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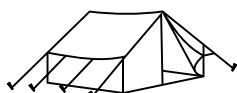
A Biannual Newsletter by and for Family, Staff, Alumni and Friends of Phantom Lake YMCA Camp

SPRING 2005

## CALENDAR

**April 30**

Fred Lee Day  
(Camp Set-up)  
Please Volunteer



**April 29-30 + May 1**

SDP/YLT Spring Retreat

**June 1**

Stories for Book Submission Deadline

**June 10**

Staff Training Begins

**June 11, 2:00–4:00pm**

Phantom Day Camp Open House

**June 11, 7:00–9:00pm**

Sounds of Phantom

**August 19–21**

80's Reunion

**September 2–5**

Family Camp Weekend



The Rules: Mountain Mike with wife Jenny "Fozzie", and sons Luke and Joshua

## CALLING ALL ALUMS!

**Wanted: male staff**  
All summer (esp. July 10–16)

**Wanted: female staff**  
Girls 2, Teen Camp, and PAC OUT

If you or someone you know has what it takes to be a counselor...

Call: (262) 363-4386



## From the Executive Director's Desk

**P**lease pinch me, I'm still finding it a bit hard to believe that I am writing an article again for The Phantom Crier! It's absolutely wonderful to be back and I'm looking forward to another magical summer on Phantom Lake. For those of you that aren't familiar with me I worked at Phantom from 1977 to early in 1996. I was a camp counselor, lifeguard, activity director (Nature, Tripping), summer Program Director, year-round PD and eventually Associate Director. As you can imagine it was a difficult decision to leave after nineteen years at Phantom, but it was a dream of mine to pursue a graduate degree. That the school I chose to go to, Washington State University, was near the Rocky Mountains was only a mere coincidence! I graduated in 1998 with a M.A. in Recreation Administration and Leisure Studies. After graduating I directed Camp Bluff Lake YMCA in California for a summer before returning back to the midwest to direct YMCA Camp Benson in Mount Carroll, IL until 2004. I'm married to an incredible woman, Jenny, and have two amazing kids, Luke (3 1/2) and Joshua (1 1/4). Jenny (A.K.A., Fozzie) also went to Phantom for a long time (11 summers). When I arrive at camp each day I can't help but feel blessed to be back. Phantom is a tremendous place and it's no mystery to me why camping keeps going on here after more than 100 years!

This spring we are busy making many preparations at Phantom for this upcoming summer. Just this week the flagstones at swimming have all been redone by Dave Anderson. I knew Dave when he was a camper and SDP in the early 90s. I've never seen the flagstones look this good! Speaking of swimming, the pier is getting a much-needed facelift. Thanks to the Grede Davis and Burleigh Jacob families who donated the funds to replace all the decking! The dining hall and kitchen are receiving many improvements. Courtney Griffin has plans to add a garden activity area and campfire ring called Flicker Point to the day camp site. Greg "Chung" Scharine for his Eagle Project is building an open air chapel

in the grove of Pines west of the Civil War Unit. Also, I'm very happy to announce that we are planning to have a zip line installed this summer! A zip line is a high challenge activity that helps build self-confidence and responsibility.

It's also my pleasure to share that there are two "new" staff at camp that have a long prior relationship with Phantom. Troy Morgan is our Camp Director and is working diligently on preparations for this summer and to continue the excellence that is synonymous with Phantom. Our newest staff member is Eric Stein and he is our Communications Director. A fabulous project that he is currently working on is the Phantom Anniversary History Book (see back page for details). One trait they share is that they are both very good storytellers!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, I wish to deeply thank Kim Harron, Interim CEO, for his service to Phantom from June to December in 2004. Helping a great deal with the transition from years past are mainstays Carolyn "Hoye-Hoye" Russell, Registrations Director and Nancy Kendzior, Finance Director. Their devotion to Phantom is inspiring and they've made my return to Phantom feel like a warm homecoming. In closing, a huge amount of thanks goes to Cynthia "Cha Cha Chinzi" Holt for all that she has done for Phantom. Her dedication to Phantom is immeasurable and she will truly be missed. It is with sincere gratitude for her service to Phantom that all who know Cynthia wish her all the best as she embarks on new ventures.

If you're coming to camp this summer, I hope you're ready for a remarkable experience filled to the brim with Phantom Spirit!

High Hopes!

Mountain Mike Rule  
Executive Director

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## New Look!

We are excited to present a new layout for the Phantom Crier (A newspaper-like format for easy reading). We always welcome your feedback and suggestions. Be sure to keep in touch and update your contact information with us.  
office@phantomlakeymca.com  
or  
(262) 363-4386

### Mission Statement

Phantom Lake YMCA Camp, Inc. is one of America's oldest independent year 'round YMCA camps. Through camp related and community programs, Phantom Lake YMCA utilizes Christian principles to provide the opportunity for both children and adults to grow spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially in accordance with Luke 2:52.

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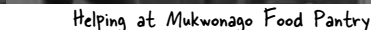
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Phantom Corps combines conservation, good deeds and a great deal of fun.



Road Rulers on a scavenger hunt



Helping at Mukwonago Food Pantry

## Teens Make a Difference

Teens grow in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and man in our new Teen Adventure Camps. Phantom Corps, Phantom Road Rules, and PAC OUT were a success last year and will expand in 2005.

**Phantom Corps**, modeled after AmeriCorp, did some good deeds around camp and the community. They learned about composting at Michael Field's Institute in East Troy. They also ate edible flowers and picked biodynamic potatoes. They helped out in the community at the Mukwonago Food Pantry and at camp by clearing the brush from the boardwalk and kettle paths. They also put their elbow grease into removing a stump! They educated camp with a large sign with information about Camp Leslie Marrowbone, our sister camp. They even had a canoeing overnight trip and visited Lapham Peak. This

program will be available to teens for two weeks this summer.

**Phantom Lake Road Rules** included a scavenger hunt in the camp van that led to Miller Park for a baseball game. Team-building challenges and an overnight were some of the other highlights. This will again be offered for one week.

The **PAC OUT** program is a two week program featuring a week at resident camp on Phantom Lake and then a week outside in the great wide open. Phantom Adventure Camping at its best. PAC OUT program is expanding this year to include four programs: Two trips to the Pictured Rocks, an advanced trip for girls to the Boundary Waters, and a boys trip to the Big Horn Mountains. Each trip is sure to be PACked with adventure!

## Strong Kids Campaign Going Strong

The Phantom Strong Kids Campaign is now underway. About 20 Board and alumni volunteers are working to achieve the goal of \$40,000. Your participation in this fundraising effort will ensure a bright, secure 109th year for Phantom. Children will develop character, independence and self-worth by attending camp for a week.

Please be generous when you hear from a Phantom



Every Child is Important

volunteer or receive a letter. If you are not contacted but wish to join others in building strong kids, please contact the Business Office at 262-363-4386. The campaign will run till July 15.



## Year End Campaign Surpasses Goal

The Year End Campaign surpassed the goal of \$20,000 as volunteers raised \$53,634 in contributions to provide additional financial assistance for campers and to keep our camp programs strong. Also, we received generous contributions to our capital project fund and to establish an endowment fund. About 160 Phantom friends and alumni were contacted and two corporate matching gifts were given.

**Thanks to all the volunteers who made the campaigns from last year a success:**

Ted Anderson  
Julie Bender  
Al Bower  
Bob Campbell  
Janet Carey  
Riley Cooper  
Brandon Davito  
Kyle Gasser

Mike Goldsmith  
Courtney Griffin  
Natasha Hanson  
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Pam Shapson  
Annette Simms

Donnan Steele  
Meg Steele  
Eric Stein  
Andy Treharne  
Fran Wagner  
Mike Williams  
Kennan Wood  
Eric Woodruff

## Farewell Cha Cha

A dedicated camp director, a strong leader, a constant source of energy, a two time nut club inductee, Cynthia “Cha Cha Chinzi” Holt was honored at a farewell party on March 14. The event was held at Café Carpe in Fort Atkinson. Friends and alumni shared Cha Cha stories in a roast fashion over appetizers and carrot cake.

Cynthia is setting sail from Phantom’s shores to support her mom’s Bauen Art Camp in Wyoming and to pursue an advanced degree in education or non-profit management. She will remain in Wisconsin and currently resides at her family’s place on Lake Geneva.

You will still see her around camp planting flowers and rummaging through camp history books. Cha Cha said she will “miss all the folks at camp... staff, alumni and campers... and the wonderful fun filled days of summer.” We will all miss her eternal sunshine and wish her good luck with the path that lies ahead of her!



Cynthia “Cha Cha” Holt

## Hello to Troy and Eric

How do you fill the shoes that Cynthia wore? Get two men with a long camp history and lots of soul.

**Troy Morgan** (80’s) is the interim camp director this summer. Ordained as a Presbyterian Minister in London at the Whitefield Memorial Church, Troy fondly recalls his days as a counselor on the stage, teaching theater to kids. Troy invented a character named Billy Bob who lives in the swamp and the song *We Come From Phantom Lake*. At the end of summer he will begin his ministry in Ireland.



Troy “Billy Bob” Morgan

**Eric Stein** (90’s) has joined us as the new Communications Director. He will take on non-profit marketing, and public relations. He has been designing our brochure and annual reports for the past five years. Eric is joining us from Gritton Design in Madison and fondly remembers teaching tennis on the sports courts and being SDP co-director in 1996-97. Eric has been with Phantom since he was a wee Mini-Tyke, then went on to be a Mag. Seven, and the rest is history.

Welcome back fellas!



Eric “Steiner” Stein

## 80’s Reunion Set for August

The 80’s Alumni Reunion is scheduled for August 19–21st at Phantom Lake YMCA Camp. The three musketeers, known as Cathie (Mairet) Treacy, Liz McNally and Micki Korb are planning a fun weekend and will send a mailing out to alumni in May.

Relax on Alford Lodge porch, or sing songs in the Dinning Hall. Take a hike through the ket-tles or make a campfire in your favorite unit.

Other activities will include a golf outing on Friday, a service project, and a staff square ceremony. Kids activities are also planned.

Judging by the success of the 70’s Reunion, the 80’s Reunion will be a rad time!

Contact Phantom for more information:  
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## Back In The Day

“Gary “taught” me how to play chess one summer at camp. He did a great job as a teacher but I think – to this date – that somehow he had a substandard student. I continue to lose games to my young nephews and have only had the chess vision a few times in my long life. That said I still have the basics that I can “teach to” (corporate talk) and let the natural vision take my poor students forward. I learned from him up the hill from the Health Lodge in Shiloh maybe, the tent name may have escaped me now but the impact on my life has not.”

– Eric Woodruff (70’s)




“After boarding a Royal Caribbean cruise line recently, I was reminded how fun it was to be on the programming staff at PLYC. The activities the crew lined up were only half of a step better than the ones the 90s staff (and those before and after) mustered up for the kids who we catered for a week. I enjoyed looking at a schedule and deciding what exactly I wanted to do for the day. I also wanted to teach the entertainment crew some “ummm hmmm I want to linger,” but I don’t think they’d appreciate my plan to build a campfire mid-ship.”

– Julie “CeCe”  
(Cirrincione)  
Vernon (90’s)

Send us your favorite memories.  
Your stories may be published in  
Phantom’s 110th history book.

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 Phantom Lake YMCA Camp  
invites you to

## SOUNDS OF PHANTOM

A BENEFIT TO BUILD STRONG KIDS

June 11, 2005

7:00–9:00pm

\$5.00 (Additional Donations Encouraged)

On the historic Alford Lodge stage

Featuring acoustic music by Hayward Williams, Hillary Mercer, Micki Korb, Flossie Howell and other Phantom friends along with all your favorite camp songs.

SUMMER CAMP BEGINS JUNE 19th!

We build strong kids, strong families and strong communities.



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# Story Submissions Extended – June 1

Share your Phantom story with thousands of other alum who understand what the Phantom Spirit means. Remember a favorite camp memory...tentmate chats, a kettle game, counselors dressing up for a Crier on the Flagstones, or something you picked up while listening to the wind in the pines. Perhaps you or your child changed and grew on the four sides while at Phantom. Maybe you are part of the 2% club. Parents, campers and alumni...we want to hear your PLYC story!

To commemorate Phantom Lake YMCA Camp's 110th year in 2006, we will be publishing an anniversary history book. We need your favorite memory. You can send your story to: Kids Stories S110 W30240 YMCA Camp Rd., Mukwonago, WI 53149, or e-mail your memory to stories@phantomlakeymca.com. Tell us your name, address, years at camp and if you were a camper or staff. Taking submissions until June 1, 2005.



# The Director's Wish List

Please contact us if you are able to provide these or other resources. We ask that you give new or gently used goods for the safety of the kids. Thanks to all of you who have been so generous!

## SMALL

- Office Supplies (paper, pens, pencils)
- Arts & Crafts Supplies for Craft Shop
- Cutting Boards
- Spatula
- Oven Mitts
- Plastic Crates
- Trash Cans (new)
- Brooms and Dust Pan
- Firewood
- Medical Supplies
- First Aid Kits

## MEDIUM

- Wagons
- Easels/Audio Visual Cart
- Black & White Photography Equipment
- Set of 25 Plastic Serving Bowls
- Landscaping Timber
- Lumber (tents/general maintenance)
- Outdoor Benches
- Sturdy Picnic Tables
- Bunk Beds
- Single Camp Beds or Futons
- Carpet
- Age Appropriate DVDs or Videos
- Weather Radio
- Life Jackets
- Volleyball Nets and Poles

## LARGE

- Portable PA System
- Digital Camera
- USB PowerPoint Projector
- Television
- DVD Player
- New Cafeteria Style Tables
- 20-50 New Folding Chairs with Storing Rack
- Pick Up Truck and Plow
- Unupholstered Furniture (good condition)
- Minivan/Station Wagon (2000 or newer)
- Rowboats (\$600) Canoes (\$500) Kayaks (\$400)
- Computers (Pentium III or newer)
- Ez-Go's or Golf Carts/Cushmans
- Front End Loader/Bob Cat
- Storage Sheds
- Sponsor a Crier (contact Eric Stein)

# Connections UPDATES ON PHANTOM FRIENDS AND ALUMNI

**Molly Garner** (90's) was promoted to director of the American School in Brazil.

**Megan Blake-Horst** (90's) had a successful gallery opening. Absolutely Art is located on Atwood Ave. in Madison. (608) 249-9100

**Ashley Zimmerman** (90's) is in St. Paul, MN, in the MAT-ESL grad program at Hamline University.

**Kate Rajeck** (70's) is married and has been living in Boston the past 2 years she connected with Nancy Donaldson in San Francisco for a wedding.

**John Hayward Williams "Goo"** (00's) had a great CD release in March. This is his first major album called Uphill Downhill.

**Kids Fest, Milw. - Jay Partington**, Pam's (00's) dad, was a gracious host to Phantom's booth.

Board Member **Kathryn Richardson** (60's) (below with Dan Newhouse, Y Consultant) was awarded Key Leader award from YMCA of USA.



**Sarene Schumacher** (90's) is biking across America with her mom. She biked 112 mi. in Texas.

**Tim Lindl** (90's) is hiking from Mexico to Canada on the Pacific Crest Trail.

Anderson Landscape Construction (608) 513-9850, **David Anderson's** (90's) company refurbished the flagstones donated by the Anderson Family.

**Kartik Ramamurthy** (early 90's) from India stopped by camp to say hi after a tour though the U.S. and had dinner with Sir G and Lady Sue.

## WEDDING BELLS

**Mike "Smitty" Smith** (80's) got married in Texas and is sailing his boat all the way back to Wisconsin via the Atlantic and St. Lawrence and then starting a sailing outfitting company.

**BIRTHS** — Future Campers **Beth Lovett (Simmons)** (80's) and Cary had a baby boy Charlie born on Christmas Day

**Tanya "Mac" Braz**, (2000's Day Camp) welcomed Tegan Renee into the world on 2/24/05

## IN MEMORY

The **Mother** of Jeni (Maday) Erdman (Jan. 05)

**Iris**, Cha Cha's Chocolate Lab, (Jan. 05)

20 Years  
as an  
**INDEPENDANT YMCA**  
In 1985 Phantom Lake YMCA Camp was purchased  
by camp from the Waukesha YMCA.

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