

# NEWS & NOTES

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Dear Gold Arrow,

*I went to Gold Arrow over 25 years ago & it seems as if I have spent almost my entire adult life trying to recapture the way I felt at Gold Arrow - HAPPIER THAN EVER. The horses, the sailing, skits at campfire, trusted & skilled counselors & instructors, beautiful landscaping, true friendships, etc... Words really can't describe it. I knew Manny and Jeanie, they were wonderful people. I learned so much from my experience there and I want to thank you for continuing the Gold Arrow tradition. Anyone who has the opportunity to go to this special place should consider themselves very lucky. It truly is a once in a lifetime experience.*

*- E-mail from a GAC Alumni*

## DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!

A highlight of each session at GAC is the dance on the final Thursday of the two weeks. This year's themes were selected through an on-line poll. Here are the themes:

**Session #1: France**

**Session #2: Western**

**Session #3: Hawaiian**

**Session #4: Colors**

Here are some general tips and information about GAC dances:

- Everyone (staff and campers) goes to the dance, and they're always a lot of fun.
- You don't need to go purchase a costume or special outfit for the dance. Some of the best costumes are the ones made at camp or thought up with your cabin mates. Here's an example of a great costume idea: for our Pirate Dance in 2006, a group of campers tie-dyed t-shirts and came as the "Lost Boys" from Peter Pan. If you have something at home that fits the theme, like a cowboy hat or boots for the Western dance, then go ahead and bring them along. If you don't have anything that fits the theme, Tqoe always hosts costume making nights at Arts & Crafts for those of you who need to turn yourself into a crayon or a Hawaiian lei.
- Nobody has a "date" for the GAC dance. We all go together and include everybody.
- For those campers whose dancing feet get tired, there are always games available to play.
- Sushi and Goldie always come up with some fun, theme-related snacks for the dances.
- Have a song you'd like to dance to this summer? Email Babe at [babe@goldarrowcamp.com](mailto:babe@goldarrowcamp.com) with the artist and song title. All songs played at GAC must be approved on the GAC-appropriate song list. Please do not bring any music CD's or electronics to camp.



# CAMP PEOPLE

## STAFF PROFILE

Zippy will be returning for her 12th year at GAC. When asked about her favorite memory of Gold Arrow Camp, Zippy said, "Coming back year after year as a camper, CIT, counselor, and now Leadership Team member!" This will be Zippy's 5th year on staff. Zippy has worked as a waterfront counselor and Shaver Island



instructor for the past few years, which has helped prepare her for her newest role as one of the Waterfront/Shaver Island Directors. Zippy will be graduating from California State University, Northridge, in May with a degree in Marketing. She plans to travel after camp and would like to visit Thailand, Greece, Egypt, and Fiji before she settles down in the marketing field. Her hobbies are skiing, water-sports, soccer, softball, beach volleyball, and playing with her niece and nephew. She is looking forward to this summer, so that she can see new and returning campers and staff and build long lasting friendships. She also can't wait to be silly and jump into the "warm" waters of Huntington Lake!

## Love Connection

Robyn "Tiki" Tucknott (Camper '96-'97 and counselor '04-'05) and Brian Smith were engaged on July 15th, 2006. They will marry on April 29th in Livermore, CA, and plan to settle in the San Diego area, where Brian is a firefighter and Robyn has a job as a recruiting manager. The bride's sister, Zippy (see Staff Profile), will be maid of honor and friend Sharon "Spanky" Pruszko (counselor '03-'05) will be a bridesmaid. Rodney "Malibu" Tucknott (camper '83 and ski instructor '93, '96-'97), and Ryan Tucknott (camper '96), are the bride's brothers.



Aaronne "Elf" Kessler (Staff member '98-'05) and Adam Livingston were engaged on November 21, 2006, in New York. They met while at Elim Bible Institute where Elf was starting her Masters degree and Adam was finishing his studies. Recently, Adam moved to California where they have been planning their 07/07/07 wedding in Shaver Lake! Elf's mom (Frosty) and brothers (Paradox, Indy) have worked at GAC for many years. Her sister and brothers (Hosanna, Ethan, Seth, and Caleb) have been or are currently campers.



## Meet Some Campers Mickey and Kyle Moran

The Moran Family has been a part of the Gold Arrow Camp Family for four years. Mickey, who is 11, is the oldest of the three Moran boys, and has said, "My first year at camp was awesome because a lot of friends went with me". Although they recently moved from Newport Beach, CA, to Park City, Utah, Gold Arrow is still the place they return to see friends old and new. This will be Mickey's fourth summer at GAC. Outside of camp, Mickey is in 5th grade at Park City Academy, and is on the Farm Team at Park City Mountain Resort. In his free time Mickey enjoys ski racing, cycling, skateboarding and golf, though at camp his favorite activity is going to Shaver and doing all the water-sports.



Kyle Moran, who is 9, is in the 4th grade at Park City Academy. This summer will be Kyle's third year at GAC (yay, banner!). Like his brother, Kyle loves going to Shaver Lake, and he loved learning how to crochet last year. When he is not busy making wonderful woolen creations, he enjoys spending his time with the ski racing team at Park City Mountain Resort, and also likes to dabble in skateboarding, golf, and running cross-country. Being able to spend two weeks with his old friends like Peter Seidner (pictured with Kyle) from California makes Gold Arrow Camp a very special place for Kyle. Ryan, Kyle and Mickey's younger brother, will be joining us this summer for his first camp experience and is 6 years old. Soon he will be able to tell stories like the ones he hears his brothers tell when they return from each great summer at camp.



Kate "Pippin" McDonald (former 6-year camper and counselor) and Brendon "007" Eddington (counselor '97-'01) met in the summer of 1997, during their first year working at camp. In 2003, Kate moved to Auckland, New Zealand, to be with Brendon. They will be married at her parents' house in Sacramento on 07/07/07. The bride's sister, Anne "PJ" McDonald (former 10-year GACer) will be maid of honor. They will be joined by about 20 family and friends from New Zealand, who will be making the long journey. After they are married, they will return to New Zealand, but plan on moving back to California in the beginning of 2008.



# NEWS SPLASH

## FULL HOUSES AT GAC CHATS IN '07

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to all of the returning camp families who opened up their homes to our large camp gatherings this year. Some of the events had more than 50 guests! Campers and parents had a great time sharing camp stories and finding out about this summer. Free camp t-shirts and exciting raffles made for a fun night for all participants. New camp families had the chance to meet returning families and get over some of the first-year nerves.

For your hospitality and great GAC support, a big thank you goes out to: the Seidners (Newport Beach), the Jamesons (Pasadena), the Krogers (Oakland), the Kingslands (San Francisco), the Doorninks (Manhattan Beach), the Bakers (Rancho Santa Fe), the Grouxs (Newport Coast), the Riolos (Fresno), the Woodys (Sherman Oaks), the Muellers (Palos Verdes), and the Wrides (Redwood City).

We are grateful to the many families who offered their homes to us this year for our camp events. We had so much support that we were unable to visit all of you. If you would like to host an event next year (December, 2007 – March, 2008), please send Sunshine an email at [sunshine@goldarrowcamp.com](mailto:sunshine@goldarrowcamp.com). She will contact you in November to schedule your event!



Campers help Sunshine sing the Gold Arrow Camp song during the Newport Beach GAC Chat.

## INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR FIRST-YEAR FAMILIES!

Are you getting ready for your first experience at GAC? Do you have questions? Do you want a few tips to help make your first year go smoothly?

**You're invited to join us at one of our  
online family information sessions:  
Sunday, May 6, 13, or 20 at 7:00 p.m.**

Want to join us? Please send an email to [babe@goldarrowcamp.com](mailto:babe@goldarrowcamp.com) with your family name and your preferred online session date. You will be sent a link to the online meeting room. Each session is limited to 10 families, so let us know if you'll be coming. See you in cyberspace!

Please note:

The sessions are geared towards both parents and campers. If you have questions specifically relating to your own child (cabin requests, allergies, etc.), these are better handled with a direct call or email to the camp office.

## NEW ARRIVALS

Sofia Valerie Rosu, daughter of Marius "Red" (Riflery instructor from '94-'97) and Corina Rosu, lives in Southern California. She was born February 5th, 2007, weighing in at 7 lb. 11 oz., and was 20.5 inches long. She joins big brother Stefan. The entire family is very happy, and has been enjoying sharing in all her new experiences.



Henry Ali Rounaghi was born on February 8th. Henry's mom is Stephanie "Rice Chex" (Rice) Rounaghi. She worked as a nanny and in the camp office in 1995 and 1996. Father Arash, and brothers Arthur and Oliver are happy with the new addition. Henry weighed in at 9.5 lbs and is 19.5 inches.



## NEW STUFF AT CAMP

### CANYONEERING

Valerie "Vertigo" Kendall and her friends at Alpine Training Services will be at camp August 19-25 for a week of fun and discovery at Canyoneering Camp. Participants will learn traditional rock climbing techniques, including anchor building, rappelling, gear review, advanced ropes systems, and risk management. The week culminates with a final canyon adventure near Shaver Lake. Team building and leadership development will also be a focus of the program as campers work together to overcome each day's challenges. There is

still space available for boys and girls ages 12-14 and 15-17. What a great way to end the summer! A bonus Canyoneering t-shirt will be presented to every participant. See the website for more details.

### DOCKS

The Gold Arrow Camp waterfront will get a fresh look this summer. The motorboat, sailing, and jet ski docks are all being replaced with new structures with a vinyl, splinter-free, decking. The new deck material is also cool to the touch, so being barefoot on the docks will be an enjoyable, pain-free experience.



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## SAVE THE DATE IN 2008! 75TH YEAR REUNION

August 22-24, 2008

We would like to invite all Alumni interested in being a part of the planning committee to email us at [mail@goldarrowcamp.com](mailto:mail@goldarrowcamp.com).

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Gold Arrow Camp is still looking for a few motivated people to work this summer. We need **Activity Counselors** for sailing, rock climbing, and radio program – and also **Camp Nurses** for two-week sessions for July 7-21 and July 21-August 4. If you know someone who wants to make a difference in the lives of children this summer, please call the camp office or email Hope Mirano at [fiji@goldarrowcamp.com](mailto:fiji@goldarrowcamp.com).

## MORE NEWS ONLINE

The following newsletter articles can be found online:

- Staff Profile: Pan, new counselor from Chicago, IL
- Tips and Tidbits for Parents: Navigating the Camp Website
- Runners in Newport Beach

To access these articles, go to [www.goldarrowcamp.com](http://www.goldarrowcamp.com) and click on “Newsletters” under the Campers or Parents tab.

## STAFF SEARCH

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