

# NEWS & NOTES

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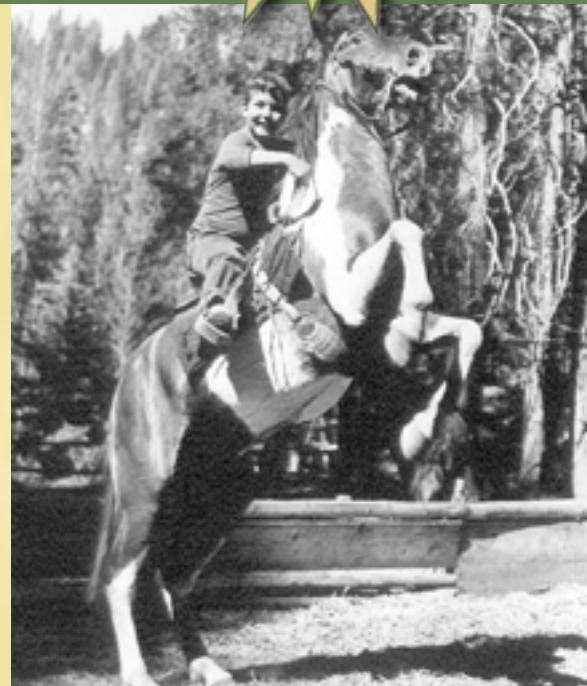
## 75TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION CELEBRATION

Gold Arrow Camp is celebrating 75 years of tradition, friendships, and fun. Whether you attended in recent years with the Monke family or with the Vezies in past decades, we invite you to be part of GAC's 75th Year Reunion Weekend, August 22-24, 2008.

Remember sailing on beautiful Huntington Lake, horseback riding in the Sierras, hiking a mountain trail, looking up at a million stars, and making wonderful friendships? GAC has left lasting memories for so many throughout the last 75 years. The Alumni Reunion Weekend will be a chance to relive some of those cherished memories, reunite with old friends, and help celebrate GAC's 75th year anniversary.

- Activities offered for adults and their children by our staff
- Lodging near camp
- Songs, skits, and stories around the campfire
- Great camp food
- Reunite with old friends
- Come for Saturday evening banquet and Big Campfire or stay the whole weekend

To receive more information about the Reunion Weekend, registration materials that will be sent in the spring, alumni newsletters, and updates, please visit our website at [www.goldarrowcamp.com](http://www.goldarrowcamp.com). Click on "Alumni" and submit your information for our Alumni Directory. If you have friends who have attended GAC, please encourage them to join the directory as well. We look forward to hearing from you!



## HELP DESIGN A GOLD ARROW CAMP T-SHIRT

Beginning in January, go to the GAC web site to participate in an online poll where you can vote for your favorite t-shirt design for 2008. The poll will run through the month of February. Campers will be able to wear the winning shirt home on the last day of each session!

[www.goldarrowcamp.com](http://www.goldarrowcamp.com)



# CAMP PEOPLE

## NEW ARRIVAL

Henry Benjamin Blum was born on September 17, 2007. His mother Mead (Wallace) “**Stanley**” Blum and father, Ari “**Kodiak**” Blum were both campers and counselors at GAC. Kodiak and Stanley worked together at camp in 1991, but didn’t start dating until they met again several years later. Congratulations on your new arrival!



## STAFF PROFILE

Some may do a double-take when looking at our Meet Our Staff page, but Gold Arrow Camp has a fun-loving and caring set of twins on staff, **Chaos** and **Sassafrass**. Both have spent six summers at GAC, three as campers and this summer will be their third as counselors.



Chaos is a junior at Colorado College and a Sociology major and African Studies minor. Her favorite activity at camp is high ropes because she loves to watch campers challenge themselves, reach their own personal goals, and overcome their personal fears. When not at camp, Chaos loves backpacking with friends, snowboarding, knitting, running, rock climbing and traveling. She just recently spent 6 weeks in Senegal, Western Africa, studying their history and culture and learning Wolof, one of their native languages. This coming semester, Chaos will be studying HIV/AIDS and development for 5 months in Botswana, Southern Africa. After graduating college in the spring of 2009, Chaos plans on volunteering abroad through Doctors Without Borders doing HIV/AIDS education in Africa. Her goal for the future is to continue working with HIV/AIDS and someday start up her own HIV/AIDS program directed towards children who have been affected by AIDS.

Sassafrass is also a junior in college but studying Economics and Public Policy at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. Sassafrass’ favorite activity is knee/

ski/wake because she loves going to Shaver and watching all the campers accomplish their goals and trying all the new activities. When not at GAC, Sassafrass loves to play soccer, rock climb, snowboard, play ultimate Frisbee and travel. She is currently studying in Kenya and Tanzania for the semester and has been on a six week long safari. Among her travels, Sassafrass has also recently traveled to Australia to visit many of her camp friends. In the future, she hopes to join an organization such as Doctors Without Borders, with Chaos, or the Peace Corps. Upon graduation, Sassafrass hopes to use her degree in the field of environmental policy and continue her worldly travels.

## LOVE CONNECTIONS

**Aaronne “Elf” Kessler** & Adam Livingston were married at 1:00 PM on July 7, 2007, at the Shaver Lake Chapel in Shaver Lake, CA. About 150 friends and family attended. A reception was held nearby. After a honeymoon in Jamaica, they went to upstate New York, where Adam’s father hosted an east coast reception. In August, GAC hosted a reception for Aaronne and Adam at camp for those who were not able to attend the wedding. The newlyweds plan to further their education next year by attending a counseling school and getting master’s degrees in New York.



*Pictured from left to right are: Velvet, Denim, Goldie, Indy, Paradox, Adam, Elf, Frosty, Popcicle, Grandpa Jim, and Pippy.*

## WINNERS

Each year, parents who complete a program evaluation for GAC have their children’s names put into a drawing. The winner of the drawing receives one free week of camp. This year, camper **Emma Elia** put her hand into a bag full of names and picked the lucky winner, **Stephanie Sun**, who will be returning for her fourth year at camp. Congratulations, Stephanie!



## RUNNERS' REPORT

On October 27th, 2007, the Gold Arrow Camp Runners participated in the Komen Race for the Cure in Fresno. Several people won awards in the 5K race. In attendance were: (standing, left to right) **Goldie, Daffy, Daisy, Junior, Tanner, Danger, Woody, Monkey, Dave, Shrek, Glitter, Sushi, and** (sitting, left to right) **Zippy, Michelle, Owen, Charlotte, Gretchen, Cassidy, and Sunshine.** Go to the Campers section of the website and look for the GAC Runners button. There you can join the team and see results from other races, including the Father's Day Run last June. When you join the team, we will send you a free moisture-wicking t-shirt you can wear at your local race.

Monkey and Sunshine will be running the Boston Marathon in April. If any GAC parents or alumni are planning to be there to race, contact Monkey or Sunshine to coordinate an informal pre-race pasta dinner. What a great way to meet the camp directors!



## CAMPER PROFILE

### The Baker Boys

**Cobi and Bryan Baker**, brothers from Rancho Santa Fe, California, will be receiving their Five Year Blankets at GAC 2008. They are well-respected campers at GAC by their counselors and cabin mates and truly are "Gold Arrow" campers in their character. We took a few minutes to find out more about the Baker boys for this year's Camper Profile.

Cobi, who is currently in 8th grade at Rancho Santa Fe Middle School, says history is his favorite subject in school. Football is Cobi's favorite sport. Looking back to his first summer at GAC, Cobi remembers "how funny and great the counselors were and all the different activities we



got to do." Cobi's favorite counselors over the years have been Bear, Chica, and Sticks. Cobi's favorite camp activity is wakeboarding, and his favorite camp food is "Shaver food."

Why does Cobi come back to GAC year after year? "To make new friends, and it's a great way to spend the summer."

Bryan, who is in 6th grade at Rancho Santa Fe Elementary, also enjoys history. His favorite sport is football, and Bryan enjoys skating and video games as well. Bryan told us memories from his first summer at GAC: "I remember being nervous and not knowing what to expect, but when I got there it turned out to be a great, really fun place!"

Bryan's favorite GAC counselors are Bear and Ram. Bryan looks forward to coming back each year for the "great activities and great counselors." Bryan's favorite activities at GAC are pontooning, motorboating, jet skiing and basically any water sport! When asked what his favorite food at camp is, Bryan responded, "Everything! The food is great!"

For Cobi and Bryan Baker, Gold Arrow is a family tradition. They heard about camp from their cousins, Sean and Eric. We look forward to having the Bakers at GAC for many years to come and are sure that they will someday be counselors, too!

## CAMP DOC ON TV



Dr. Jim Sears, or "Bones" as he is known at GAC, makes regular appearances on the Dr. Phil Show. He gives advice about a variety of health-related issues. Bones has taped three episodes so far this season, and there should be many more to come as he is preparing the launch of his own show in fall of 2008. "The Doctors" - produced by

Dr. Phil - will feature Bones and four other doctors in a daily talk show format.

# CAMP NEWS



## MANNY VEZIE MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED

Over the past 75 years, many campers and staff have benefited from their time at Gold Arrow Camp. For many of us, our summer just wouldn't be complete without sweatshirts that reek of campfire smoke and the Sierra sunset over the lake. We owe a big thanks to GAC's founder, Manny Vezie, for all of our wonderful camp memories.

In honor of Manny, and to celebrate the many years of fun and friendship we owe to his legacy, we have established the Manny Vezie Memorial Fund. The Fund is administered by the Max and Marion Caldwell Foundation, whose aim is to provide camp opportunities for deserving youth. The foundation was established in honor of the founders of Kennolyn Camps, Max and Marion Caldwell, and sends deserving campers to Kennolyn, Gold Arrow, and other California camps. Any donation made to the fund is tax deductible and will help send a deserving child to summer camp. For more information about the Foundation, visit their website at [www.caldwellfoundation.org](http://www.caldwellfoundation.org). To make a donation and help send a deserving child to camp, please make your check payable to the "MMCF" and mail it to the GAC office at 2585 E. Perrin, Ste. 112, Fresno, CA 93720. Please put "Manny Vezie Memorial Fund" in the memo. You will receive a receipt for your tax-deductible donation with the Foundation's tax I.D. number. Any donation amount will help send a deserving child to camp and will honor the memory of Manny Vezie. All donors will be recognized in our spring newsletter and at our 75th Reunion this summer!

## LEARN MORE AND SEE FRIENDS AT GAC CHATS

A new season of GAC Chats begins this month and runs through March. GAC Chats are gatherings at the homes of current campers where you can meet new and returning Gold Arrow Camp families, see a slide show from the summer of 2007, learn about the camp program, meet a camp director, and get a new camp t-shirt. Here are a list of the events currently scheduled:

Wednesday, December 5	Newport Beach
Thursday, December 6	Pasadena
Wednesday, January 16	San Francisco
Monday, February 4	Carlsbad
Tuesday, February 5	Newport Coast
Monday, March 3	Manhattan Beach
Tuesday, March 4	Pacific Palisades
Wednesday, March 5	Rancho Santa Fe
Tuesday, March 18	Park City, Utah
Wednesday, March 19	Sandy, Utah

More events are being scheduled. Look at the "Learn More" tab in the "About GAC" section of the website for a current list of GAC Chats. Would you like to host a GAC Chat in your home? Call the camp office and talk to Amy ("Glitter") or Audrey ("Sunshine") to schedule one.





# COMMUNITY

Gold Arrow, especially making new friends, camping at Shaver Island and the Fourth of July Carnival. I am in 6th grade now and have tons of homework. But I find time to play basketball in my school's team, play cello and hang out with my friends. I am looking forward to Session I of GAC 2008 and I am bringing along some of my friends!!

**Paloma**

Kubu kuin deka! Since camp, I've been living in Panama, working as a Peace Corps volunteer. I live in a rural, indigenous village of about 100 people that harvests coffee. My job involves building latrines and aqueducts, providing health education, and improving local agriculture techniques. I live in a palm-thatched hut with a dirt floor, and I sleep in a hammock. My diet consists of mostly rice and boiled bananas, so I am really missing Goldie's cookies right now! Right now, I am working really hard to learn the local indigenous language and how to eat with my hands without getting food all over the place! I have two more years here, and everyday is an adventure! Ja tuaita!

**Beakers**

I just finished cross country at school and got a character counts award at school and I've got about five goals in soccer and I am excited to go to camp next year.

**Charlotte**

Hi GAC, I am Alicia van de Bunt. I was in a cabin with Blondie, Vertigo, and Sassafress. I miss the big old camp up there. How's it goin'? I might come session 4. See yay there. Lot's o' Love, **Alicia van de Bunt** P.S. Please e-mail me back at aminivan@sbcglobal.net.

Hi GAC, I went to Sweden over the summer. I had a blast. Camp was awesome too and I want to go again. **Alex**

Hey :],

This is lizzy from session 2-3 cabin 3. Woah it's been a very busy year so far. Let's see, first my cheer team JUST placed 3rd, so we can go on to the next round! Zippy my horse and i just learned how to jump a 2 ft. jump. i get to go to Costa Rica for Spanish!!!!!! we get to go in feb. also im going to New York for Christmas! It will be a super long flight but not that bad! And for GAC '08 i sure i hope my mom lets me go for a month or maybe more :] i gusse everything is super busy here! oh oh heres a shirt i made out of a shirt i tye died at camp :]



Since camp, Moose has been trying to keep as many GAC faces in her life as possible. When she returned to school at The College of Wooster in Ohio, she was visited by Simba, Camden, Sticks, Ozzy, Ajax and Shiloh. She was lucky enough to have some of them celebrate her birthday with her in her hometown of Kent, Ohio. She also went on an adventure to visit Cup in West Virginia - a weekend of fun with lots more GAC folk. It was full of tailgating, wearing matching WVU t-shirts and cooking up hamburgers and hot dogs on Cup's porch! Her biggest adventure came in mid-October when she flew to Holland to stay with Link and Orange in their hometown of Woerden. She spent two days without her luggage but still had fun with Link, Orange, Fire, Simba, Camden, Lennon, Rio, Snaz, Zed and Boxy (who came from his studies in Italy to be with everyone!). The rest of her vacation was spent in Paris, where she



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drug Fire around to see all her favorite sights and teach him about art at various museums. She is now back in school awaiting the arrival of the holidays.  
love, **Moose**

Hello everyone, Wow what can i say my first year at GAC was an absolute blast. I made so many friends and grew so much as an individual. I think my favorite memory from the summer of 2007 has to be all the sailing trips to willow. It was amazing to see so many campers sailing well and having fun. Plus I loved the Oreo milkshakes! Since camp it has been straight back to University in Wales for me, to complete my degree in Marine Biology. I have also done a lot more sailing with the university sailing club, of which I am the Captain . I loved GAC because it was just such a supportive and loving environment. Everyone single person whether staff or camper play a huge part in the success of camp and this also every single person to grow. I just really admire the fact that it allows kids to have fun with none of the pressures of the modern world or technology. Hope to see you all for Summer 2008!!! Stay Hot 'n' spicy. **Chilli**



On our way up the coast we passed a Golden Eagle Charter bus, near San Luis Obispo. I tried to take a picture, but we could not stop. We had a lot of fun. We went to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Dennis the Menace Park, the Santa Cruz Fun Zone and to Universal Studios.



We had really nice hotels, but our favorite was the Cliffs resort. The beds were sooo comfortable. At the aquarium we saw the biggest fish I've ever seen. They said it could weigh as much as a ton! It was so scary and big I thought it would break the glass. At Dennis the Menace Park, there was a real train engine that you could climb on. I pretended I was the engineer. Tqoe took a picture of me with my head on the rail road tracks. When we got home I made a DVD of our trip. I learned how to use Windows Movie Maker & even added music. I will play it for my class at school. I had a blast. Brothers Ryan and Quinn will get their trips when they are nine. I hope they're as fun as mine. From, **Dominick & Tqoe**

**Sarah Selzer** took her "Happy Camper" t-shirt from GAC last summer and turned it into her Halloween costume. She went as a "Not SO Happy Camper".

Thinkin' About Tomorrow See you tomorrow, says your friend Now longing for tomorrow, waiting for today to end But when it turns tomorrow Then tomorrow becomes today And today fades slowly into yesterday. What is yesterday when days have gone by? Where do the days go, and why? Is there a hidden land where dates live their lives? Listening to arias sung by twos and fives? Do they have a lottery, "August Twenty-Seven!""? Is that far-away land a used-day heaven? And where do tomorrows live? Are they floating freely in the sky, Waiting to be caught and squeak "good-bye"? Or are they stored in tiny slots? Only one day to really be, is that their lot? No one really knows Where the day goes. So how do we find out?  
**Claire Goldsmith**

Hi this is Dominick Rizco, GAC 5 year camper. In November I went on my '9 year trip' with my Aunt Poli. You know her as Tqoe. We planned the trip for months and spent 4 days driving from Mission Viejo to Santa Cruz and back. I learned a lot about planning a trip and making money choices along the way.



**Dominik Herrold** created a scarecrow based on Bear, one of his favorite GAC staff members, for an annual competition held at Big Creek School . The "Bearcrow" was in front of the school for the entire month of October. Dominik was awarded second place for his creativity!



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Dear Camp Family,  
 Thank you for being part of GAC and for allowing us to do a job that gives our family so much joy. We wish you a healthy and safe holiday season and New Year. We hope you'll join us to celebrate GAC's 75th year! Happy Holidays,

 shine Monkey



## A POEM BY BEAR

*Bear was a camper for three years and has been a staff member for the last two years. Last season, he kept a watchful eye on the water as Assistant Waterfront Director.*

Arriving here at camp,  
 with that fresh smell of pine,  
 Just an 8 year old in '89.  
 Mom said I'd do just fine.  
 Like 'Ace of Base' said,  
 "I Saw the Sign."

Bumper boats, windsurfing & tubing  
 were signs of those times,  
 Only a scrub with curly hair,  
 Whoever knew I'd become da' Bear!

Fifteen years later in 2006,  
 I joined the waterfront and got in the mix. I will leave you with one last thought,  
 I never knew all the kicks I would have "I wish... that... I knew what I know  
 on the pontoon boat listening to now...when I was younger."  
 The Stones' "40 Licks." (thank you Rod Stewart)

Martin keeping all 'los banos' clean,  
 Ozzy, stop your subscription of Seventeen!  
 My awesome summer-supervisor, Bean,  
 I feel like she's never been mean,  
 and guess what? - I've never been so lean!

Thank you Sunshine, Monkey & Fiji for  
 this wonderful opportunity,  
 to share with the campers what I've  
 learned in the community.  
 3 year camper, 2 year staff,  
 These 5 years just make me laugh!

