



GATE HILL NEWS

Winter 2011

Bob's VIEW FROM THE TREEHOUSE



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Winter Enrollment Reminder

We are pleased to announce that groups have been filling up steadily since August.

If you plan to enroll your camper for Summer 2011, please send in an enrollment card & a deposit so we can hold a space for your camper.

An Exciting & Growing Gate Hill Family

I missed our reunion this year for the first time in 22 years. Of course a big part of me was disappointed, since I love seeing all of you and can never get enough of a good Powerhouse Wild & Wacky Show. But there was another part of me that felt quite proud. Proud to know that we have put together such a good team, that in my absence, they carry on without missing a beat.

For several years, Josh has been running the day to day operations of camp during the off season. Since then I've watched the next generation take what Jen and I started two decades ago, and with respect and care, make the subtle changes necessary to advance Gate Hill into a new era. Our attention to detail regarding the camper experience, programming, parent communication, and staff training has grown leaps and bounds. Our year round team has doubled in size, making it possible for us to be more involved with the communities we serve and remain in contact with new and current camp families on a regular basis.

Maybe what I've been most proud of is the commitment our team has to constantly improving. I am fortunate to be surrounded by people who look ahead; always asking important questions of why we do things the way we do and why can't it be even better for next summer? So many great ideas have come from us simply asking challenging questions of ourselves and to our camp families. Some of these questions have built a new baseball field on a rocky mountain and have transformed the quality of our Explorer's Arts & Sciences program. This team has such determination to ask the questions that move us forward, yet still maintain the camp traditions and values that make us who we are. I love this about them.

Clearly there are many reasons for me to feel proud of this next GHDC generation. I have been given permission to share with you another reason for me to be proud. Josh and his wife Alison are expecting their first child this Spring! A third generation!! Two things hit me when Josh told us the news;

One - they will make wonderful, loving parents, and two - in a few years Jen and I will have a Gate Hill camper who also happens to be our first grandchild!

Please join me in congratulating Alison & Josh and wishing them the very best.

Bob

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News FROM THE HILL

Maybe equally as exciting as my father's announcement, Gate Hill will be getting two HUGE additions to our facility and program in 2011.

- ◆ After twenty years of standing tall, it is time for the climbing tower and zipline to be retired. We will be installing a state of the art climbing tower which provides 28 feet of climbing walls and 300 feet of twin zip lines! That's right, I said it, **TWIN** zip lines! These side by side ziplines are so long we think they can reach Irvington, NY. Coming in 2012, a new transportation option - zipline your way home instead of taking the bus!!! (just kidding, but it's good to dream)
- ◆ Also awesome for 2011, **Big Green** will become the new indoor home to our upgraded **Gymnastics program**. Brand new equipment and gymnastics flooring will cover all of Big Green's 2000 square feet. We will now be able to offer an improved tumbling program and provide more adequate space for skill development and gymnastics fun.



Hopefully you are as excited as I am about these two HUGE additions!

See you on the fields... Josh

Special Memories REUNION 2010

We really enjoyed seeing all who could make our 2010 Camp Reunion in November at Power House Studios. If for some reason you didn't receive the 2010 Memories DVD, please contact camp so we can get one out to you. For fun photos of Reunion, please visit our summer photos on the website. Follow the link for Reunion 2010.

Our Trailblazers enjoyed their very own Reunion in October. We're pretty sure our neighbors heard the joyful shrills of our oldest campers as they hugged like it's been 7 years, not 7 weeks, since they've seen each other! Games, food, smores, and friends...it was a perfect way to spend an evening at camp.

Let's Celebrate PARTY AT GHDC

We regularly donate a Gate Hill style Birthday Party for up to 25 kids to Parent Teacher Organizations throughout the year. This is always a favorite silent auction item and helps raise money for the schools in our communities. After numerous requests, we would like to open up this service to our current GH families for a limited time. Two hours to party Gate Hill style. Food & Games, plus our amazing staff & facility included. If you would like to throw your child a birthday party at camp please give us a call. We can give you pricing and availability.

Reminders

Save These Dates!

SPRING FLING

April 9, 2011

12:00-3:00

**CAMPER & PARENT
ORIENTATION**

(Villagers - Jr. Pioneers)

June 11, 2011

CAMP DATES 2011

June 27 - August 19

Camp is closed on
Monday, July 4



"Where memories are made one smile at a time"