



THE FALCONER

April 2006

PARENT HANDBOOK

All parents of registered campers should receive the parent handbook by the end of April. Along with the details needed to prepare for camp, the handbook will include the medical form, a clothing order form, information on our new online community eCamp.net, a suggested packing list for camp, and other helpful information.

MIDSTATES

From April 6th – April 9th, Dave Devey, Nici Buzza Mahen, Phil Consolo, Alison Mizen, Jenn Mizen, Pat Dezort, Nat Sheppard, Josephine Rex, and Heidi Neighbarger traveled to Chicago for the annual American Camp Association Mid-States conference. The conference gave us an opportunity to spend time with other camp directors and staff members from across the Midwest. Most time was spent in educational sessions learning everything from new activities to discussing the philosophies of how and why we work with children.

We spent much of the evenings planning Falcon special events for 2006 and what kinds of things we can do to make camp an even better place to be. Two 6 hour car rides gave plenty of time to work through some different thoughts on staff responsibilities, role models, internet issues and more.

This is a dedicated and impressive group of staff who attended the conference and it helps reinforce the idea that Falcon is not just a summer job to our staff but truly is a part of who they are.

OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday May 28th from 1pm – 4pm. Open House is a chance for new and prospective families to check out what camp looks like. Please contact us if you are planning on attending.

The New Logo



REGISTRATION UPDATE

Our numbers continue to grow as we get closer to camp. If you have not yet registered for camp please contact us to inquire about availability.

ONLINE FORUMS

Over the past couple of months a topic of much interest to camp directors has been the phenomenon of online forums. Two of the most prominent are myspace.com and facebook.com. Online forums are not limited sites like our web site, these forums also include blogs, instant messaging services, and chat rooms.

The increased use of the internet for communication is both positive and negative. It is an easy way for all of us to stay in touch, for campers to talk to each other and to communicate with staff year round. These are all positive things when used responsibly. However, this kind of communication is also a relatively consequence free environment and there is potential for problems if there are little boundaries.

Misinterpretation is easy sometimes when there is no way to gauge tone of voice or emotion in a statement. The fact that these are public forums is easily forgotten by someone who may think they are only speaking to a friend. In some respects, a new kind of verbal bullying can take place even if this was not the original intention.

A review of several sites from our campers and staff left us feeling pretty good in general about the way Falcon people conduct themselves. Compared

to some of the stories we heard at the conference in Chicago, we are, as usual, rather proud of our camp community. We will monitor different sites to see that anything about Falcon and our community is kept within the bounds of acceptable behavior.

Camp Directors, employers, and school administrators are searching for ways to address negative situations. There certainly are privacy issues on both sides of things but we are feeling that the solution in our camp environment begins as a pretty simple one. Basically, "Falcon Rules" should apply whenever camp or camp people are a topic of communication. At Falcon, we expect everyone to treat each other with respect in both words and deeds. Part of what makes Falcon the unique place we are is because our community is a safe and comfortable environment to have fun and grow responsibly. We are quite pleased with the quality of young people who make up our community and are sure that everyone will act accordingly, both at and away from Falcon.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Some of you may have noticed the new logo on this newsletter. In the past couple of months we have been working to update some different things about camp. This logo picture actually *is* a Falcon instead of the hybrid falcon/eagle we have been using for years so we felt it was more appropriate to our name. Todd Lennig has also been working hard to develop a new website which will be up and running soon. The site is still a work in progress as we will add more and more parts as the year goes on.

We are getting excited as the weather gets warmer and are looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Dave & Emily

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2006 Staff

Here are a few biographies on some of our returning senior staff to camp. We have spent the last couple of months putting together an excellent and talented group of young adults to be the counselors at Falcon this summer. In our next newsletter we will outline some of the new staff for this summer. As always we are proud of the fact that so many of our staff are former campers. Happy reading!!!

Pat Dezort will be returning to Falcon for his 7th summer. He goes to school at Notre Dame College in South Euclid, OH where he is an early childhood education major. At school he is also an RA and student ambassador. Pat also enjoys playing tennis and running. At camp, Pat will be the Junior Boys Unit Leader, work in crafts and help out in many different areas of camp.

Heidi Neighbarger will be at Falcon for her second summer. She is now finishing her junior year at Bethany College in Bethany, WV. Currently she is tying up loose ends to complete this academic year; including working on her senior project, content portfolio, and comprehensive exams. After student teaching in the fall, Heidi will graduate in spring of 2007 with a degree in Physical Education K-12 teaching. Outside of camp she enjoys teaching kids in her classes, spending time with family and friends whenever possible, and traveling. At camp she will be working at the waterfront, around athletics, and possibly a few other activity areas.

This will be Kip Goulder's seventh summer at Falcon, including four years as a camper. He will graduate from Orange High School in Pepper Pike in June and start classes at Purdue University this fall majoring in Construction Management. His interests outside of camp are sports, music, and boating. Kip will be living with the Eagles and working at sailing.

This summer will be Jessi Solomon's 7th fabulous summer at Falcon Camp! She is graduating from Orange High School this year and going to Vanderbilt University next year to study Child Development/Special Education/Pre-med. Outside of camp she is a song leader for numerous organizations and religious schools, volunteers for groups with special needs kids, enjoys music and guitar, and runs cross-country. At camp, Jessi will work mostly with Drama (drama games, the play, and "camper-formulated" skits) and often times Riflery. She also really enjoys Woodslore and the creative weekend activities.

This will be Jordan Kurit's 8th summer at Falcon. He will be graduating from Kiski Prep in the Spring. Jordan will be matriculating to Baldwin Wallace this fall where he plans on majoring in European History. He is a member of the varsity Wrestling and Baseball teams. At camp Jordan will be living with the Bluejays unit and working in Archery.

Josephine Rex has been at camp for nine years. She is finishing her sophomore year at College of Charleston and is hoping to complete a double major in Political Science and Psychology. Outside of school she is on the club swim team, baby-sits for twin boys, and has just spent her spring break on a community service trip. "I have just spent an extremely rewarding spring break working in an orphanage and teaching English in the local schools in Monte Crisit, a very poor fishing town on the coast of the Dominican Republic." Josephine is

excited to be working at the waterfront and in the Senior Girls unit.

Helene Thoen will be returning for her second summer. She is a sophomore at the Ohio State University studying Interior Design and in the future would like to own an interior design studio. Her interests outside of camp include traveling, hanging out with friends and visiting her family in Belgium. Helene will be working in crafts this summer.

Jenn Mizen will be at camp for her 13th summer. Currently, she is studying biology and classical languages/literature at Colby College in Maine. She will be studying abroad sometime next year at a field studies program in South Africa. This summer Jenn will be the Junior Girls Unit Leader and be in charge of the Woodslore program.

This will be Alison Mizen's 13th summer at Falcon. She graduated in June of 2005 from Kalamazoo College with an Education degree. She now lives in Cleveland Heights and has been substitute teaching and tutoring while transferring her license to Ohio. Alison's hobbies include reading, learning, working out, movies and spending time with friends. At camp Alison will be the Senior Girls Unit Leader, working in the office and helping out where ever else needed.

Lauren Ross has been at camp for 11 years now. She was a former horse camper who went through the CIT and Junior Counselor program at Falcon. She holds a couple of part time jobs but spends the bulk of her time working with animal rescues. She hopes to some day have her own rescue. Lauren enjoys playing with her six dogs, two horses and reading. Lauren will be the barn manager this summer.

Katharina Wilhelm will be joining us for her 4th summer. Kat comes to Falcon from Germany and is a student in London, England. She is studying arts management. Her interests include the arts, photography, hanging out with friends, and traveling. This summer Kat will be the head of Horse Camp and work in the stables.

Joe Malpass will be with us for his third summer this year. Currently he works for the British Government and plans to someday move to the United States. Joe's interests include building computers, studying economics, and interviewing other counselors for Camp America. At camp Joe will be in charge of Riflery in addition to working in Woodslore and where ever else needed.

Nat Sheppard will be at camp for his 12th summer. Nat is a sophomore at the Ohio State University where he is attending the engineering school and studying material science. He was recently elected the president of his fraternity. At camp Nat will be the Senior Boys Unit Leader and run canoeing.

2006 Campers

* denotes new camper

Frankie Adgate	Lindsay Edwards	Andre LaRue*	Lexi Saltzman
Tommy Adgate	Molly Elson	Paul LaRue*	Ben Saylor
Rae Alwes	Rachel Elson	Adam Lauretig	Amanda Schenk
Jack Anderson*	Anna Faxon*	Brendan LeMay	Zach Schenk
Nina Appasamy	Graham Fine	Moriah Lieberman*	Paige Schiller
Quincy Atkins	Dana Finley	Rachel Lieberman*	Jake Scholl
Spencer Atkins	Jessi Fisher	Jenny Listinsky	Matthew Schultheiss*
Grant Auletta*	Jocelyn Fishman	Andrea Lombardo*	Ben Schumann
Hunter Auletta*	Drew Ford	Catherine Longhini	Evan Schumann
Pablo Aviles	Dylan Ford	Alexa Lorick	Katherine Schwieterman*
Pedro Aviles	Emma Ford	Nic Lux	Robert Schwieterman
Pia Beck	Ali Foti	Maria Marcos	Philip Sereda
James Benson	Jamie Foti	Daniel Margaroli	Stephanie Sexton
Jessica Benson	Jenna Foti	Collin Marvin	Leah Shefsky
Kaylie Benson	Lizzie Fuerman	Raquel Mather	Hannah Shiffman
Harley Berg	Dan Glick-Unterman	Jason Mauro	Erin Skaggs*
Eliza Berns*	Lisa Gorrow	Jordan Mauro	Kyle Skaggs
Zoe Berns	Mark Gorrow	Ryan Mauro	Liz Smith
Jamie Bird	Megan Gorrow*	Michelle May-Curry	Lizzie Sords
Jenna Bird	Annise Graham-Glicksman	Stephanie McAllister	Molly Sords
Jordan Bird	Gaby Graham-Glicksman	Emily McCartney*	Ethan Sprunger
Adam Blasinsky	Max Graman	Sarah McIntosh*	Jordan Sprunger
Brad Blumer	Zoe Graman	Andrew McCurrach*	David Stahl
Jennifer Blumer	Nina Gurevitz	Ian McCurrach*	Jessica Stahl*
Stephanie Blumer	Isabelle Hammer	Eamon McGuire*	Ally Steinlage
Benjamin Bornstein*	Kassie Hammerschmidt	Sarah McIntosh	Austin Steinlage
Craig Boyd	Nora Harris	Brad Medinger	Kurt Stephenson*
Thomas Boyd	Alex Harrison	Nic Medinger	Jake Stern
Tyler Breazeale	Martin Harrison	Cece Mercer	Sophie Stern
Austin Bronstein	Settie Harrison*	Nikki Mercer	David Streicher*
Benjamin Bronstein*	Sami Hawwa	Randi Michel*	Dillin Strizzi
Michael Brooks	Rory Hensen*	Hershey Millner	Wilson Taylor
Carly Broome*	Lucas Himmelman	Kameron Millner	Mallory Thomas
Matthew Burns	Jacob Honick*	Christina Moore	Joey Tichinel
Justin Burrell-Miller*	Taylor Hood	Katelyn Moore*	Robbie Tichinel
Emily Carlin	Alexandra Houck	Christy Motch	Nick Tippit
Dean Carlson*	Brandon Houghton	Zach Muncy	Jordan Todaro
Matthew Carvin*	Jacob Huerta	Ellen Murfey	Margie Toohey
Turner Carvin	Sara Huser	Kalle Nelson*	Mimi Toohey
Evan Cherchiglia	David Hutchinson	Jimmy Nemeth*	Matthew Tumen
Noah Collin	Connor Immel	Laura Nice	Sam Ubersax
Evan Cooper	Chad Ingber*	Leanne O'Neill	Emma Vance
Julia Constantini	Ryan Isenberg*	Clara Peres*	Matt Vance
Emily Cullen	Kyle Johnson	Zach Polster	Nate Vance
Erin Cullen	Taylor Johnson	James Porter	Lauren Vandebroeck
Morgan Curtiss	Brian Joseph*	Megan Porter*	Paul Vandebroeck*
Katie Deagan	John Kachurek	Annabelle Rayburn	Campbell Washington
Kevin Deagan	Eleanora Kaloyeropoulos	Iris Rayburn	Ashely Weeks*
Tyler Deagan	Samantha Kamen	John Rayburn	Sarah Weeks*
Lauren DeGirolamo*	Lauren Kennedy	Travis Reilly	Sam Weil*
Katie Demsey	Taylor Kilroy	Hannah Rex	Emily Weinberg
Sarah Diamond	Evan Kinney	Montreaux Rodgers	Julian Weinberg
Nelson DiCarlo*	Griffin Kinney	Rebecca Rosen	Jake Wiedemann
Sydney Doerge*	Allie Klejka	Brian Rosenthal*	Chris Wilkins
James Dunn	Seth Kluk-Barany	Sammie Rosenthal	Taylor Williams
CJ Dupre*	Amelia Klump*	Brad Ross	Katie Wilson
Ben Durell	Isabelle Klump*	Elana Ross	Sienna Zeilinger
Emily Durell	Will Koznarek	Katie Rourke*	Ingrid Zippe
Kelsey Dyson	Sarah LaCroix	Jennifer Salkin	Alana Zucker*
MJ Eckhouse		Jordan Salkin	Jesse Zwick*
Jenny Edelman		Eden Saltzman	Zack Zwick*