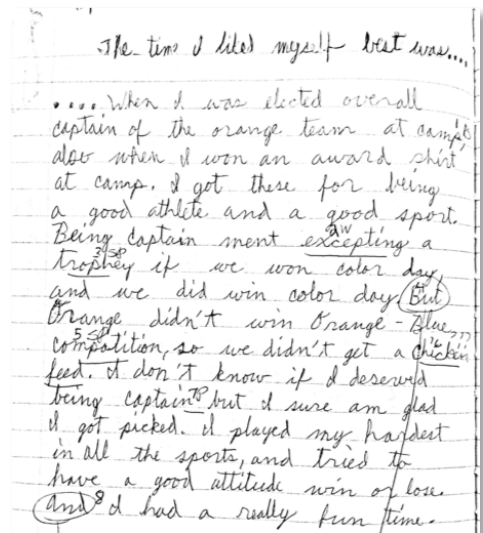
by Andrew Hano '83

My summers spent at Camp Susquehannock have made me witness too many confidence building moments in the lives of our campers. A camper who spent not days or weeks, but two and a half full summers learning to swim and completed his twenty laps. A camper who could only climb part way up the tower wall in the past reaches the top for the first time. A group of boys in a cabin that rarely scores well in inspection makes a late session run to claim the cleanest cabin title. These identifiable challenges were met, and the campers walked a little taller with confidence because of their accomplishments.

Some confidence building moments happen unexpectedly. I recently came across an essay I wrote in 1983 at the start of sixth grade following my first summer at Camp Susquehannock.

“The time I liked myself best was...

When I was elected overall captain of the Orange team at Camp, also when I won an award shirt at Camp. I got these for being a good athlete and a good sport. Being captain meant accepting a trophy if we won Color Day, and we did win Color Day. But Orange didn't win Orange-Blue competition, so we didn't get a Chicken Feed. I don't know if I deserved being captain but I sure am glad I got picked. I played my hardest in all the sports, and tried to have a good attitude win or lose. And I had a really fun time.”



Thirty-five years later I still remember how surprised I was when these honors were announced. The award shirt no longer fits and Camp no longer holds Color Day, but the confidence I gained from that experience remains with me today.

These experiences, expected or unexpected, are part of a camper's self-discovery that happens at Camp. Susquehannock is a multi-sport camp where we teach basketball, soccer, tennis, swimming, and so on; however, sports are the venue we use to teach life lessons. I recently read in Joe Ehrman's book *Insideout Coaching* that,

“For Socrates, a team was a virtuous community critical to the civic, moral, and spiritual development of the city-state. Friendship was the foundation of a team and self-knowledge was a prerequisite to becoming a true friend.”

I immediately thought of Susquehannock. A camper's self-discovery, be it confidence or empathy or cooperation, leads to a better understanding of himself, which in turn results in the deep and meaningful friendships formed at Camp. These friendships build the foundations of cohesive teams, like Pepper Box cleaning up for inspection or the Orange and Blue Chiefs facing off on the hockey court or Table 11 sitting down for a meal in the dining hall. A sense of self, a sense of friendship, and a sense of belonging to a team all combine to form a strong community. Empowering the young men of Susquehannock with these lessons they will be better versions of themselves, and, if I may quote my eleven-year-old self, ***“[have] a really fun time”!***

Lessons My Kids Learned at Camp

by Jay Percy '84

I have spent much of the last four decades at Camp Susquehannock. During that time, I have seen a lot of campers, staff members, parents, and senior staff members come and go. We have implemented a lot of great new ideas and programs. Some have lasted while others fade to be replaced by new great ideas and programs. Some things though, seem as timeless as the hilltop and the lake. That is what I wanted to write about when Jeff asked me to contribute to the O&B newsletter this year. What are some of those enduring things? To help out, I figured I would ask the three campers that live with me the 10 months of the year when Camp is not in session. On a recent ride to school I asked them simply "What is the most important lesson you have learned from Camp?" They did not fail in providing the kind of timeless answers that I was seeking.

"Camp has taught me courage and sportsmanship."

Ryan is nine years old and literally grew up at Camp. I found out he was going to be a boy not from my wife, but over a loudspeaker announcement during a lunch in 2009. He has the kind of personality you get from spending the first six summers of your life with 50 older sisters as you toddle around the girls Camp. Whenever I could not find him, I could just look in the nearest cabin to discover him being dressed up in costumes and possibly having a new coat of nail polish applied.

But there came a day that it was time for Ryan to head up the hill and join S4B. That took courage. It was tough leaving his parent's cottage and Table 3 where parents still cut your food for you. Also tough to leave the joy of being the most popular guy in S4G. To a six year old, S4B's Tumble Inn is pretty far away from our cottage in S4G. The boys dining hall is filled with very large, very noisy, and very hungry boys. You also just can't roam from table to table in S4B for extra desserts like you can as a four year old in S4G.

Camp is full of opportunities to test your courage. Those opportunities might be as simple as trying an unusual food, making a new friend, playing goalie for the first time, or walking to the club in the middle of the night. Or, they may be as daunting as climbing the tower, swimming the lake, and walking to the club in the middle of the night. At Camp, kids face challenges that test their courage all summer long and they are better off for it. Of course for Ryan, as a three year old flying down the zipline, it may have helped to not know enough to be scared. Setting that age record may have had more to do with Savy's courage in facing my wife than it did Ryan's.

As for sportsmanship, Camp is a 24 hour a day sportsmanship laboratory. In a summer at Camp, you are going to win a lot and you are going to lose a lot. You are going to have individual triumphs on the field that will challenge your humility and bad calls or tough losses that will challenge your graciousness. Every game will end in a handshake and a cheer for the opposing team. Every session will end with the announcement of one victorious color followed by a chicken feed for both teams that celebrates not the victory, but instead the competition.

did you
KNOW?

Why **ORANGE** and **BLUE**?

The three founders of Camp Susquehannock attended either Princeton (orange) or Yale (blue) and chose their school colors to represent Camp!

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“Teamwork and cooperation are the most important lessons I have learned at Camp.”

Elizabeth, or E as she is known at Camp, is 13 years old and has been a camper since she was about five. She is my Camp “middle child” both because of her birth order in the family but also because she is currently in those sweet spot middle years at Camp.

Sports is one of the most important things in E’s life. She plays soccer, basketball, and lacrosse both in and out of school during the winter. E has watched me coach Upper School lacrosse her whole life and knows my favorite players are not the stars but rather the players willing to do whatever is asked of them. She has learned from her mother what it means to be dedicated and put the family (a kind of team) above the individual. She has learned that being a part of a team is something that happens throughout life.

Camp is like a team sport. It can’t be accomplished on your own. At Camp, you will be placed on a team but it won’t simply be as an Orange Owl or a Blue Chief. Along with your sports team, you will be assigned a table and a cabin for a whole session. To be successful at Camp, you will have to find a place and function on these teams and it will require a lot of cooperation to make it all work. At the table you might have to play out of position and end up cutting chicken into bite sizes for one of your younger tablemates or having to B when the seniors are all on the canoe trip. In the cabin you might have to do double duty dusting and clothes line cleanup because one of your teammates has been sidelined in the infirmary. As you get older, you will become a team captain and later you might be on staff where you play the role of coach, mentor, and parent. Camp provides opportunities to fill many roles on various types of teams in an environment where it is safe to fail.

“At Camp, I learned persistence and how to live with others. Also how to be a leader.”

Kaitlyn, or KCP at Camp, will be a 16-year-old CIT this summer. Her last summer as a camper. She started in the cabins soon after we returned as a family in 2008 so unlike her siblings, her Camp experience has mostly been as a camper, not years as a staff child following her parents around hoping to finally become a real camper. Her crew of friends, including a lot of the current JC’s and 1st year counselors, are the group of campers I have been around the longest. As a teacher, I would compare my relationship to this group a lot like the first graduating class that you taught in lower or middle school. There is always something special about that group.

Persistence is a good thing to have learned by the time you reach this level as a camper. Her crew has been together for so long that her cabin mates are more like a group of Camp sisters rather than girls simply assigned together based on age. They have seen it all, done it all, and fallen down many times in the process. It certainly takes learning to get along with each other and trying again when you fail. It is that learned persistence that gets them back up on the horse again - sometimes literally - and that is what develops grit. Camp is a great place to develop persistence and grit. Although hard to define, grit has been heavily researched in recent years and is the best predictor for a child of future success. As a parent, that is what I am looking for in my children and Camp is a great place to acquire grit.

Lessons My Kids Learned at Camp

by Jay Percy '84

As my oldest child and one of my oldest campers, it was really encouraging to hear KCP add leadership to her answer. When you make it to the top of the camper cabins, you are a leader. The younger campers look up to you whether you want them to or not. In many cases, the younger campers idolize the older campers with a passion seldom seen outside of a Camp setting. There are few places in society today where children get opportunities to be with other children who are significantly older or younger than themselves who are not also family. At school, sports, church, and clinics, we tend to group kids according to their age. At Camp, older campers and younger campers mix all of the time. They sit at tables that are purposely spread out by age. They compete on mixed age teams on our special days, they spend evening activities with campers of all ages. My favorite camp author, Michael Thompson, says in *Homesick and Happy* that camps like ours (traditional, overnight, long sessions) are tribal. Thompson says that there are four generations at Camp; the little kids - young camper, the older kids - oldest campers and young cabin staff, the adults - older cabin staff and younger senior staff, and finally the grandparents - our most seasoned senior staff members. At any camp meal you could be in a conversation with all four of those generations at the same time. You interact with all four generations on a daily basis. Kaitlyn is transitioning within our tribe from camper to staff and that requires her to be a leader. Luckily at Camp she has had many opportunities to lead as an older camper and had dozens of fabulous older campers and staff members, her heroes, to model positive leadership for her and help her shape her own leadership style.

What is interesting about the responses from my kids, is how they represent the different stages they are in as campers. Ryan is looking for confidence and competence. It is a good day remembering to brush your teeth without a reminder and taking care of his personal space and belongings in the cabin. Like a typical middle schooler, E is looking to fit in and accomplish more complex goals as a group. KCP is transitioning from camper to counselor and looking to give back what she has learned to value at Camp. As a parent, I am happy that Camp has challenged them appropriately to develop their skills and helped them become individuals with high character. Despite all of the progress of the last 114 years, these are lessons that are as needed now as they were in 1905. I am glad that a place like Camp continues to offer those life lessons and skills.

did you
KNOW?

Older editions of WWOB can be found on the Camp [website](#). If you have an old edition we are missing, please let us know.

Note to Alumni

Every year we receive a number of inquiries from alumni and friends of Susquehannock about visiting the campus and Tripp Lake. While visitors are certainly welcome, we do ask anyone interested contact the Main Office at least one week in advance.

(570) 967-2323 or email jacquie@susquehannock.com

Thank you for your understanding. We hope to see you this summer!

History Corner

by Dede Shafer '54

The Frank Shafer Cottage Celebrates 100 Years!

Campers today may not have noticed the large cottage down past the Girls' camp, close to the lake. This two-story cottage was built in 1919 by Frank Shafer, King Shafer's brother, after he was married. Frank loved the lake and had been living on a raft in a tent and knew that would have to change. He decided to build a cottage on a prime location along the lakeshore that had a beautiful view of the entire lake. At first, it was just two rooms down, and two above, and a wide porch, all built right out of the surrounding woods. Very quickly he realized the need for more space and built an addition for a dining room and kitchen, with master bedroom above – and more porches. Frank and Dorothy Shafer went on to have three children, Katharine, Allen and Dorothy, known as "Tootie". They lived and entertained in this pretty rustic home every summer till they died. Thereafter, their children or other Camp staff members enjoyed living in this old house. It is now on land owned by the George Shafer Family and is holding up quite well for being *One Hundred Years old!* We will celebrate on that porch this summer and welcome guests.

In addition to the main cottage, Frank built a garage and a playhouse for his daughters. This playhouse was eventually enlarged to two rooms and closet, and became a guest house. When George and Dede Shafer married in 1953, they lived summers there. King Shafer chuckled and dubbed it "The Rose-Covered Cottage". And so it remains, though there never were roses there!

Frank also built a tennis court the same way as the Camp courts with brick dust and clay. When the court was neglected for a few years after Frank's death, Dorothy threatened to put gardens upon it. Fortunately, George Shafer, and his brother-in-law, Ward Speer, objected and went right to work renewing the court. This beautiful "Lake Court" continues to be used today with the tremendous ongoing help of nephew, George Saunders.

Frank also had built a picnic area near his house, with a stone fireplace, two large stone tables and benches. He said he had the willing help of some of his Haverford School students at Camp because of the treats that came after their hard work! S'mores were still made there in 2018!



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Challenge to the campers of the 1960's *by George Saunders '60*

As a camper from 1960-1969, I am very interested in helping Susquehannock continue to thrive and grow in the years ahead. And I am willing to put some funding into this effort. I know that Camp has fairly limited email information on my fellow campers going this far back, so I am urging anyone who reads this issue of *Who's Who in Orange and Blue* who either went to Camp in the 1960's or who knows someone who did, but who we may not have contact info for, to please send us any and all info you can - especially email addresses! If we have your email but you have other friends or relatives who you think we do not have, please send their contact info to us. We are hoping to build a stronger alumni group and would love your help! So wrack your memories and help us re-connect with the 60's campers!

Please send contact information updates to: jacquie@susquehannock.com

I thank you for your help...

George

Grandson and son of counselors, brother of 2 campers, father of a camper, counselor and staffer. Relative of many, many more...and dreamer that we can all continue to help Camp thrive so that today's kids can benefit from the wonderful experiences we've all had.

Board Announcement

Whitaker James Powell '86 became a camper at Camp S4B on his 7th birthday. His first experience was as a day camper. That lasted one month, and with Mr. Ed's permission, he moved into Tripp Inn. The rest is history. He continued spending 17 summers at Camp as a camper, counselor, and Head of the Waterfront. Whitaker is now the newest member of the Susquehannock Board of Directors.

Outside of Camp, Whit is a 5th grade teacher and tennis coach at Episcopal Academy. This past year, he was named Philadelphia High School Coach of the Year.



Congratulations and welcome aboard, Whit!

Alumni, Staff and Camper News

Blake Shafer '95 is still living on the south island of NZ, and has had visits from some grizzled veterans this off season, including his papa **Win Shafer '65**, and **Mia Kent '95** and her then fiancée now husband Callum, who got to spend a week with him. Some highlighted Camp activity was a round of frof in the Queenstown park. A month later **Dan Logue '90** visited with his wife Laura and their one year old Cal! Dan's visit got Blake back into surfing!

Marin Abernathy '98 also visited earlier in the year. Otherwise great to see the whole camp family at **Francie Shafer '94** and Matts wedding in April 2018. Blake feels lucky to have had so many visitors this year!

Blake has been reminiscing on all of the Tennis matches over summers past. Blake has also been playing a bunch with friends in Fox Glacier and he is appreciative of all the clinics that are flooding back to help him out! He often plays in the evening and expects to get cut short by the dinner bell. Unfortunately, Blake can't hear the dinner bell in New Zealand!

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Since Camp has ended, **Gary Parks '13** has been working for the Montrose Minute Men Ambulance service as an EMT and is also volunteering at Silver Lake Fire/EMS, as well as Chenango Ambulance Services in Binghamton, NY. Gary is still coaching Wrestling at the Mountain View Area Junior/Senior High School in his free time.

Gary's favorite memory from working at Camp would have to be running the wrestling clinics and working with the staff in general.

Another favorite memory of Gary's is when he would get into tennis ball fights with P-Moe (**Paul Moeller '00**). There was ever a dull moment!

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Harrison "H" Williams '67 accepted the Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach position for the Montrose Meteors season starting in the fall. Looks like "H" is going to be living in Brackney at the farm house apartment below **Paul Travis '05** for another year! "H" is also developing lots of projects for the Art Barn and Woodshop, and is working with Paul Travis on his farm helping with the cows and pigs. "H" has also had a lot of fun skating on Tripp Lake this winter!

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Alumni, Staff and Camper News

After six years leading the Temple Grandin School in Boulder, Colorado, **Polly Shafer Dana '77** resigned as she and her husband John have decided they are ready for a new international adventure - Polly and John will be moving to Hanoi, Vietnam this summer and look forward to hosting Susquehannock world travelers!

Polly is thrilled to be the founding Director for the Delta Global School in Hanoi. DGS provides Vietnamese students grades 6-12 with a rigorous international academic program, a curated set of co-curricular activities, an intense immersive English language experience, and a focus on the development of character strengths within a dynamic entrepreneurial environment.



Partnering with Riverdale School in NYC, Doan Thi Diem School in Hanoi, and with the philanthropic support of local business, DGS provides a thriving dynamic academic environment that challenges its diverse community members to learn more effectively, preparing them both for university study and for life. At the same time, we encourage our students to become healthier, more thoughtful, and more ethical individuals with agency over their own lives. We are about transformative growth, the “delta” in young people from different backgrounds. DGS is more than a school, it is a learning experience that seeks to develop whole people who have started to find their own potential and look to change the world for the good.

Nathan Dana '98 is a software engineer in Arlington, Virginia, working for Radiant Solutions. **Henry Dana '99** will graduate from Hendrix College this May and will be leading wilderness trips for Overland Summers in Yellowstone.

Josh Reno '16 and his robotics team at Corpus were named the Grand Champion at the robotics qualifier at Archbishop Wood High School in December, earning them a spot in the regional championship at University of Pennsylvania in February. They won a design award at UPenn!

Josh has decided to attend LaSalle College High School as a member of the class of 2023.

Josh's favorite Camp memory is the Loyal Guard Chicken Feed!

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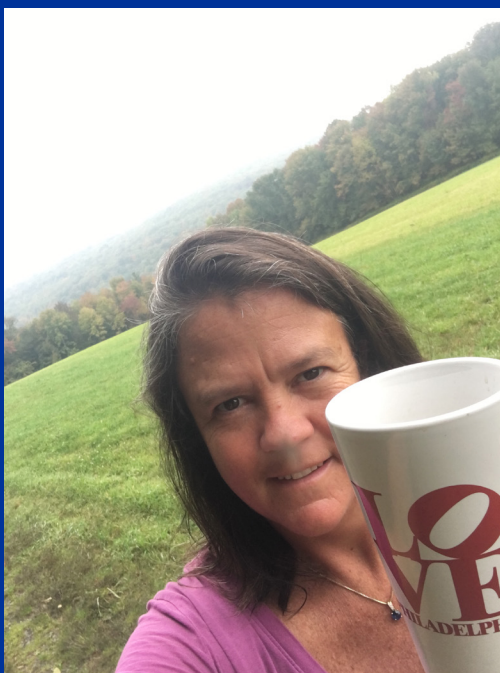
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It may be that the best part of RK's (**Robert Kent '73**) newly renovated very old barn home in Williamstown, MA is a slab of maple cut from a tree that came down in **Win '65** and **Cannie '82 Shafer's** backyard. The renovation project has taken up most of RK's free time, and for some of his visits to Camp this summer, he expects to be traveling down from Williamstown instead of up from Maryland.

RK continues to work with **John Wentz '77** building aerospace sanding equipment for Boeing and others, but looks forward to getting out of the office and up to Brackney as often as possible. As he's done many times before, RK came thru just after Christmas to pick up Aikido mats to teach on during a January class he taught on "The Martial Art of Politics - Aikido, Gandhi, and King" at Williams College, and was grateful to have help from **Harrison "H" Williams '67** and **Allan Shafer '70** unloading the mats back into the Main Lodge upon his return in February.

The big news in the Kent family is the arrival of Viola Ann Hart-Kent, RK's great niece, **Tim '73** and **Maude '87 Kent's** granddaughter, and **James Kent '95** and his wife Tessa Hart's first child. **Viola Ann ('2028?)** is of course adorable beyond measure, and RK is looking forward to meeting her a few days after the O&B submission deadline.



Trish Kittridge '11 is excited to be coming into her first full summer as the Operations Director and is looking forward to this summer at Camp. She has been working hard on a number of exciting projects for the summer. Highlights include: improvements in the garden including fruit trees, reorganization of the Kitchen to allow space for future cooking classes, completion of the boys shower room renovations, new Waterfront activities (Paddle boards and a new floating activity!), new camper beds in The Ship with increased storage and improvements to the Camp Store that will be highlighted on Opening Day.

2019 promises to be a great summer at Camp Susquehannock and beautiful Tripp Lake. Staff around the world are beginning to prepare for Camp and campers can expect loads of fun, reunions with old friends and new opportunities. We are all focusing on the future and can't wait to see you all!

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Catherine (Shafer) Cockerill '76 is semi-retired, currently consulting at Glaxo Smithkline at the Navy Yard in Philadelphia. The assignment will end just in time for her to spend the summer at Tripp Lake with her mother **Dede Shafer '54** and lots of other family!

Jessica Cockerill '92 is working for a pharmaceutical consulting firm where she enjoys the benefits of working from home. Because of this, Jess was able to spend the first half of 2019 living and working in Costa Rica! She has really enjoyed a warm winter with lots of sunsets and monkeys. She will be returning to her home in Philadelphia for the rest of the year, but plans to continue her travels. In May, Jess will be traveling to Paris with her sister **Amy Cockerill '94** for the first time, and has many more adventures planned this summer (including a few visits to Susquehannock)!

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Amy Cockerill '94 is still living in Philadelphia and works at a graphic design firm in Old City. In her spare time, Amy volunteers at a local animal shelter and is excited to be helping to create this year's *Who's Who* newsletter. This February, Amy travelled to Costa Rica to visit sister Jess, and is looking forward to their trip to Paris in May as well as some summer weekends at Tripp Lake.

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Congratulations to **Paul Moeller '00** and wife Alisha for welcoming future S4B camper Jack Hanson Moeller into the world on March 9, 2019! As of now, Jack's diet is exclusively bug juice and gnats - to prepare him for the August days in Brackney. Paul and Alisha imagine he will progress and start nibbling on Smeatloaf and Greg's asparagus, but he'll need to be at least 3 before he's introduced to jelly sandwiches. These things are earned, not given, people.

Paul was able to attend **Ben Lieb's '98** wedding in September, where he was able to rendezvous with a strong Susquehannock contingent. Despite living in Ohio, the Susquehannock family is vast, ever-growing, and eternally supportive!

Paul's favorite memory from last summer was his short visit during second session, highlighted by the Optional Overnight at 3 Rock! Work Week was pretty great too. Then again, it always is.

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Nora Dunnan '95, Morgan, and son Shafer (turned one in May 2019) are living in New York City and can't wait for the summer to visit Camp! Shafer is getting ready to walk soon and is looking forward to another dip in Tripp Lake. Nora's business, Five Iron Golf, opened a second location in the Financial District and will be opening a Philadelphia location hopefully by Fall 2019! That location will be run by **Allie Handman '97**, who now works for Five Iron full-time!

Fun fact: Nora's co-counselor in 2005 and 2006 was **Kat Kenney '05**, who is now her Five Iron business partner. Camp connections can be a huge help in life!

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This March, **Hadley Colman '13** attended the ACA Tri-State Conference with Camp friends. In May 2019, she will graduate with a Master's in Recreation (Environmental & Outdoor Education).

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After celebrating **Win '65** and **Cannie '82 Shafer** and welcoming **Jeff Bell '78** at the end of Summer #113, **Heather and Zoe DelGrande '13** headed to Montana to visit Heather's parents for two weeks. If you haven't been, summers in Montana are amazing. Go NOW!

Heather began a new position at Germantown Academy this past fall, which offers more involvement with the student body. Heather is loving it, especially because it still allows her to spend her summers at Susquehannock!

Zoe also began a new adventure this fall with a more competitive skating organization based in New York and Connecticut. It means more driving for Heather, but watching Zoe grow as a skater and teammate has been worth it.

Heather hosted a pizza party for last summer's Junior Counselors after Thanksgiving at her home and it was great to see those faces during the off-season. Heather was able to visit Camp this winter and even walked on a frozen Tripp Lake - a fun new experience. Heather met up with **Jeff Bell '78**, **Trish Kittridge '11**, **Paul Travis '05**, **Jay Percy '84** and **Hadley Coleman '13** at the American Camping Association Tr-State Conference camp conference in March. Heather is excited to bring some fresh ideas back to S4G this summer.

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Eric Rozen '79 finds himself on crutches after breaking his foot, but he's determined to show his students at the University of Rochester that if one is compliant with rehab, the road to recovery is a lot quicker. This is his 17th year as the Head Athletic Trainer.

Tarryn Larson Rozen '98 is still working in the finance industry and has found a way to marry her talents from Camp as their compliance person with her new career as she works towards becoming her firm's Chief Compliance Officer. Tarryn enjoys still being connected to Camp by helping the team gear up for their ACA compliance visit this summer and helping **Jeff Bell '78** with the human resource aspect of hiring staff for summer 2019.

Dara Rozen '09 is a sophomore in high school and has decided a few months ago that it was time she got a job. She has found a true love of working with children at a local after school care program and has a much greater appreciation for her Camp counselors. Softball season will be keeping her very busy soon, but this winter, she has enjoyed focusing on her art and is excited to have been selected to have a piece showing in a local gallery in a few week's time.

Seth Rozen '11 is finally old enough to participate in school sports. He enjoyed a successful fall soccer season, playing goalie for his team that went undefeated. He plans to try Track and Field this spring and continues to be successful in his academics, making high honor roll. Some of his highlights this past year included swimming with sea turtles in the Bahamas (it's his favourite animal) and attending S4B full season. He's excited to spend 7 weeks at Tripp Lake again this summer, after he is called to the Torah for his Bar Mitzvah in June 2019.



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Mia Kent '95 and Callum Steven were married on January 8, 2019 in St Andrews, Scotland, where the bride and groom first met. The nuptials were celebrated with a small reception with a hog roast in the Boy Scouts Hall for friends and family.

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Camp in the off-season is like a whole different world. **Paul Travis '05** is lucky to have the privilege of spending all year at Camp and getting to see the best of both worlds! The summers are busy and full of energy from the happenings at Camp, while the rest of the year things slow down and you can really take in Camp's beauty!

It has been exciting to have some visitors this off-season. **Rich Pittenger '82**, **Trish Kittridge '11** and **Jeff Bell** have been up several times to help with various projects, as well as **Win Shafer '65**, **Allan Shafer '70** and **Mary Hihn** Paul has been up to visit **Mrs. Anne Shafer. Harrison "H" Williams '67** has been great company and a great help. He has been spending much of the off-season at Camp. Paul is glad to spend some time with **Carl Shafer '62** and Paul was able to get his mother, sister, brother-in-law, nephew and all nieces to spend time with him at Camp!

The farm has continued to grow and takes up a lot of Paul's free time. He is expecting several new calves this spring and shortly many piglets will be arriving for the summer!

Paul had a good trip down to Bandera, Texas for a week in February to visit family. Paul also had a great time in Atlantic City with some Senior Staff for the big ACA Tri-State Conference. They had a decent turn out for the Winter Sledding Extravaganza at Camp and hope they can do it again next winter!

Paul, with the help of others, has been working on many projects at Camp and have more lined up for this spring. Soon begins the hard work of getting Camp ready to open, and Paul can't wait to see everyone this summer!

Francie Shafer '94 and husband Matt Ciambriello have enjoyed a great first year of marriage in New York City! They have also enjoyed seeing lots of the S4NYC crew including **Nora Dunnan '95** (+ Morgan and Shafer Dunnan), **Rachel Zuckerman '01**, **Emily Shafer '06**, **Mima Wellington '97**, **Cathey Price '03**, **Kat Solomon '05**, **Sarah Murdoch '02**, **Pat Valentine '97**, and **Andrew "Beef" Wellington '97**.

Francie and Matt feel lucky they were able to see some of the S4PHL crew as well, including **Allie Handman '97**, **Jess Cockerill '92**, and **Amy Cockerill '94**, among others. Francie and Matt are looking forward to seeing **Blake Shafer '95** on the Colorado slopes over the upcoming Spring Break!



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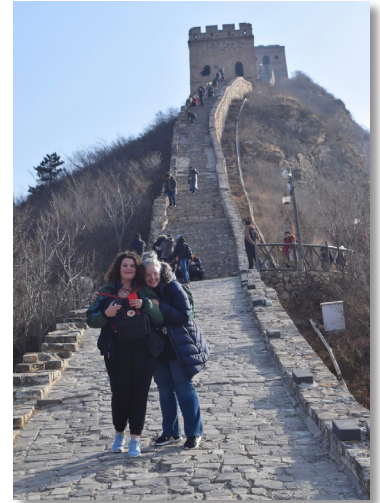
Many things are happening with the Percevecz/Pearson clan!

Cassidy Percevecz '07 is finishing up her final year of high school in Changchun China. After missing her first Camp season since she first went at 6 years old, she will be returning to the Endless Mountains and Tripp Lake with great excitement as a counselor. Her college plans will be taking her to LIU Global, and as the name implies, the school is globally based and in the four years will be studying in Costa Rica, Spain, Italy, Australia, Panama, Fiji, Bali and New Zealand!

Trish Pearson '07 is finishing up her Masters program in Library Science and Information Technology. She will move to working full time in Changchun American International School as a librarian come the 2019-20 school year.

Tim Percevecz '72 continues to teach splitting his time between visual arts and technology.

As a family, they were able to spend their winter break in Thailand in both Bangkok and on the island of Koh Lanta, escaping the bitter northern Chinese weather that can hit -28 degrees! Chinese New Year afforded them the time to visit The Great Wall of China, which was as impressive as one would think.



Gordon Bjorkman '80, Trey Bjorkman '11 and Jaiden DeRosa '14 camping and mountain biking at Santos Trailhead in Ocala, FL. Two friends and two generations of Susquehannock!

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Tony Myers '77, along with **Harrison "H" Williams '67**, attended the United Soccer Coaches Convention, which was held in Chicago this year, and ran into **Charlie Slagle '64**, who is now working in the Richmond area for the Richmond Kickers as Vice President, Community Engagement and Gameday Experience. Tony and "H" also stopped into **Greg Moeller's '09** restaurant for lunch.

Tony has seen a lot of **Andrew '83** and **Drew Hano '11** as they've attended several Wake Forest Football games and are season ticket holders for Men's Basketball. It was great to see many at the Philadelphia reunion and to catch up with many of you. Fun was had by all, and Tony wants to give a special thank you to **Bob '70** and **Carolyn Hayden** for opening up their home! Tony has also had the chance to talk with **Eric Rozen '79** to see how things are in Rochester; Tony has had several meals with **Mark Moeller '00**, now that he is back teaching at the Naval Academy; and Tony also had the opportunity to keep in touch with **Pat Valentine '97**, **Jeff Loew '75** and his wife Ani, **Paul Moeller '00**, and **John Lloyd '99**, just to name a few. Tony hopes to see many others during Work Week!



Mary and Jim Powell '86 have been very busy keeping up with our 6 grandkids. They love going to their sporting events and just playing. Thanks to Facebook, Mary and Jim can keep in touch with the Camp family. Mary and Jim are looking forward to visiting that piece of heaven at Tripp Lake this summer.



Abby Yochim (Woodward '08) would like to introduce Quinn to the camp family. She loves her first piece of camp gear, a vintage sweatshirt previously sported by Dara and Seth Rozen who she has been lucky enough to meet already along with some other camp alums!

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Whitaker Powell '86 reports another fun fall in the Powell household. Whit continues to teach 5th grade and coach tennis at The Episcopal Academy. The girls' team went 16-0, marking the best single season record in Episcopal history. More exciting news, the 2003 varsity team has been inducted into the Episcopal Hall of Fame!

Caroline '17 played Field Hockey and Basketball for Episcopal's Middle School. She is in class and on both teams with **Elizabeth Hug '17**. Caroline (11) and Sydney (8) continue to play competitive club Field Hockey, both indoor and outdoor, and love it.

Syd also played basketball. Julia (5) and Jay (5) played soccer this fall and are enjoying Kindergarten and learning to read. Savy (**Jon Savitch '77**) spent every Sunday at the house watching the Philadelphia Eagles and have played many rounds of golf this fall, Whit is looking forward to the spring thaw to begin again.

Stephanie continues her important work at CHOP in the oncology unit and has taken on a leadership role in safety prevention. They spent Thanksgiving with **Adam Brownold '90** and his family in Washington DC. While there, they went to a Washington Capitals game with his cousin **Hannah Bell '05** and **Max Bell '07** joined us for dinner. Whit stays in contact with many Camp friends and enjoy seeing what they are currently up to both professionally and personally.

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IMPORTANT DATES

14 June to 27 June
Work Week

23 June to 28 June
Training Week

29 June to 22 July
First Half dates

25 July to 17 August
Second Half dates

9 August to 11 August
Alumni Weekend