



THE FALCONER

October 2006

Phil's Farewell Thoughts

After thirteen years at Falcon it is hard to find a place to start this. The easiest place to begin is Thank You. Thank You to Falcon for being my home for such a long time. Thank you to every camper I have ever had the pleasure to meet, play tennis with, teach sailing to, run a weekend for, be a unit leader for, or live in a cabin with. Campers are what keeps this place young and vibrant. Without the energy you bring to camp there would be no Falcon.

Thank you to every counselor I have ever worked with. While the campers give us energy and vibrancy, you give us direction and focus. While climbing the ladder of Falcon from junior boy to Senior boy to CIT to junior counselor to Senior Staff, Waterfront Director/Unit Leader to Program Director I have had many a counselor some good, some bad and some unforgettable ones. I especially want to thank Todd, Nici and Debbi for being role models and giving me something to strive for in excellence.

Thank you to all of the counselors this summer who have made my last experience at Falcon a tremendous one. Without all of you I would not be able to leave this place feeling like I finished on a strong note.

Thank you to Dave and Emily for providing me with a place and environment that allowed me to grow into a young man, learn the difference between right and wrong, and share my passion for working with children. Along with Cas and Hannah you have been a second family to me for years and it has been exciting watching you all grow.

Thank you to Dave for giving me the tools to be able to move on and feel like I am making the right decision. You have been a

tremendous teacher, mentor, co-worker, and most of all a friend for so many years.

Thank you for everything you have done. I want all of you to have a chance to experience camp in the manner in which I have. THANK YOU.

--Phil Consolo



Early Registration 2007

Information about early registration for the summer of 2007 will be mailed by the end of October and will begin November 1. It is already time to start thinking about next summer.

There are several important things to note about planning for 2007 (other than it will be a great time, of course). First, we will move our calendar back one week so that camp will open on June 24 and end on August 18. Second, it has become almost essential for senior campers to register early to guarantee space. This would include Hawks and Eagles. Last year, many of the sessions were filled during early registration in the seniors. It is important to remember this for campers who are moving from junior camp to senior camp next summer. We want everyone to have every opportunity to return to Falcon before we offer space to new families.

From the Director

Change and consistency do not have to be opposites. They are two of the very things that make Falcon "a second home" for so many campers, staff and alumni.

The strength of our program, our values, depth of the care, the administrative experience base and our camp traditions are much of what makes Falcon consistent year after year. Campers, parents and staff know what to expect, that they can trust what we say and do, that we care about the expectations and the outcomes of our efforts.

This consistency is what creates the environment that allows each camper to change, grow and blossom in meaningful ways. There is a genuine feeling of home, of family, of friendships beyond just having a great time in activities. This growth doesn't just apply to campers but also to staff. Read the thoughts of some of the staff and you can sense the depth of the care for their campers, their jobs and Falcon itself. This is part of what makes Falcon the place it is.

Change is also inevitable at Falcon as every year some campers move to staff, some staff graduate and have to move towards their career. Such is the case with Phil Consolo after all these years. Phil leaves with our blessing and a sense of purpose in seeking his future. Phil enlisted in the Air Force and so will be a part of us in a bit different way. We will miss him at Falcon but he will always remain part of the Falcon family, the Devey family and a friend of mine. Phil's leaving is not all a sad affair. The consistency of Falcon is that some of the staff Phil has helped train will take a step up, evolve into the next top level and create their own Falcon memories.

Dave & Emily

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Notes from the 2006 Staff

From Another Land...

Two years ago I was looking to do something a little different from my routine summer experience of line production in a smelly factory, paying off student debt. Considering that I had never flown, never been to a summer camp, and never (despite having family here) visited the United States; Falcon Camp offered me quite the 'different' experience I was looking for.

When I applied to become a camp counselor, through Camp America, I didn't know that I was coming to Falcon Camp specifically. I received a letter instructing me to go to Heathrow and take flights to Pittsburgh where I would be met by somebody in a red shirt. Pat found me, with more British staff, all of us lagged from over 24 hours of travel. Then we got here.

The next morning, although I was yet to discover the fact, I was home. It was so great that I decided to come home the next summer too. And I am home again right now, for my last day of this summer, before I return to England. My application for summer 2007 is already complete, so that I may return home then too!

This is it.

One of my favorite things about Falcon Camp is that we can watch the whole family growing up together, not just campers but staff too, even myself, and that's pretty cool, it's not so easy to notice it happening in other places. This year I was here for longer than my previous visits - four months, I had the time of my life! As before, I have learnt a whole lot about myself, and other people too, which I find delightfully fun.

After camp next summer I'll be doing an internship somewhere in the USA, and following graduation I see the future ahead of me in the business world out here, so I will eventually be emigrating.

If it had not been for Falcon's brilliant introduction to a world literally foreign to me, I don't know if I could be making these statements so assuredly. Now I shouldn't say thanks to the

earth, trees and buildings that are explicitly Falcon Camp, they are nice, but I hope you all realize that when I say "Thank you Falcon" it is to the family, community, and life that make it truly what it is.

To all of you I am eternally grateful.

---Joe Malpass

SEPTEMBER NEWS

Lauren Ross was married in September. Her and her new husband Scott Myers went on a cruise for their honeymoon. The wedding was beautiful and a lot of fun. Of course Lauren's horse, Solo, participated in the ceremony as well. It was a great chance to give our best to Lauren and Scott, and catch up with some Falcon friends.



Lauren is available to teach riding lessons in Columbus this year. She can travel or teach at her place in Delaware. Call 614-477-7989 for more information.

ON ANOTHER NOTE...

Few people actually realize what is in the unwritten print at the bottom of a Falcon contract. It reads "I the undersigned will be a role model in a child's life from now on. It is a possibility that I will be involved with my campers during, but not limited to, the summer, the school year, after a bad athletic event, during ice-cream fights, through parent issues, when they need that extra "well done", and when they have no one else to talk to.

I will make new friends and another family. These memories will stay with me for the rest of my life." And the most important part of this... most of us would still sign.

---Pat Dezort

SUMMER UPDATE

We had a wonderful summer this year at Falcon. Some of my favorite memories include:

- The new Unit names and shirts making Sunday campfire a very colorful and special time.
 - All the Woodslorians and the half and full day hikes.
 - A very successful Falconopoly weekend event!
 - Jessy Fisher going horseback riding with all of H4.
 - Young Adventurers improving swimming and running Carson and Aaron ragged with all their games.
 - The Cardinals' best buddy, Paul The Cone.
 - Steelers, Browns, and all our other theme days
- Thanks for a great year! I cannot wait for 2007! --Alison Mizen



CIT Information

Those of you who are eligible to apply to become counselors-in-training, (CIT's) should have received information in the past week. The CIT program at Falcon has been outstanding over the past several summers and our acceptance decisions get increasingly difficult each year as we have more talented young people applying than we have room.

2006 HIGHFLYERS

1st Session	Blue Jays	Eagles	Cardinals	Hawks
Archery	Kyle Johnson Jordan Mauro	Jason Mauro Brad Medinger Jake Wiedemann	Emma Ford Alana Zucker	Iris Rayburn
Athletics	Bernardo Gonzalez Jordan Mauro Ryan Mauro	Drew Ford Nic Lux John Rayburn	Elana Ross Eden Saltzman Alana Zucker	Katie Deagan Moriah Lieberman Iris Rayburn
Canoeing	Pablo Aviles Martin Harrison	Nic Lux Jason Mauro	Erin Cullen Eden Saltzman	
Crafts	Jordan Mauro		Emma Ford Alana Zucker	
Drama	Austin Bronstein Martin Harrison	Graham Fine	Kaylie Benson	Jamie Foti
Riding	Jordan Bird	Jason Mauro	Ally Steinlage	Nora Harris
Riflery	Martin Harrison Julian Weinberg	Drew Ford Jake Scholl		MJ Eckhouse Michelle May-Curry Katie Wilson
Sailing	Julian Weinberg	Alex Harrison Phil Sereda		Stephanie Blumer Rachel Lieberman Alexa Lorick
Swimming	Jordan Mauro	Graham Fine Travis Reilly	Elana Ross	Annabelle Rayburn
Tennis	Adam Blasinsky Austin Bronstein	Seth Kluk-Barany Dillin Strizzi Brad Ross	Nikki Mercer Elana Ross Ally Steinlage	Stephanie McAllister Ellen Murfey Hannah Rex
Woodslore	Austin Steinlage	Kevin Deagan	Nikki Mercer Elana Ross Eden Saltzman	Sarah Diamond MJ Eckhouse Rachel Lieberman

2nd Session	Blue Jays	Eagles	Cardinals	Hawks
Archery	Benjamin Durrell	Frankie Adgate Zachary Polster		Stephanie Blumer
Athletics	Jordan Bird Ricardo Galvan Bernardo Gonzalez	Frankie Adgate Daniel Glick-Unterman	Raquel Mather	Elizabeth Smith Sophie Stern
Canoeing	Bernardo Gonzalez John Nespeca Columbus Wilson	Frankie Adgate Thomas Boyd James Porter	Rachel Elson Kameron Millner Erin Skaggs	Laura Nice Stephanie Sexton Leah Shefsky
Crafts	Joseph Tichinel	Nic Lux	Raquel Mather Ashley Weeks	Pia Beck Paige Schiller
Drama	Brandon Houghton Sam Weil	Mark Gorrow David Stahl	Jenna Bird	Emily Durrell Paige Schiller Leah Shefsky
Riding		Nik Roccas		
Riflery		Frankie Adgate David Stahl	Jenna Stahl	Kassie Hammerschmidt
Sailing		Nik Roccas	Nina Gurevitz	Stephanie Blumer Alexa Lorick
Swimming	Benjamin Durrell	Armand Holmes	Samantha Kamen	Elizabeth Smith
Tennis	Jordan Bird Roberto Galvan	Jacob Huerta	Raquel Mather	Elizabeth Smith Sophie Stern Dianne Zettl
Woodslore	Roberto Galvan	Thomas Boyd Daniel Glick-Unterman	Nina Gurevitz	Molly Elson Isabelle Hammer Elizabeth Smith

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Applications and other forms can be downloaded from our website at www.falconcamp.com.
You are welcome to call or email any time you have questions.

2007 DATES

Eight Week Session	June 24 – August 18
Six Week Sessions	June 24 – August 4 July 8 – August 18
Four Week Sessions	June 24 – July 21 July 22 – August 18
Two Week Sessions	June 24 – July 7 July 8– July 21 July 22 – August 4 August 5 – August 18

Falcon Young Adventure Camp: 6 and 7 year olds
The program has expanded to include girls!
August 5 -August 11 and August 12 -18



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