



NEWS & NOTES

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GAC CHATS 2006 WERE A SUCCESS!



Sunshine makes a stop in Newport Beach to visit the Escalera Family. The Escaleras were just one of many families who hosted GAC Chats this year.

Many thanks to the gracious families who opened up their homes to host GAC Chats this year. We appreciate your support! The new campers and parents also enjoyed the opportunity to get together and learn about GAC. We want to thank the following families for their hospitality:

Wride Family
Harris Family
Kroger Family
Jameson Family
Greller Family
Seidner Family
Moran Family
Caddes Family



Simantob Family
Halperin Family
Gross Family
Baker Family
Watanabe Family
Acks Family
Escalera Family

If you're interested in hosting a GAC Chat presentation next season, please let us know on the camp evaluation that you will receive after your child's session at camp. It's a great way to meet other GAC campers from your area!



Campers singing the GAC Song in San Francisco.

GOLD ARROW CAMP: A FAMILY TRADITION

Each year, we recognize the campers and staff who have returned to Gold Arrow Camp for 3 and 5 years. This year we also have one 10 year camper, Jessie Werlin, whose family has been a part of camp since the 1960's when Jessie's grandparents, Boris and Irene Gregory, began their tenure as Gold Arrow's Sailing Directors. Jessie's mom, Claudia "Cloudy" Werlin, was a camper herself and is now a Camp Mom, and Jessie's older sister, Corrie "Corriander" Winnacker, was a long time Assistant Director. Jessie's brother Jake has been a camper for 11 years!



(L to R) Jake, Corriander, and Jessie.

For her tenth year at GAC, Jessie will receive the 10-year patch for her 5-year blanket and also a GAC jacket with her name embroidered on it. We want to thank Jessie and all the campers who return year after year to make Gold Arrow Camp their summer home. To see the full list of 3 and 5 year campers for this summer, be sure to take a look at page two.

TRY TO FIND ALL 7!

Bon Bon got tricky and hid **seven** Chipmunk faces all over! Some big, some small, some are pretty well hidden (some aren't) so look hard! (And no, this one doesn't count!)



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5-YEAR CAMPERS

Nick Huddleston
 Joe Kaiser
 Casey Kelly
 Brian Klahn
 Vanessa Krooss
 Spencer La France
 Kate Lyon

Kevin Pasternak
 Laura Petree
 Cody Phillips
 Parker Phillips
 Kathryn Richards
 Alex Richardson
 Olivia Ross

CLASS OF 2006

Natalie Abrams
 Ryan Acks
 Blake Allen
 Julia Anderson
 Cameron Apregan
 Ian Bailey
 Malcolm Bailey
 Bryan Baker
 Cobi Baker
 Alison Barbee
 Jack Barbee
 Joshua Barza
 Bryden Baxter
 Merris Beadle
 Brittany Beljak
 Isabel Bethencourt
 Richard Boccardo
 Alex Brune
 Meaghan Camp
 Sam Cartwright
 Katie Clancy
 Michael Clapp
 Elizabeth Clark
 William Clark
 Shea Clark-Tieche
 Courtney Cohen
 Connor Colburn
 Claire Davis
 Emma Davis

Katherine Davis
 Olivia DeYoung
 Adin Dobkin
 Henry Dodge
 Matthew Dolan
 Evan Doornink
 Christopher Drachkovitch
 Evan Dubchansky
 Danika Duffy

Sarah Groux
 Meredith Hardy
 Anna Heflin
 Mary Frances Hock
 Lillie Hodges
 Marc Hubble
 Kai Hughes
 Kiley Johnson
 Kaitlin Kelleher

Stefano Nark
 Olivia Orme
 Kevin Pankow
 Jessie Ralph
 Will Richardson
 Willie Ross
 Devin Rousso
 Liana Rudin
 Logan Schlossberg

Ryan Steinberg
 Matthew Stern
 Claire Stockdale
 Caiton Stratton
 Xander Swain
 Ella Tatum
 Morgan Thompson
 Kari Thurman
 Michelle Van Wyk
 Eric Vandenberg
 Katie Voss
 Josh Weiss
 Cristina White
 Olivia Whitehead
 Kent Willett
 Noah Williams
 Jack Starbuck
 Wilson
 Tess Wohrle
 Sidney Zahabizadeh
 Elizabeth Zigrang

3-YEAR CAMPERS

Austin Dunn
 Julia Eggert
 Patrick Eichler
 Tory Evans
 Ainsley Faraday
 Spencer Faraday
 Sean Fitzpatrick
 Grace Fremont
 Taylor Garfield
 Taylor Gasman
 Bryan Gleason
 Max Goen
 Charlie Gordon
 Caroline Grant
 Brett Greenstein
 Garrett Greller
 Haley Gross

Michael Kim
 Sandor Kopitz
 Bridgette Lawton
 Katie Lewis
 Alex Livian
 Genevieve Magdziuk
 Reilly McCoy
 John Paul McDonough
 Logan McGinley
 Ally Melideo
 Gracie Mellenthin
 Faith Memmo
 Haley Middlebrook
 Samantha Moore
 Mickey Moran
 Paige Mueller
 Blake Myers

Samantha Schonefeld
 Alec Scott
 Matthew Seligman
 Ari Sharfstein
 Hank Sheehan
 Kate Sheehan
 Arden Shore
 Rachel Shotkin
 Claudia Sloves
 Harry Small
 Clayton Smith
 Gabrielle Smotrich
 Brett Solomon
 Hunter Stanley
 Nikki Stein
 Lucas Steinberg

WE'RE STILL HIRING!

We are still looking for a few great counselors to fill some positions at camp for this summer. We are in need of instructors for fishing, radio, drama, backpacking (male), horseback riding (male). If you know someone who wants to make a difference in childrens' lives this summer, please email Fiji at fiji@goldarrowcamp.com.

CALLING ALL MOMS!

Sunshine is currently looking to fill two camp mom positions this summer. Session #1 (June 25- July 8) and Session #4 (August 6- August 19) both have an opening. If you or someone you know may be interested, please email Sunshine at sunshine@goldarrowcamp.com.

ATTENTION 1ST YEAR GAC FAMILIES!

Sending your child to camp for the first time can be an anxiety-producing event. Join Sunshine for a brief on-line orientation and tips on helping make your child's first experience at GAC a positive one for you and them! These sessions will be offered in at the

Thursday, May 4	4:00-4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 9	7:00-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 11	4:00-4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16	7:00-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 18	4:00-4:30 p.m.

dates and times listed here. All first year parents will be sent an email with information about how to attend the on-line orientation. Following each parent session, there will be a camper session for campers to ask their questions and get tips about going to camp for the first time.

CAMPER PROFILES: OLIVIA AND WILLIE ROSS

Willie Ross has been a camper at Gold Arrow for three summers. He says, "It's a lot of fun and I enjoy wake boarding." Willie, a seventh grader at Graland Country Day School in Denver, Colorado, plays football, hockey and lacrosse. He also skis every winter when he's not playing hockey. In his free time he likes to watch movies, play sports and make music videos with his friends. One of his favorite pastimes is improv, which he discovered at Gold Arrow Camp with Panda, Yarr, Vieve, and Bon Bon in the Lame-O's two years ago. He has continued doing this and is taking classes in improv this summer when school is out.



Willie (center) performs with the Lame-O's.



Willie's sister Olivia, a former Lame-O herself, has gone to Gold Arrow for five years and will be a C.I.T. this summer at camp. She is 16 and is on the Varsity lacrosse team as a goalie at Colorado Academy. She loves to wakeboard, and is very good at it. She skis, and plays basketball and field hockey for her school, as well as lacrosse. Over her spring break, Olivia worked at an orphanage in the Dominican Republic with her lacrosse team from school. According to Willie, "Olivia drives now, and she really enjoys it."

Willie and Olivia also have a dog, Babar, who is a black lab. When they come to camp, they miss him most of all. "We love Gold Arrow Camp and can't wait to see everyone this summer!"

GAC COUNSELOR FACTOID FUN!

To the right we have a list of interesting facts from our Summer 2006 staff. You need to match the fun fact with the counselor it belongs to. You may know some, but others you'll need to check our Meet Our Staff page for or find in this newsletter! To get there, go to www.goldarrowcamp.com, click on "Campers," and then "Meet Our Staff" on the left.

The first 10 campers to send in the correct answers will get their choice of a Gold Arrow photo album or a GAC deck of cards!

Woo Hoo!

Cut this out along the dotted lines and mail it to:

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Check which prize you would like to receive if you're one of the 10 winners:

- Deck of Cards
- Photo Album

Is from Tennessee	_____
Likes playing mini-golf	_____
Loves all Italian food	_____
Listens to Pink Floyd	_____
Goes to Deakin University	_____
Is from Ostrava in the Czech Rep.	_____
Works as a baker	_____
Is named after small rocks	_____
Likes gardening and scrapbooking	_____
Has three crazy nephews	_____
19th year at GAC (!!!)	_____
Plays the game "Scene It"	_____
Enjoys figure skating	_____

GOOD LUCK!

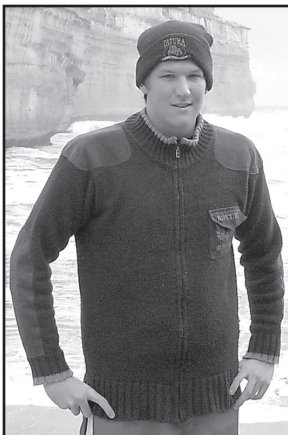
STAFF PROFILE #1: DIGBY

Each year, Gold Arrow Camp hires counselors who are dedicated to making a positive impact on our campers' lives. This year is no exception. Joining us this summer is Digby, a first year counselor hailing from Tatura, Victoria in Australia. Digby is currently a student at Deakin University where he is working towards a bachelor's degree in social work. Some of Digby's hobbies include bodyboarding, playing beach cricket with his mates, traveling, being in the outdoors, and learning to play the guitar. While he is a big fan of the AFL (Australian Football League), Digby is also a fan of the NBA.



Digby has always wanted to work at an American summer camp. To him, "GAC seems a great fit because of its great location with good kids and a mix of staff from all over the world." Digby is looking forward to

"the valuable experience of working with kids, seeing what the summer camp is all about, getting to have an extra three months of summer for the year, and teaching the kids how to speak authentic Australian."



After camp, Digby looks forward to seeing more of the U.S. He plans on visiting his family members in Chicago and meeting up with some of

his mates. Some of the other sites he looks forward to seeing are the Grand Canyon, the rest of California, and hopefully New York.

IT'S A BOY!



GAC is happy to report that Toby "Indy" Kessler and his wife Stefanie have just given birth to a son! Elijah Yancy Kessler was born March 25 at 12:08 pm. At 6 lbs, 15 oz, Elijah is doing well, as is mom Stefanie. Long-time staff

members Frosty & Popsicle are finally grandparents, Elf is an aunt and Paradox is an uncle! Also, 7 year campers Hosanna, Ethan, Seth, and Caleb have a nephew. Congrats Kesslers!

GAC.COM GETS AN UPGRADE!

If you haven't been there yet, be sure to check out the all new www.goldarrowcamp.com. We have completely redesigned the entire site and think everyone is going to love it. Download misplaced forms in our "Forms and Downloads" section, see up-to-date session information, and easily view Gold Arrow photos and news. We will be adding a lot of great content and features for our parents, staff, and campers in the coming months, so be sure to check it out and check back often!

ON-LINE PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

For prospective GAC parents who were unable to attend one of our GAC Chats this year, Sunshine will be conducting on-line parent information sessions at the following dates and times. These sessions are geared for parents who are considering sending their child to GAC this summer:



Monday, April 17	8:00-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 20	10:00-10:30 a.m.
Monday, April 24	8:00-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 26	10:00-10:30 a.m.

In order to join the on-line session, you will need to request a link by emailing sunshine@goldarrowcamp.com. Check our website for more information by clicking on the "GAC Chats" link in "Parents."

GAC RUNNING TEAM



The "Dream Run" on January 7 in Fresno was the Gold Arrow Camp Runners first event. The team consists of runners ages 2 and up competing in various local Fresno area events. Congratulations to all the team members, who are having fun and getting in shape, too!

COMMUNITY CORNER



Geoff and Ted Billock with their counselors from Summer 2005, Fry and Wizzle.

I miss you guys at Gold Arrow! I loved camp and I hope to see everyone again next year. I went to a different camp also and I think GAC was better!

-Geoff

Hey everyone!

I'm in 5th grade now, I miss Willow and my partners on the boat. I had a lot of fun at Gold Arrow!

-Ted

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
I get to do cool stuff,
And my experience is that you get to go rock climbing too!

-Alessandro Koenig

Hey GAC!

I'm doing great, after camp ended I made the honor roll at school and I've been really busy with sports. I really love camp and I can't wait to come back this summer!

-Carlos Acuña

Joke O' the Newsletter!

Boy: How do you catch a unique rabbit?

Girl: How?

Boy: Unique up on it!

-Giselle Kamphefner



Thanks Giselle!

STAFF PROFILE #2: REESI

Returning for her fourth summer at GAC is Reesi!

Reesi is a recent graduate of Purdue University in Indiana where she received her degree and teaching license in Elementary Education. Some of Reesi's hobbies include traveling, music, tennis, laughing, Catch Phrase, spending time with friends and family, and movies. She loves Mexican food and looks forward to the Luigi's Ices at camp!



Spending her first three summers as a group counselor, Reesi will be embarking on her new role at camp as the Co-CIT Director. Reesi loves GAC because she gets to spend the summer "with the most amazing people [she's] ever met."



Reesi and Jade at Big Campfire.

She is looking forward to her new position and working with Chief and the CIT's of 2006.

After camp, Reesi plans to travel and live abroad. She will be heading to

Australia and New Zealand to experience the culture Down Under and catch up with several former GAC counselors along the way.

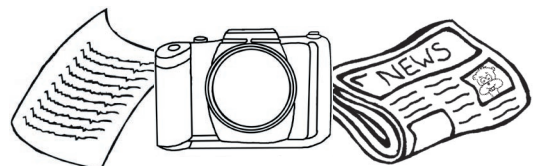
EMAILS AND PHOTOS AND NEWS, OH MY!

GoldArrow Camp is pleased to offer our camp parents on-line services through our new provider, eCamp. Photos from camp are posted daily for viewing, and you have the opportunity to send **free** one-way, text-only emails to your child. Also, viewing the online photo gallery and summer newsletters is included at no cost to you. Add-on features are also available through eCamp. Different stationery and games can be purchased and added to emails. Photos can also be purchased for personal use.

Having decided to use a new provider for these services, we will need all of our families, returning and new, to register with eCamp in order to view camp photos and news and to send one-way e-mails.

Here's how to begin:

1. Go to "www.goldarrowcamp.com"
2. Click on the "Camp Photos" button on our home page.
3. You will be taken to our eCamp site, where you can register under "New User Registration." You will be asked for the "Camp Code" which is available in our Parent Survival Guide. If you have misplaced the code, please call our office. Once registered, you will have immediate access to all eCamp features.





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ASK THE CHIPMUNK...

*Dear Chipmunk,
What's the best way to pack
for camp?
New Camper*



Dear NC,
Here are my top 5 tips for packing for GAC:
(1) Make sure you either pack yourself or help your parent pack, so that you know where everything is!
(2) Follow the Packing List supplied in the Parent Survival Guide.
(3) Roll your outfits (underwear, socks, t-shirt, shorts) or put them each in a large ziplock bag. That way, you can pull one out each day!
(4) Label EVERYTHING. You can either use iron-on labels or a permanent marker to label things.
(5) Pack your clothing items in a trunk or duffel that is easy to search through and find stuff. Use a duffel bag to pack your sleeping bag and pillow.
Have fun packing for camp!
Chipmunk 🐿️

*Dear Chipmunk,
Is my counselor from last year coming back to
GAC?
Chelsea*

Dear Chelsea,
The best way to check which counselors are coming back to GAC is to look on the "Meet Our Staff" page on the GAC website. Keep checking there, because new pictures and people are being added every few weeks!
See you at camp,
Chipmunk 🐿️

Dear Campers,
I'm always available at the Camper's Corner message board in the camper section of the GAC website (www.goldarrowcamp.com). Please visit me with your questions and comments about camp. I appreciate getting help with answers from experienced campers and hearing your stories, so come join me on-line! Remember to include your first name only. Messages are usually posted within 24 hours.
See you soon!
-Chipmunk 🐿️