

Parent Newsletter Dec. 2010

Holiday Greetings to All!

Great turnout for the Turkey Bowl last Friday! Thanks to Matt Scavitto for rounding up staff, campers and alums for a brisk game of Touch Football, lots of pizza and a good reunion ! We had over 30 in attendance for this annual get-together. Matt can provide the details, but I know the score was around 90-86 in a show of offensive fireworks! Was it Blues or Grays?!

Events upcoming: **Open Houses:** If you know of any prospective families in these areas, give them a call, invite them to the Open House and have them RSVP to me: email or tel. # 610-275-6634.

Susan and Walter (Buck) Buckley – **Sunday, Dec. 12** from 4:40-6 p.m. at 221 Atlee Road in Wayne, PA

Beth and Bill Pope –**Sunday January 9**, 2011, 4-5:30 p.m. at 261 Hollow Tree Road, Darien, CT 06820

Elizabeth and Peter Shoemaker, **Sunday January, 30**, 2011, 400 Homewood Ave., L.A. CA, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

In addition to these Open Houses, we will be at the following **Camp Fairs** and you can direct prospective families to meet us there:

Jan. 22, Derby Academy, Hingham, MA 1-4 p.m.

Jan. 25 Brookline, MA details TBA

Jan. 26, Greenwich H. S., Greenwich, CT 6-9 p.m.

Jan., 26, Conestoga H.S. Conestoga, PA 5-8 p.m

Feb. 5 Chestnut Hill Academy, Phila., PA 11-3 p.m.

Feb 5 Moorestown Friends School, Moorestown, NJ 11-3 p.m.

Feb 5, St.Thomas Aquinas School, Fairfield, CT. 1719 Post Road, 11-3 p.m.

Thanks for your help in marketing Camp. You are our best salespeople! If you can host an OH, please let me know. Open Houses are, by far, our best form of communication to prospective families.

- **On-Line registration – you can now do everything on-line!** Application form, payments, information! The important thing for me is that all your information goes directly into the Camp database and I don't have to re-copy it all from your application! **So please use the on-line registration site if you can!** Old campers and families are already in there so all you have to do is update your info! The web site (www.camptecumseh.net - click on “enroll now”) will automatically

reply to your registration and will send you all the camp forms by email. Another convenience of this system. Some forms you will be able to complete on-line; others (medical) require signatures and have to be mailed or faxed (610-275-6635) to me. You should be able to pay for transportation, spending and tutoring by credit card or check.

Happenings!

- **The indoor, multi-use athletic facility** – tentatively known as the **Munger Pavilion**, is well underway! We will post photos on the web site. The foundation is poured, the walls are up and it should be totally under roof soon! This new building will house all sorts of activities this summer including a **new woodshop**. Located right next to the basketball courts, it can be used rain or shine (the doors open!), has bathrooms, and will have a porch for home run hitters on the Junior baseball diamond to swing for! The old woodshop space will be used for a Camp Clothing store and an office for the Camp Director!
- New roofs on two cabins, several coats of red paint on the Dining Hall and other needed renovations continue to beautify and update Camp's beautiful facilities.
- **Staff Updates:** regretfully **Pete Gillin**, our Head lacrosse coach for many summers and a Tecumseh lifer: camper, counselor, parent, administrator and mentor will not return this summer as he directs his energies to his career as an administrator in Education. We will have son, Jack as a Rookie to continue the Gillin tradition and look forward to seeing Pete and Katie as Tecumseh parents! We are in the process of interviewing candidates to replace Pete as our lax Head.
- **David Henry**, former counselor and Head of our overnight and day canoe trips, will return this summer! David led campers on a 4 day overnight canoe trip to Maine two summers ago and plans to pick up where he left off! We continue to expand our "Outdoor Adventure Program" with Dave's canoe trips and **Matt Birch and Matt Poiesz** will have more climbing in store for us. We will add another climbing wall in the barn and we will do some rock climbing which campers experienced for the first time last summer!
- Virtually all senior staff members will be returning this summer!
- In addition to expanding our Outdoor Adventure program, we are also planning to expand our lacrosse and soccer programs by adding Tecumseh Invitational tourneys in one, possibly both sports. We have an invitation to play before a Boston Cannon Pro lacrosse game this summer! Coach **Bill Daye**, the Cannons coach, will return and do lacrosse clinics during each session! He was a very popular clinician last summer!

OK – That’s enough info to digest at one time! Everyone enjoy the upcoming Holiday Season and spread the good word about CT – “The Greatest Place on Earth” – Worth Magazine’s #3 ranked camp World Wide!

Your **2011 Calendar/Yearbook** will arrive soon, as will the **Blue Gray Annual Report**. Please contribute to the **Blue Gray Fund** if you can. It supports so many great kids!

Warm regards,
Jim and Nina