

PIGEON WING

Spring 2022

Greetings from Hilltop

Dear Friends,

I normally write these letters in late spring, as the summer approaches. Despite our Development Director Mike Smith's patient reminders, I'm writing this one during First Session. While I don't intend to repeat the procrastination in the future, perhaps just this one time, my dithering will have a benefit: our broader camp community can get a live report from camp in full swing.

It is just wonderful to have the campers here. Camp feels much closer to normal in 2022 versus 2021. Campers are able to pick their own schedules as they always have instead of using the cohort scheduling that was required in 2021. We have our full complement of international staff back, with staff from England, Norway, Germany, Poland, Mexico, Canada, and South Africa. Masks are optional unless we actually have cases of COVID in camp. Last night, we had our first Evening Fire inside the Lodge since 2019.

I wish I could say that we didn't have to think about the pandemic. Sadly, given the state of the virus, our four-week sessions, our remote location, state and local health department requirements, and the wide geographic spread of our campers, we still must pay the virus heed. I'm grateful for all the campers, families, and staff who have been so patient with all the uncertainty and changing plans.

It will be several weeks by the time you read this, and who knows what will happen between now and then. But we've got plans and backup plans, and we know we can give these campers a great experience regardless.

They do need it. It's been a long pandemic, and extraordinarily hard on young people. This place is a wonderful salve for those wounds. There's nothing like some in person unplugged fun after two years of remote connection and screens.

Thank you all for your support of Camp over the years. I hope to see many of you at our 95th Anniversary Reunion over Labor Day Weekend!

All the best,
Paul



Heading South and West Again...

It is surreal to know that this is my final letter for the Pigeon Wing, and that later this year JP, Ruby, the animals and I will go south and west again to our next adventure in Australia.

I remember arriving as an AC in 2005, filled with excitement and nerves about my first experience at a Camp on a tiny island so far from home. It was the most magical thing I had ever experienced, and I thought that it would be something that I would only do once or twice. Now, 17 years later and 11 years on staff, it's unbelievable to look back on the moments, experiences and people that have been a part of my time at Four Winds.

The memories I have made and people that I have met in this magical place will be with me forever. From the "legal aliens" of 2005, to Garden in 2012, to the many readings of "Oh the Places You'll Go," to the endless and never-ending search for golf pencils and extension cords, to the ACA highlighter drops in the office late at night and, of course, to the many hours spent at Sea Tac along the Airport Run crew in my middies-and-bloomers. Both the fun and challenging times have taught me so much and I am so grateful.

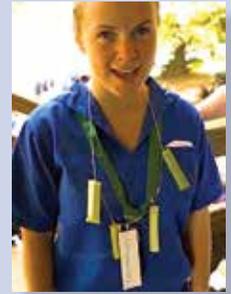
The next adventure will be bittersweet, the sadness of leaving this amazing community paired with the excitement of going back home, near family and friends after living in the US for ten years. We're moving to the Central Coast, just north of Sydney, and are in the process of organizing the next logistical and vocational steps. While Australia doesn't have quite a summer camp industry like the US, I hope to continue working closely with young people and plan to study for my Master's in Counseling to become a Child and Family Therapist. JP is excited to re-open his catering business, "The Puds", and sell his "world famous" Yorkshire Pudding to the Aussies. Ruby can't wait to swim in ocean water that's a little on the warmer side, and the animals, once they make the long flight and are released from animal quarantine, will surely love it too.

I want to thank everyone in the Four Winds community for the experiences, the memories and the impact that this place has had on my life. I first walked in as a 17-year-old with so much to learn and I am walking out as a 35-year-old, still with much to learn, and with a heart and life that has been shaped in so many ways by all of you. I will miss you so much and can't wait for the day that I return to drop off Ruby for her first summer at Camp!

For now, I'll leave you with words from one of my favorite Magic Ring poems, The House and the Road: "The Little Road, like me, would seek and turn and know; And forth I must, to learn the things the Little Road would show!"

See you when we are both North and West again,
All my love, Danielle

—Danielle Bone, Associate Director, FWWH



Danielle as a first-year camper in 2005



Danielle, Ruby, and JP Bone, June 2022



Hiring International Staff

Among the many unique and special characteristics of the Four Winds Summer Staff is the high number of staff from other countries.

"Each year we have between 20 and 30 Internationals," says Danielle Bone, the FWWH Assistant Director. "That's approximately 20-to-25 percent of our entire staff."

International hires work as counselors, specialists and on the kitchen staff. Danielle says they fill a huge logistical role for Camp, especially because most stay for Junior Session, while many American counselors have to leave for college by then. Further, she says their cultural contributions to the Camp culture are significant.

"International staff provide an experience for the entire Camp community as a whole that is unlike anything else," she says. "They provide lessons, understanding and wisdom from their home countries and perspectives from their individual life experiences. They teach us all about what it's like to live in other places and grow up in different cultures."

This summer's group hails from South Africa, Mexico, Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, Poland and Norway. About half are new to Four Winds, and about half have been working at Camp for several summers, including Lefa Motshegoa from Johannesburg, South Africa, who says his time at Four Winds every summer carries over to his life, and his entire community, for the rest of the year.

"I come back every summer because Four Winds fills me with hope and restoration," says the 28-year-old. "By the end of each summer, my cup is overflowing with hope and restoration about what the world can be. I am 'well' again when I go home."

Lefa, who has worked at summer camps in other parts of the world, says he enjoys sharing that 'hope and restoration' with his friends, family and entire community when he goes home because he knows he can come back and refill his cup each summer.

"Everyone at home feels the love, joy and lightness I have when I return," he says. "They all see the love, appreciation and amazingness of Four Winds when I return. They all want sips of that love, and I am happy to share because I know I can come back and refill my cup to share again each year."

Danielle sees that same experience every summer in so many international staffers.

"It is the opportunity of a lifetime to travel and work in the USA," she says. "To have a Camp experience that doesn't exist in their home countries, the chance to make lifelong friends from all over the world, and the ability to take their experiences to their families, friends and communities back home. It's life-changing whether they come for one summer or ten."



Many members of the kitchen crew are international.



Aphiwe Khoza (left) and Lefa Motshegoa (right) from South Africa are two of our veteran international staff members.

Off-season Maintenance / Mother Nature Takes Center Stage

Flooding. Freezing. A new employee and a newborn baby. Just another “ho hum” off-season for the Four Winds Maintenance Team.

“Orcas had a cold spell this winter that froze multiple Camp pipes,” says Caleb Weichert, Head of Maintenance. “Pipes burst in Hilltop, the office and in two underground locations, draining our water system. We had to locate those breaks as fast as possible, which we did by meticulously isolating sections of water pipe, hooking them up to an air compressor and then listening for air escaping through the breaks. It was challenging, to say the least, especially since it was still near freezing temperatures.”

“We also had overwhelming amounts of rain this year—more than I’ve ever seen,” says Caleb, “That caused flooding in the garden, below the Print Shop and in the store under the lodge. Our Gardener, Victor Hartney, spent a lot of time digging up old, crushed drainage pipes and replacing them with new pipe and drainage rocks around the garden classroom.”

Any other surprises from Mother Nature?



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“Wind! It made a mess of Camp all winter,” says Caleb. “Lots of debris clearing, pressure washing, leaf-blowing and sweeping. The docks got damaged in the wind-driven choppy waters, so Jim Kruse, our Boatwright, had to rebuild portions of them.”

Speaking of building, Jim also milled logs into slabs, sanded,

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stained and installed new benches in Lower Camp, near the lodge and near Mt. Thyme. The Junior Boy's shower House has new stairs, Breakfast Beach has new railings, and 'The Bench' got a fresh cleaning and makeover. Finally, Victor built a planter bed around the Craft Court area.



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"Victor planted 15 lavender and 20 dianthus plants throughout the bed that will add some great color and smells to the area," says Caleb. "He also did a great job of tuning up all the flower boxes near the office and garden as well."

As for the new employee and the newborn? Alli Cobb joined the team in January (see page 11), while Jim and his wife, Dao, welcomed a baby son, Rio, in November. Welcome to the Four Winds family, Alli and Rio!



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Photo key:

- 1 Repairing greenhouse damage
- 2 & 3 New benches installed throughout Lower Camp
- 4 New flower beds surrounding Julie's porch
- 5 & 6 The Breakfast Beach ramp before and after repairs
- 7 & 8 "The Bench" before and after
- 9 Rio, Dao, and Jim Kruse

The use of “Gypsy” at Four Winds

In 2020, Four Winds began to think critically about the use of the word “gypsy.” For decades, the word has been a positive way to capture the values and spirit of Camp, and has strengthened our community as a demonym, linking all those who share Four Winds. In recent years, however, we’ve learned more about how the Roma people regard “gypsy” as derogatory. In 2021, community members, current campers and staff discussed discontinuing its use. A Task Force of 32 members representing many generations and connections to Camp was created to look closely at the language and traditions to help suggest changes for summer 2022 and beyond.

Rationale

While Ruth Brown’s appreciation for the traditions of the Roma was based on positive intentions, we understand that using the word “gypsy” and adopting Roma language without acknowledging its roots, culture, and the perception by the people from whom it originates is a form of cultural appropriation. We believe choosing different words to describe the unique and special elements of Four Winds * Westward Ho helps us live our values as members of the camp community.

Suggested Changes

As a multi-generational group with links to many parts of Four Winds, the Task Force understands that the language and traditions of Camp evolve. We looked at the past for descriptors and language, and sought guidance from current staff and campers to better understand how these terms from the past are used today. Suggestions intended to guide the evolution, while maintaining the unique spirit and character of all things Camp, were shared during this year’s summer staff training week. Staff discussed the changes, offered ideas for even better fits, and incorporated these changes into the summer planning.

Summer 2022

How will we refer to ourselves?

The task force and staff explored the name **Laughing Fellow Rover** (most likely shortened to Rover) in two songs (Sea Fever and Today) and felt that it aligned with the values of being a member of Camp. Rover also has two syllables which helps with rhythm in songs and poetry. The group is excited to use this term at Evening Fire, especially.



What will we call the ring, bracelet, and pin?

Four Winds Jewelry is the special silver jewelry given out during the summer. For girls’ side, it will be a **Zephyr Ring** and **Zephyr Bracelet**. Zephyr means a warm and gentle breeze. The etymology of the word comes from



Zephyr Ring and Bracelet

the Greek God of the West Wind, Zephyrus.

Much like a pateran leading wanderers, the Zephyr wind takes people on great adventures. When this idea was shared with the task force and staff, all were excited by the uniqueness of the word which keeps the jewelry special and its great connections to West Sound, sailing, and benevolent adventuring. The larger star pin will be known as a “Four Winds Pin.” **Polaris Pin** and **Polaris Ring** will remain the same.

What about the special morning when campers are awoken to music and head out seeking treasure? Ruth Brown Day! The 2022 summer



Ruth Brown Day

staff felt Ruth's adventurous spirit best describes the one day each session when campers are awoken with music, treated to a delicious breakfast, and head out on a great adventure.

Other Language

Four Winds will be used for many songs and poems that currently have "gypsy." Seadogging will describe a marine adventure with a whimsical spirit. Also known as Gunkholing, jumping into a rowboat, funyak or canoe to explore flora and fauna. Laundry that is discreetly washed will be called Magic Laundry. Taken from the Jaunting Cart Song, **Jaunting Cart** will be used to describe the painted wagon. Westward Ho will have a Polaris Pals Lunch and Four Winds will have Reclusive Ruth which includes the pairing of older and younger campers as buddies.

Music and Poetry

Following precedent set by literature, a foreward will be placed in the front of Magic Ring and Songs of the Four Winds to acknowledge the presence of the word "gypsy." When Magic Ring is introduced at Evening Fire, the counselor/cabin will explain how to read the poems with this word aloud, for example substituting the word or pausing when reading aloud. The Music Director will also suggest a new word when leading songs. Future reprintings will archive the songs that use the word gypsy into a separate section—but in the same book—and print the songs as they are currently sung today. Living song-writers will be consulted for their approval.

Cabins

The Task Force felt that Romany Winds should be renamed, being another case of cultural appropriation, and discussed a variety of names from trees to former boats. The group decided to "think like Ruth Brown" and proposed **Meadowlark**. The Meadowlark is a bird native to Orcas Island and fits in stylistically with the nearby cabins Rocky Point, Shining Mountain, Northstar and Hillside. While waiting for a carved sign, the campers in Meadowlark painted their sign at a cabin adventure during first session. Caravanseri is a term for a safe waysation while traveling which, while used by the Roma, actually predates their presence in Europe, so that will remain the same for now.

Roma Acknowledgement

A space in the lodge will be used to acknowledge the Roma people.

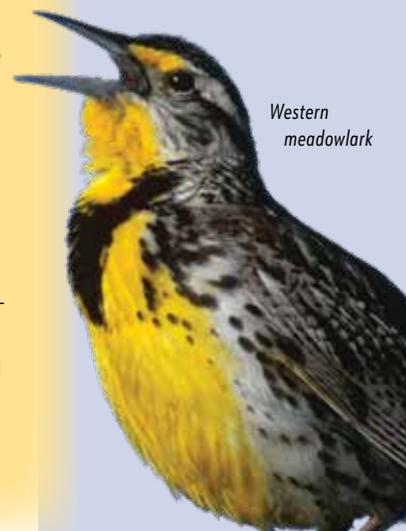
Closing

Four Winds has lasted almost one hundred years by holding close to community, simplicity, and creativity, but allowing for the details to evolve to fit the current generation. Four Winds * Westward Ho has remained a beloved place partly due to adjustments over time that fit with the campers and staff, while staying true to its values. We acknowledge that these changes won't be easy, but that they are a worthy task. We hope that we will be able to share merry yarns with each other, before a quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.

We'd like to thank all the members of the Task Force that invested numerous hours and extensive effort into this project. Star Task Force Members: Hope Schulman, John Tulloch, Vivian Higgs, Nicole Lenzi Amideo, Nina Sola, Karen Woo, Paige Pratter, Anne Zesiger, Matt Lundeberg, Abby Whittridge Berman, Phoebe O'Rourke, Annie Ryder, Mimi Techentin, Eleanor Crebs, Judy Murphy, Charlie MacPherson, Ann Felton, Avalee Fray-McCroskey, Chloe Elkort, Cecily Schar, Grace Foster-McDerby, Finn Toporowski, Katie Belle, Julia Hofler, Aubrey Harris, Daisy Sessions, Ali Walker, Danielle Bone, Paul Sheridan, Charlotte Horsey, Annabelle Parsky and Ciarin Willis.



The Jaunting Cart



Western meadowlark

Behind the Scenes: Meet the Kitchen Manager



Rachel Henry at work

There are many important jobs at Four Winds, but during a busy day of activities, it's safe to bet that hungry campers would vote the kitchen staff as most important. Four Winds is blessed to have the amazing Rachel Henry up to the task as our Kitchen Manager.

"I wake up at 5:00 am to meet the team in the kitchen," says the 26-year-old Philadelphia native. "The work really starts the day prior because preparation is key. We huddle up to talk about the menu and task list for the day so that everyone is on the same page, and then we get started with breakfast. After breakfast, there is a short break before we prep for lunch. Same routine after lunch—a break, then dinner prep. The day is typically over around 7:30 pm."

With approximately 300 hungry mouths to feed three times a day, seven days a week, you can imagine that the graduate of Temple University relies heavily on her staff.

"There are typically two head chefs and 6–8 prep cooks. There is a breakfast shift and a dinner shift," she says. "The entire team overlaps during the lunch shift so the idea is that the breakfast shift executes breakfast, preps lunch, helps execute lunch and then preps one thing for the next day. Dinner shift helps execute lunch and during those hours is prepping dinner. Each shift preps ahead and by the end of the night, things like fruit are cut and trayed up, and things like bacon are prepared and stored appropriately."

The annual food budget is around \$200,000, and Rachel says the most heavily ordered supplies include eggs, milk, pasta, chicken and cheese. She also says she is always open to suggestions for meals.

"I've incorporated ideas from my team, such as a theme like Taco Tuesday," says Rachel. "I try to keep lunch to something easy. I balance out the breakfast menu so that the favorites like pancakes, French toast and croissants are evenly distributed. I take suggestions from the campers and staff as well so that I could be sure that everyone's needs were met."

Rachel also must be cognizant of dietary restrictions for campers who are vegetarian, gluten intolerant or other issues. For Rachel, it's more than just adjusting a recipe.

"Beyond just being aware of those restrictions, we make those campers feel valued and show them that we care," she says. "In my planning, I try to make the meal as similar to the main meal that the majority of the campers are getting, so that the campers with dietary restrictions don't feel isolated. For example, if we are making Sloppy Joes, we prepare a mushroom version as well. We also always have some rice and a veggie so that they can have a plethora of options and have enough food to eat."

"Being a kitchen manager has a lot to do with compassion and care for those you're serving," she says. "I learn a lot simply by asking 'What are some things you eat at home?'"

Besides working full time as an Executive Assistant at an addiction recovery program in Philly, Rachel also owns a catering and event company called "Creations of Hope." So, of course she brings some of her special recipes to Orcas Island.

"I love to make a specialty from Home, called 'Rasta Pasta'. The campers and staff love it," she says. "My least favorite meal to make is Chicken and Waffles. It's a camper favorite, but it's hard. The fried chicken takes so long to make that I have to start right after lunch and skip the afternoon break. It's tough to keep the waffles hot and crisp. Because of this I have to be mindful of when we make this meal."

"The biggest stress is delegating my time among the kitchen staff, including their emotions," says Rachel. "We have males and females from different walks of life and different countries. I have to balance being completely exhausted with spending intentional time in the Camp activities. Many times, I miss my friends and family back home, but I have to be present where I am because beyond cooking, my team has to deal with life traumas as well and I'm called to serve and help. I embody the idea of Hope. I want them to leave camp knowing that they can accomplish and conquer anything! These transferable skills will help them transform their lives back at home."

"Food is the key to everyone's heart so if we keep people happy, Camp just flows smoother. We are willing to make anything happen, and we're grateful for the opportunity to do so."



Rachel's professional life outside camp includes owning and operating a catering company



Rachel at Folk Dance



Rachel boating

A Crucial Document Gets Updated

While Four Winds is known for its dedication to maintaining the traditions that have been passed down for 95 years, some things simply have to be updated on a semi-regular basis—mostly rules, regulations and documents that are used to direct the function of Camp. The “Parent Handbook” was one document that needed updating this year, and Family Experience Manager Ali Walker was the perfect person for the job.

“The Parent Handbook is basically a guide of almost everything a parent might need or want to know about Camp and how it works,” says Ali. “This handbook has some nitty gritty stuff, some Four Winds specific stuff, and really answers a lot of basic questions.”



Ali has a great analogy for the Parent Handbook: If sending your kids to Camp were compared to buying a new car, she says, then the Handbook is the owner’s manual.

“You don’t want to buy a car without a manual because you don’t know what type of oil goes in the car, or where the engine light is, or what have you,” she says. “The Parent Handbook is the Four Winds Manual for parents who are buying into the Camp experience.”

Ali—who was a camper herself for seven years, then a CT, Helping Hand and on the summer staff for eleven more—says she wants this version of the Parent Handbook to be accessible and understandable.



“I’ve tried to pare down some things to make them less wordy,” she says. “I removed a huge section in the back about places to go and stay on Orcas, because most people have internet, and restaurants and hotels change so much here, that I don’t want to have something in this handbook that doesn’t exist anymore. Instead, I kept the link to the Chamber of Commerce which makes it easy to look up all that information.”

Updating the Parent Handbook is likely to become an annual project to address so many changing

“We had to rework the entire section on uniforms to make it more inclusive,” she says. “The visitor policy has changed due to our COVID guidelines. Some policies change slightly from year to year, but we’ve had a LOT of change in the past two years, and I foresee that continuing for at least another couple years while we move through COVID. So, we’ll keep updating the Handbook to answer as many parent questions as we can.”

Hellos and Goodbyes

Welcome to the Team, Alli Cobb!

Meet our newest staff member, Maintenance Assistant Alli Cobb. Since graduating from the University of Puget Sound in 2014, Alli has worked a variety of jobs in outdoor education, expedition experiences and youth development in her two home spaces, the Bay Area in California, and the Salish Sea in Washington.



Welcome Alli Cobb!

"I absolutely love Orcas Island, and Four Winds was an opportunity to reconnect with my island home, build new skills and continue working with youth from a very different perspective," she says. "I have always really enjoyed working with my hands and learning new technical skills."

Leaning heavily on her experiences in gardening and shadowing her general contractor father, Alli fit in quickly with the maintenance team and is already helping to tackle so many significant challenges.

"One challenge that arises here, and other high-capacity properties, revolves around water and water usage," she says. "I am originally from California and smart water usage is always on my mind, so ensuring that we are producing and tracking the right amount of water for the amount of people using the property in the summer is a huge deal for me."

With a love for art and a creative flair, Alli especially appreciates the tradition of keeping artful yet functional Camp facilities alive.

The maintenance team has been a great fit for my varied experiences," she says. "I get to learn new skills from my co-workers, work outside on a beautiful property and prepare it for the wonderful summer experience Four Winds provides for youth."

A Longtime Board Member Says Goodbye

Wendy Kelley was a Four Winds counselor in the 80's who joined Camp's Board of Trustees in 2000—a role she held for 21 years. Wendy resigned from the Board this past year, and we want to thank her for her loyalty, hard work, expertise and deep determination to make sure Four Winds was the best place it could be.

"I was introduced to camp in 1985 and spent two summers as a counselor," she says. "But I quickly fell in love with FWWH. After seeing Camp as a counselor, a Board member, and as a parent of campers, I have been doused with that magic for decades.

There have been milestones along the way. As a career fundraiser, I have particularly enjoyed seeing the development office grow into a full-time effort. Serving on the Financial Aid Committee was a highlight, giving me insight into the lives Camp is changing by sharing the gift of Four Winds with children who otherwise couldn't attend.

While many things have changed over the past 20 years, what is most remarkable is that many things remain the same. If I were to transport back to that summer in the mid-80's, the faces would be different, but what makes me smile most is that campers would be singing the same songs, wearing the same uniforms, and trying their hands on the same pottery wheel. And I know that decades from now it will still be the same magical place offering others a lifetime of connections and experiences."



Wendy Kelley as a Four Winds Counselor

Fundraising—A Crucial Part of Four Winds

As a 501(c)3 Non-Profit, Four Winds depends on fundraising to cover many expenses—most notably, our Financial Aid Program, which allows 20-percent of the camper population each summer to receive tuition assistance. Without your kindness, those deserving kids could not attend Camp. Thank you for supporting our cause.

Here are the major fundraising methods we schedule each calendar year.

The Polar Bear Plunge is the newest event, debuting just a few months ago. Similar to the “ALS Ice Bucket Challenge,” we have volunteers from all over the world jump into a cold body of water in exchange for donations. This year, our team of 21 volunteers raised nearly \$32,000. Look for a bigger-and better Plunge to return in February of 2023.

Our annual **May Match** was once again a huge success. On one day, we have a pool of private donors who will match any donation at a 20-percent level. This year, we received 113 different donations for \$61,625, and with the matching funds we raised a total of \$78,750—enough to pay for approximately eleven full scholarships!

Our **Annual Appeal Letter** and **Wish List** are mailed out each November to fall within the traditional “Giving Season.” The 2021 campaign resulted in 170 donations for more than \$213,000!

In the 2021 calendar year, we received 578 donations adding up to just under \$485,000. It is a truly staggering and humbling figure. Please go to our website to see our entire Annual Report, which breaks down our financial information, has a message from our Board of Trustees Chair, lists the names of every person who donated in 2021, lists our Named Endowments, Gifts in Memory and Gifts in Honor.

Thank you all for your continuing generosity and loyalty to Four Winds. Your support helps keep Camp such a magical place. For information about donating, go to our website or email mike@fourwindscamp.org.



The Ruth A. Brown Legacy Club—Planning Ahead to Support Four Winds Camp

The “Ruth Brown Legacy Club” includes people who have identified Four Winds * Westward Ho as a beneficiary in their Estate Planning, so when that person passes away, Camp receives a donation. It’s a wonderful way to give to Camp without impacting your current financial situation, and is a crucial piece of our fundraising efforts. The “RAB Club” currently has 50 different entries (some of which include two or more people), and we appreciate them all so much. For more information about adding Four Winds to your Estate Plan, please email mike@fourwindscamp.org.

RAB Legacy Club

Anonymous (4)	Dr. Kris Saldine	Joanne “Charlie” MacPherson	Mike & Sharon Douglas
Catherine Adams	Eleanor Dootson	John DesCamp	Nate Benjamin
Alexandra Torrance Okner	Eleanor “El Bell” Crebs	John Wineman	Nicole & Matthew Murray
Arden & Brad Hofler	Elizabeth Crispin	Karin McKinnell	Paul & Linda Sheridan
Barbara W. Demere	Ella Brittingham	Katie & Jess Weinstein	Pieter Van Zandt
Bruce & Marty Coffey	Emily Glass & Gerry Santillan	Margaret E. Enderlein	Ryan Glant & Alison Bettles & family
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Dave & Mary Beth Baker	Jackson Payne Ballard	Melissa Palmer & Michael Marshall	Sue Clauson & Jim Koskinen
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The Man Behind the Camp Jewelry

Meet Vance Stephens

One of the most iconic traditions of Four Winds Camp is the jewelry given to long-time campers and staff. For more than 20 years, every ring and bracelet (and most pins) have been crafted by the hands of Vance Stephens.

"I got a call from Sharon Douglas way back when," says Stephens. "I had a little jewelry shop in Eastsound named Shinola, and I think Camp wanted to send some business my way."



Vance starting a Zephyr ring

In his early years of making jewelry for Four Winds, Vance made a few minor tweaks at the request of campers.

"On the original rings, the prongs were slightly longer— just by one peg," he says. "Some girls commented that the pegs were literally digging into their skin, so I eliminated one of the pegs to shorten the prongs. The bracelets were originally longer, full-circles that slipped over the hand, and they were skinnier. But I was getting multiple requests to repair ones that broke in half, so I made them slightly wider which made them stronger, and a 'cuff' style to slip around the wrist."

Now in his third decade of making Camp's jewelry, the 88-year-old has perfected the routine using rubber molds of the original designs, wax models, and silver that is always at least 92.5% pure to ensure everything is truly "sterling silver." From there, Vance uses goes through steps that include a high-speed centrifuge, graphite crucibles, plaster, torches and ovens that reach 1,350-degrees. After five-or-more hours of cooling, he washes and polishes the finished product.

"I make six items at a time, at least a hundred items per summer, and have been doing it for more than 20 years," he says, before adding with a hearty laugh, "So I'd bet I've made more than 2,000 items in my Four Winds career."

After nearly 40-years of operating Shinola in Eastsound, Vance closed the doors in 2018 and now works from a shop at home. Whenever he retires, he will give the original rubber molds back to Camp to handoff to the next jeweler, ensuring the tradition continues in its truest possible form.

"I've enjoyed meeting people over the years who proudly wear their Four Winds jewelry, he says. "Lots of former campers visited my shop to tell me how much they love their Camp jewelry. Well, I tell them I love to do it."



Vance inspecting a Zephyr bracelet



The finished products;
Zephyr ring at right and
Zephyr bracelet below



We lost three special members of the Four Winds * Westward Ho family in the past year. Three women who played different roles at Camp and spanned multiple generations, and who all had Camp deeply imbedded in their souls. We miss them all.

Carlyn Kaiser Stark (10/24/33–12/12/21)

It's hard to explain adequately what Carlyn meant to Four Winds. She was a camper from 1944–50, Camp Director 1967–73, and on the Board of Trustees a whopping 30 years, from 1978–2008. What she brought to Four Winds can't be diminished. She was tough and tender, forthright yet fair, endlessly entertaining and always adventurous.



Carlyn Kaiser Stark



Carlyn as a camper

Carlyn's family held a lovely memorial at Camp this past May, first by taking Camp's big boat, the *Carlyn*, into Westsound to spread her ashes, followed by a private Evening Fire in the lodge. The booklet from that memorial was full of memories from people who knew and loved Carlyn.

Her mission in life was not merely to survive, but to thrive, and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor and some style. Did we listen when Carlyn said 'I do not fix problems. I fix my thinking. Then problems fix themselves.' Carlyn's firm and gentle spirit became a blessing to those with whom she lived, worked, played and loved. Today we cherish that life.

—Margaret Stark-Roberts.



Rowing in the waters she loved

Carlyn was unlike anyone else I have ever met. Her dynamic personality, lifestyle, and commitment to community ignited my imagination and helped me define what it is to live a good life. Her legacy lives on... and in all those she inspired. She was one of a kind.

—Katherine Steuart Overton

Carlyn lived a life that most of us could only dream of. One of the most courageous, formidable and kindest people one could ever know

—Len Maranan Goldstein

Carlyn was a mother of five, a longtime political progressive, a valued board member to multiple nonprofits, and a skilled sailor and musician who thrived on events filled with family, friends, strangers and colleagues. She lived at various times on the East Coast, in Australia, Hawaii, Oakland, Orcas Island,



Carlyn playing guitar in the stern

Passings, continued

where she shared her sailing expertise through her involvement with the Northwest Maritime Center, and where she hosted a weekly singalong in her home to rejoice in her beloved folk-music.

Carole Treacy was a camper at Four Winds with Carlyn in the 40's, and sent a card to Camp that said, *In loving memory of my friend, Carlyn, who taught us how to work and have fun doing it at Camp, which carried over into my life and the lives of my children and grandchildren.*

One of the recent memories of Carlyn for us at Four Winds was when we went to Port Townsend, Washington for the annual Wooden Boat Festival and took Carlyn out sailing on her namesake boat. She steered effortlessly and expertly, winding easily through a maze of vessels on the water that day. We capped off the day with a dock-side happy hour, where Carlyn regaled us—and dozens more people on the dock—with stories of adventure and a life full of passion. She was in her element in that moment, and she will be deeply missed by everyone who had the good fortune to meet her.

There is too much to say about Carlyn than we have room for in this newsletter, but we highly recommend you read further by going to the Island Sounder newspaper website: <https://www.islandssounder.com/obituaries/celebrating-the-life-of-carlyn-kaiser-stark/>



Carlyn steering Carlyn at the Wooden Boat Festival in Port Townsend



Carlyn's friends and family aboard Carlyn

*My friends have been like a daily bread,
Essential yet unmerited,
As kind as sunshine after rain,
And firelight on the window pane;
As kind as harbour lights at sea
Or some familiar melody;
As good as salt, my friends to me.*

—A poem from the Magic Ring



Getting ready to toss Carlyn's ashes



Carlyn's ashes being tossed from her namesake boat into Westsound



Carlyn's Evening Fire service at The Lodge



Abigail Melissa Arnt Rueb (2/19/42-10/25/21)

Abby Rueb, the Four Winds Registrar from 1990 until 2012, passed away quietly in her home on Orcas Island after long battle with cancer. She was among the most beloved people to ever be part of Camp. Her daughter, Bryn Davidson, and longtime camper and staff member, Katie Wisdom Weinstein, collaborated on these thoughts of Abby.

Call sign: The Mothership. That’s what Abby was for the campers, staff and camp parents that were more homesick for their kids than most kids were. I was always impressed that she not only remembered every camper over the years, but also their parents and even their pets’ names. She always had a place at our house for the staff member that just wanted a good night’s sleep and a home cooked meal. She always had a hug for the homesick camper that just needed a mom, or a listening ear for the parent that just needed a check-in. She was mother to all.

Camp was not just a job to her, but a way of life. It was a community and a family. Four Winds was her third child. Abby was always the center of the wheel, and the campers, the families and staff were the spokes.

Abby loved to keep tabs on campers after they’d aged out, and she would have such genuine pride in the achievements and accolades of their growth and adventures. Abby’s favorite moments were when a camper was struggling and was able to overcome and grow into themselves. Her magic was in seeing in them what they couldn’t see themselves. She had such lovely hope, and her eyes would shine when telling us about them. Her other favorites were the little-bit-naughty campers who were just struggling to grow their own wings. She knew deep down those campers loved camp but couldn’t contain themselves in the confines of the rules. She had a glint in her eye—and they had an accomplice.



Her empathy and understanding of a child’s heart is why she was an incredible magnet. Parents needed Abby to assure them they were doing the right thing, while staff needed the insight and campers needed the confidence she had in them. She truly was a Mothership that we had to share because she was making the world a better place, and now we walk with the beauty of Abby in all of our hearts.

You can read more about Abby here: <https://www.islandssouder.com/obituaries/abigail-melissa-arnt-rueb-passages/> and here: <https://theorcasonian.com/memories-of-abby-ruebs-life-on-orcas-continue-to-feed-an-island-and-our-souls/>



Sandra Green (7/8/49-6/22/21)

Sandra Green, the longtime bookkeeper for Four Winds Camp, passed away on the night before First Session. It was unexpected, shocking loss to us all. She is deeply missed.

Molly Roberts worked side-by-side with Sandra—literally sharing the same small office—for nearly 20 years, and remembers her this way:

Sandra was my co-worker, office mate, and friend. She loved dogs, cats, birds—and a few select people. She was a very private person and had an excellent (dare I say, wicked) sense of humor. We trusted each other when we needed someone to debrief a matter seriously.

It’s hard to underscore the importance of Sandra’s role at Camp. We counted on her to keep track of Camp’s income and expenditures, to work closely with Paul in budgeting and to have those very important envelopes on payday. Parents of campers trusted her to keep track of their payments and remind them when important deadlines were approaching. On Arrival Days, Sandra was always at her desk so she could meet the parents and check to be sure there was a bit of money in the campers’ store accounts.

Most campers were not sure what Sandra did because she operated in the background, but she played an essential and often invisible role in many aspects of Camp, and she performed it professionally and quietly.

Sandra’s heart was without measure. She loved her partner Dave and her beloved beagles so very much. Few knew that her heart was large enough to take on an infant and raise her as her own. Angelina was her niece whom she loved as a daughter. Sandra’s sudden death was a huge blow to her family, to Camp, and to all who knew her.

Alumni News

Robbie Ralkowski (camper '52 & '53) During the pandemic, it's been tough to travel, but we did go to the "other" Washington to visit our son and daughter-in-law. Our daughter and grandchildren live in Seattle, and we spend a lot of time with them. My granddaughter, **Ellie Vaupel (camper '13-'19)** is a rising junior at WSU. This summer, she's working for her mom with special needs children as a Certified Behavioral Therapist—but her heartstrings are still pulled towards Four Winds. Camp comes up in conversations often and has clearly made a lifelong impression on her, and I believe is somewhat responsible for the wonderful young woman she has become.

Linda Good (camper '63; staff '72-'77 & '98) Len and I are celebrating our 60th anniversary this year, and our daughter, Nancye and family will be coming in August. Last fall, Len and I went to the West Sound Resort on Orcas, and we took the opportunity to go to Four Winds. Glad to see it hasn't changed much. I'm looking forward to the 95th Anniversary Celebration on Labor Day weekend.

Isabel (Izzie) Lindberg Campbell (camper '64--'68; staff '74-'77) I am still involved in the rescue world, and have 3 rescue Shih Tzus, one rescue horse and 2 rescued feral cats.

Whitney Lane (camper '67-'69 & '74; staff '77' Board '93-'96) I have been working on my house and garden on Bainbridge Island, WA, and am grateful that I've been able to go to Palo Alto this past year to visit my mom, **Joan Lane (camper '40-'43; Board '68-'86)**. We are both well, which says a lot these days! Four Winds holds a very meaningful and inspiring place in both of our hearts. We are both very grateful that it has been part of our lives.



Whitney and Joan Lane



Calvin Mew and family at the Bates College graduation

Calvin Mew (staff '67) My wife, Mary, and I have been involved with an Afghan family for more than ten years. Two daughters came to live with us (NYC) eight years ago. They just graduated from Trinity College and Bates College. Four members of the family, parents and two younger siblings, were miraculously evacuated from Kabul last year.

Sue Culley Bounous (camper '68-'71; staff '74 & '78) Our daughter, **Ayja Bounous (camper '99 & 2000; '04-'07; staff '10, '14 & '16)** got married last year on San Juan Island to Colin Gaylord,



Sue Culley Bounous and family

who grew up on Orcas and was a FWWH Trip Leader in 2009. In the photo, you'll also see our grandpa, "Junior", who holds the World Record for oldest Heli-Skier at 95 and who skied over 100 days this season! I just retired, and my husband, Steve, also retired. I'm closing and selling our family business, so I hope to feel retired one of these days!

Bill "Smiley" Williams (staff '68-'73) I am retiring in July after 48-years in commercial real estate investment management and look forward to more travel with my wife Melissa, playing golf and spending time with our two granddaughters in Portland. Looking forward to the reunion in September!!

Alexandra "Sasha" Gifford (camper '76 & '77; CT '80) Happy Summer! We Giffords are doing great! **Katharine (camper '00-'07; HH '09; staff '11-'14)** and John welcomed John Britton Kline on May 19th of this year. We plan to spend the summer tending the garden and laying low. We visited **Ellie (camper '05-'09; HH '14 & '15; '16-'20)** in Scotland in April. She is thriving there.

Sarah Baker Morgan (camper '77- '82, CT'83 & '84) and **Tom Thornton (camper/staff '70s & '80s)** We are well on the East coast, splitting our time in the DC area and a cabin in West Virginia. Tom is Manager of Editing Operations for ABC News and an ever-awesome chef and gardener. I lead the Major and Planned Giving team for the USO, serve on the board of American Hiking Society, and enjoy time behind the lens of a camera as often as possible. Tom and I are so grateful for our time at FWWH, and as you can see, a rare carpet find at a WV antique store ensures FWWH is woven into our cabin life!!



Above: The Four Winds carpet; right: Sarah Baker Morgan and Tom Thornton

Ann Fromholz (camper '80-'83; staff '87-'90; '93 & '94) I went to Italy in June with my daughter, **Alden** (camper '17 & '18; '21 & '22), and then to Prague to visit my sister, **Julie**, (camper '80-'83). She moved there to run an organization that is dedicated to the rule of law. As for me, I live in Pasadena and continue to practice employment law. Alden's summer 2022 includes the trip to Europe, swim camp and,—the very best part—second session at Four Winds.

Doug Fleming (staff '80 & '81; '93 & '94) COVID torpedoed my 20-year-run as a music & movement teacher in the Bright Horizons daycare chain. "Mr. Doug" is now "Special Agent Fleming" with my new career as a real estate agent at the age of 61! I live on Whidbey Island, just a stone's throw from FWWH. My videos on Facebook give me a music fix every day (770 straight and counting.)



Doug Fleming playing his "Song of the Day" on Facebook

Sara LaTrielle (camper '80-88, staff '95-'96) I returned to western Montana after 15 years living and working internationally, most recently in Bangladesh. I live with my two FWWH camper kids, Kadija and Aiden, and work remotely for Cornell University managing global infectious disease research projects. My mom, **Sally Rosenkranz** (staff '80-'88), who was the lodge keeper and store manager, lives a few blocks away and is as active as most 30-year-olds! Sally's husband, **Ed Rosenkranz** (staff '77-'88) passed away from cancer years ago, but his fork-lore lives on through his FWWH grandkids.

Amy LaTrielle (camper '81-'89; staff '92); **Saphira Lohof** (camper '17-'19, '21); **Mons Lohof** (camper '19, '21) The Lohof-LaTrielle family moved to Geneva, Switzerland last year for Amy to take a job with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance that ensures equitable access to life saving vaccines, including COVID, globally. Saphira (10th grade) and Mons (12th grade) are thriving in their new school and life in the Alps. This summer starts the university campus tours as we prepare for Mons to graduate next year.



Saphira and Mons Lohof

Joe Thoron (camper '81 & '84; CT '85' AC '86; staff '88-'91 & '99) Still happily settled on Orcas with three kids in college and one in high school. I recently shifted careers and now help large companies reduce greenhouse gas emissions from their facilities and transition to green energy. Would love to connect with any FWWH alumni working on climate change issues.

Sonya Lenzi (camper '82-'85; CT '86; Staff '90, '91) This year was full of exciting work developments. My business, "Sonya Lenzi Design" is flourishing in this busy Boise housing market. My sisters, Kendra Lenzi Arnt and Nicole Lenzi Amideo are doing great. This summer my niece, Anne Amideo, will be attending her first full session. She is an amazing Craft-O who will thrive in the joy of that space. My nephew, Ben Arnt, is returning for his third year and will be an AC.



Joe Thoron sailing with his family

The Louchheim Family: David (camper '82-'85; CT '87; staff '89), **Carter** (camper '11-'16) & **Arden** (camper '14-'19) We're doing well in Park City, Utah. Carter is home for the summer following his freshman year at Williams College where he is a member of the Alpine Ski Team. Arden is entering her senior year in high school. She spends most of her time on the golf course and in tournaments. David is enjoying the outdoor life of Utah, still wearing his Polaris Ring as a wedding ring and just completed his 11th season as the radio voice of the Utah Jazz, in which he called his 1,000th game. David is also the CEO of the "Locked On" Podcast Network, which has daily podcasts about your favorite team. Just search "Locked On." Akemi is holding the whole group together.

Emily Shapiro Johnson (camper '84-'87; CT '89, AC '90, Staff '91, Head of Girls '95 & '96)

I'm so excited for my kids, Grace & Max, to be CTs this summer! They've been to camp every summer possible since Junior Session in 2013. They are thrilled to be stepping up as leaders and joining the staff in helping to create Four Winds magic for the campers.



Emily Johnson with Grace and Max in 2013 and in 2021



Shanti Escovedo (camper '84 & '85; staff '90 & '91) When I was at FWWH, I chaperoned a Camp trip to Nakhodka, Russia that ended just before the fall of the Soviet Union. I later went back to Russia for a semester, then traveled and worked abroad for four years before settling in Seattle. I now work for Williams-Sonoma and live on Vashon Island with my wife and three boys.

Alumni News, continued

Blythe Jack (camper '84-'86) I live in the Palo Alto area with my 14-year-old daughter, Shelby, and husband, Bob. I went to FWWH from ages 11-14 and it was the best thing that ever happened. So many special friendships, great learnings and values created, all inspired by the wonderful traditions that Mr. D and his amazing crew have fostered for decades. I loved Camp so much and was reminded of this on Bainbridge Island in May, which triggered all my PNW senses and Camp nostalgia. Madrona trees and the smell of Puget Sound. It all came rushing back!



Blythe Jack (lower right corner) as a camper, and today

Monica Boyle Graham (camper '84-'88; CT '90) This will be the first—and probably last—summer all three of our girls will be attending FWWH at the same time! Kate is going into her sophomore year, Ashley 7th grade and Stella 5th grade. We've lived in Carmel, CA for eight years after 16 years in Seattle. I opened an Art Gallery last year and am loving every second of the business!



Kelly (Oken) Gelenter and her family

Kelly (Oken) Gelenter (camper '85-'87; staff '91 & '92) I am so excited for my youngest son, Alex, to return for his second year at Four Winds! I live in San Rafael, Ca with my husband, Rudy, and kids. I work as a nurse practitioner at Kaiser Permanente and enjoy traveling with my "3 ring circus" family!

Amy Basey van den Dijssel (camper '85 & '86; CT '89; AC '90; staff '92 & '93) We moved to Pinecrest, Florida last July. **Emma (camper '13; '17, '18 & '20)** is going into her last year of high school and **Sofia**



Sofia, Amy, and Emma van den Dijssel

(camper '13-'15; '17 & '18) will start her second year of university at Leiden University in The Hague.

Paul Dini ('86-'88) I live in Seattle and work for the Seattle school district and Seattle Center. I love visiting Las Vegas and seeing desert sunrise or sunset.



Anna Hadley Johnson and her family

Anna (Hadley) Johnson (camper '93-'97; CT '99; AC '00; staff '01-'05) I live in Big Sky, Montana with my husband Neil and daughters Cora (9) and Linley (6). We enjoy downhill and cross-country skiing, whitewater rafting, mountain biking, camping, and hiking. I work in business development at the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce and Neil works at Big Sky Resort. Cora is going into 4th grade and Linley into 1st grade. Neil and I spent 10 incredible days touring South Africa in Cape Town, wine country, and on safari to celebrate my 40th birthday. We're excited to visit Camp for the 95th Reunion and hope to see many of you then!

Alex Neureuter Brown (camper '94 & '95, '97-2001, Music Director '06-'09) I married my partner of twelve years, Peter Brown, on May 7, 2022, at a friends' home in Sonoma County, CA. No honeymoon plans yet, but some time on Orcas with a visit to Four Winds is absolutely a top contender.



Elizabeth Ayer and her new husband, Brad

Elizabeth Ayer (camper '95-'03; CT '95) My husband, Brad, and I got married last year at Roche Harbor on San Juan Island. It was lovely to introduce friends and family to the magic of the area. The weekend celebration felt a bit like Camp— we even did a 7:00 am Polar Bear Plunge on our wedding day! We live in Seattle where I work as the Admissions Director at Forest Ridge School. We have some current FWWH campers in our school, and it's always a pleasure to hear about their summers and talk about our shared traditions.



Alex Neureuter Brown and husband Peter Brown

Alia Mai formerly Liana (camper '96-'97) I'm living and working on my family cattle ranch. My dogs and I travel a lot between California and Idaho, wherever the cattle go. Lately we've traveled through the Midwest (just for fun). What a grand adventure! Loving every day as it comes, whether we're home or on the road. This is where my life is, and it's amazing!



Zannah Herridge-Meyer and her new husband in India

Zannah Herridge-Meyer (camper '97-'04; CT '05; AC '07; staff '06, '08, '10) I recently graduated medical school and started residency at Swedish in Seattle. This spring, I married my longtime partner...in India.

Joe Brown (camper '99-'06, Staff '08-'09) My partner, Kelly, and I welcomed the newest future camper, Gemma, last year! Best boon ever. We moved back to NYC after a few years in DC and can't wait for our first San Juans trip next summer!



Joe Brown's daughter, Gemma

Lowry Yankwich (camper '03-'07; Carlyn '08; CT '09; HH '10; staff '12) This spring was a substantial one for life updates: I got married and graduated from law school! After many years of dating, I married Gina Chang in northern California, with the service performed by our high

school math teacher. We live in Philadelphia. I also continue making podcasts about classical music, including "30 Bach" and "The Tonic."



Lindsay Jo (Gardner) Bushn and new husband, Kyle Bushn

Lindsey Jo (Gardner) Bushn (staff '09, '10, '12 & '13) I married Kyle Bushn in Thorndale, Texas (outside of Austin) in April 2022, after being together since 2015. We live in Round Rock, Texas and are greatly enjoying this new chapter of their life together!

Sidsel Gadeberg (staff '11-'17) Greetings from Denmark! I still teach at a boarding school and love it. My job lets me play on slip'n/slides, have meaningful conversations, dress up, be silly, teach true life values and more. I've challenged myself to something completely different this summer: Bike to Paris from Denmark along with 45 others to raise money for children with critical illnesses. I had never been on a race-bike, but now I'm ready to bike 175-200km every day for seven days!



Sidsel Gadeberg

Kenyon O'Rourke (camper '11-'14; staff '15 & '16) After graduating from University of Oregon in 2019, I traveled with friends around Europe for a few months, until it was time to get back to reality and enter the workforce! I moved to Venice, CA where I work in the marketing and advertising world, currently managing influencer marketing campaigns for Adobe. I love exploring L.A. through the many restaurants and bars, and am lucky to live close to the beach, where I will surely be spending a lot of time this summer!



Finn O'Rourke

Finn O'Rourke (camper '11-'15; staff '16-'18) I graduated from University of Oregon in 2020, then took a job at a small chocolate company in Portland called 'Honey Mama's'. I've had a few roles at Honey Mama's, and now work in sales—and through that I was able to move to Austin, TX, where I've been enjoying the great weather, exploring the city with friends, golfing, and even playing pickleball.

Noah Nelson (camper '11-'19; AC '21) Noah had a big senior year! He was top-ranked in his weight class for wrestling, top-ranked as anchor of the 4X400 track team and went to State for both sports, finishing #2 in Oregon as anchor of the 4X400 team. He was also voted

"Athlete of the Year" for his school. We attribute much of Noah's leadership, inclusiveness, and kindness to attending FWWH. Noah will run cross country and track for Lewis & Clark College in Portland.



Noah Nelson and his Athlete of the Year award



Alia Mai working the family ranch in Idaho

Alumni News, continued



Sofia, Charlie, and Addy Tognotti

The Tognotti Family: Sofia (camper '14-18; CT '19); Charlie (camper '14-'17; '18; '21); Addy (camper '16-'19) We moved to North Carolina in 2021. Sofia just finished her first year at Tulane University, majoring in Public Health & Tropical Medicine. (She even rode out Hurricane Ida!). Charlie graduated High School and will be majoring in Business Management at Appalachian State. Addy is enjoying her high school friends and is busy with competitive dance.



Natalia Hernandez-Bernal

Natalia Hernandez-Bernal (camper '16-'18) just graduated from high school in San Anselmo, CA, and will be going to University of Portland in the fall in the Honors Nursing Program, hoping to be a Nurse Practitioner one day!

And Finally, a Special Alumni Story and Memories

Heidi Fray (camper '64-'69; staff '75, '80-'82) It's hard to believe that my first summer at Four Winds was nearly 60 years ago! I remember dancing circles around Ruth Brown years before, telling her I didn't think it was fair that I had to be six to go to Camp. The best present I got for my sixth birthday was that I was six and I could go to Four Winds for six weeks. There are many things that I am grateful for that I learned from Ruth Brown and the counselors at Four Winds. An appreciation for music, a love of poetry and making friends that have lasted a lifetime. I also had the pleasure to be a counselor and Head of Girls.



Lily Fray, Wells Fray-Smith, Avalee Fray-McCroskey, and Hadden Fray-Smith.

One of my favorite life memories was when I put my daughter, Avalee Fray-McCroskey, on the bus to attend Camp for her first time. I have watched Avalee grow through being a camper, interview for the Carlyn trip, interview for Helping Hand, CT and AC, and now I'm proud to say she's the Head of the Barn.

This has been a difficult year for me with two hip surgeries, but what's gotten me through is the resilience, love, kindness and creativity I learned at Camp. In especially hard moments, I sing Four Winds songs or recite Four Winds poetry. When I talk to my nieces, Hadden and Wells and Annabelle, I see the creativity that they bring to their lives, their friends and their professions with the roots stemming from Orcas Island. I know that some of the traditions and words have changed, but the spirit remains the same and continues to touch the lives of many in this world. So, I say "thank you" to all of you those that I've met and those that I will meet.

95th Anniversary Reunion

The 95th Anniversary Reunion is happening this year!

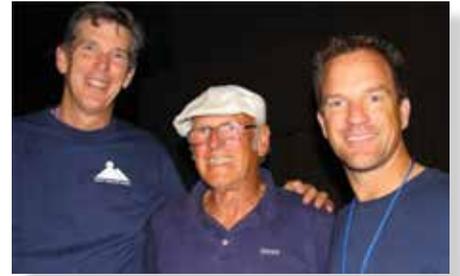
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Join us on Orcas Island for the celebration of our 95th summer! We'll have all the Camp activities you love for this family friendly event. Horseback riding, Crafting, Sailing, Pickleball, as well as a Silent Auction, Folk Dance and Evening Fire. We anticipate having alumni from several generations to share stories and relive memories. Please join us for this amazing milestone as we bask in all things Four Winds * Westward Ho!



Go to our website—fourwindscamp.org—to see the link specifically for **Reunion**. It includes everything you need to know, from transportation options to pricing. Act fast, because registration closes August 19th, and registration for transportation options closes before that. Get all the details on the reunion website.

Email linda@fourwindscamp.org with questions and for additional details.



The \$100,000 Club

Would like to give special recognition to each of these donors who have exceeded \$100,000 in lifetime giving to Four Winds Camp. They are acknowledged at Camp with these beautiful wooden flowers on the ceiling of the Craft Courts



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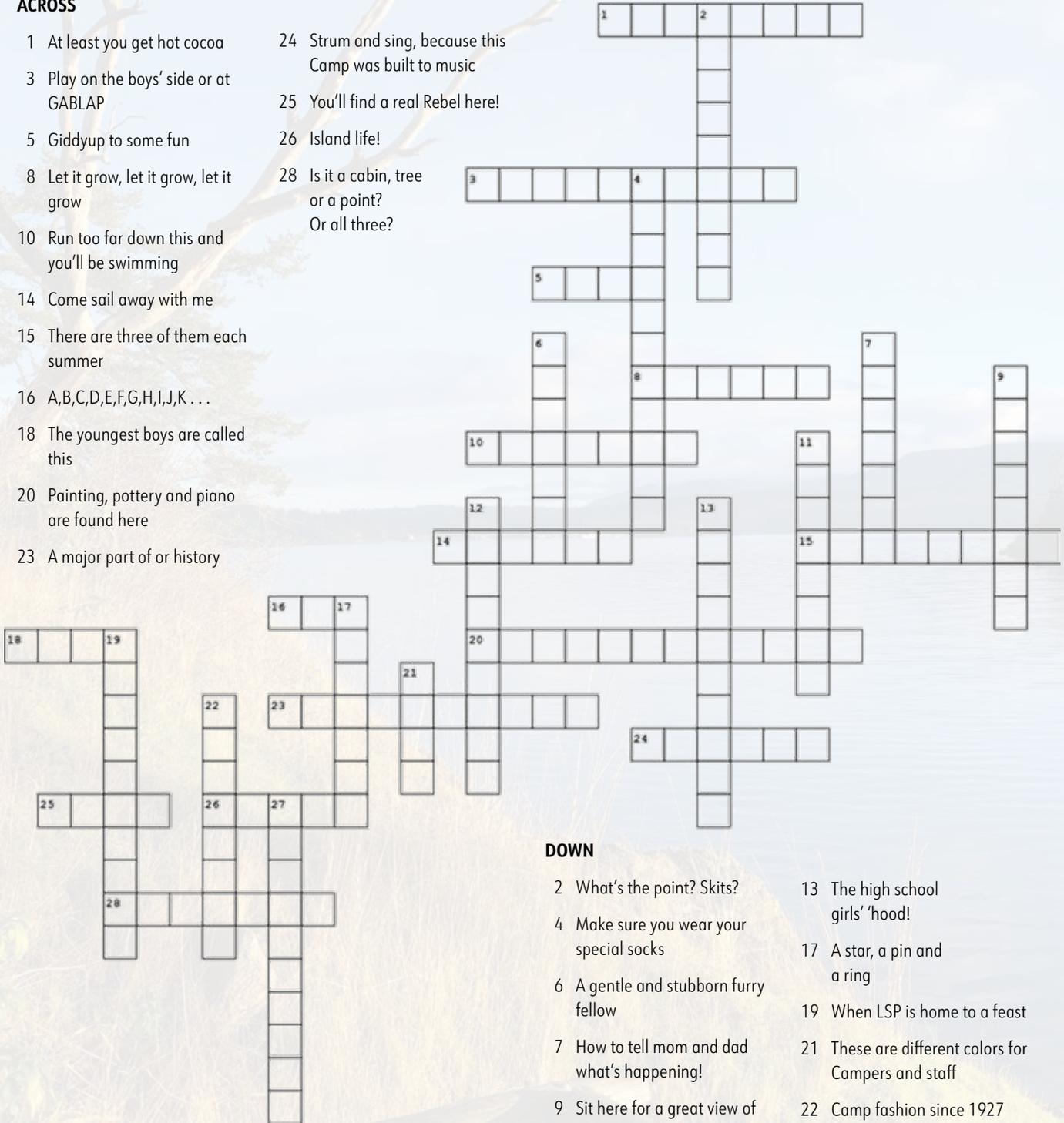
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Four Winds Crossword

New this year: Four Winds custom word games. Complete both games and email a PDF of your finished work to mike@fourwindscamp.org. We will draw two names out of a hat, and those winners will receive free FWWH gear! Also, email Mike if you need any hints

ACROSS

- 1 At least you get hot cocoa
- 3 Play on the boys' side or at GABLAP
- 5 Giddyup to some fun
- 8 Let it grow, let it grow, let it grow
- 10 Run too far down this and you'll be swimming
- 14 Come sail away with me
- 15 There are three of them each summer
- 16 A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K...
- 18 The youngest boys are called this
- 20 Painting, pottery and piano are found here
- 23 A major part of or history
- 24 Strum and sing, because this Camp was built to music
- 25 You'll find a real Rebel here!
- 26 Island life!
- 28 Is it a cabin, tree or a point? Or all three?



DOWN

- 2 What's the point? Skits?
- 4 Make sure you wear your special socks
- 6 A gentle and stubborn furry fellow
- 7 How to tell mom and dad what's happening!
- 9 Sit here for a great view of the water
- 11 She started it all
- 12 The Evening Fire "program"
- 13 The high school girls' 'hood!
- 17 A star, a pin and a ring
- 19 When LSP is home to a feast
- 21 These are different colors for Campers and staff
- 22 Camp fashion since 1927
- 27 Leaders of each cabin and tent family

Four Winds Find-A-Word

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