WE NEED YOU!!!

We are proud to celebrate our 80th summer in 2014! Our alumni network is exploding with names and people we haven’t heard from in years. In an effort to continue to reconnect with all LWC/GWC alumni, check out the alumni section of our website. Our website allows you to safely contact, and be contacted by other alumni. Lake of the Woods and Greenwoods Camp will never directly share your contact information with anyone.

http://www.lwcgwc.com/alumni/welcome-alumni/

As this issue of the Alumni Chronicles went to press, we have identified over 3,200 alumni. There are still many alumni out there that are “MIA” and we need your help to find them! Additionally, many alumni have moved or changed e-mail addresses. If you are in touch with any old camp friends, please direct them to the alumni section of our website where they can read previous newsletters, sign the guestbook, and update their contact information. You can also forward contact information for other alumni directly to us at alumni@LWCWGWC.com. We hope that this network helps you revive your old connections and keeps your camp spirit alive!

LWC/GWC ALUMNI

Baby Updates

LWC/GWC Alumni have been busy over the past few months, and we are thrilled to share some of their exciting news! Please e-mail shana@Lwcgwc.com with YOUR good news so that you can be featured in a future issue of the Alumni Chronicles.

DANA (COHN) KITE
Sienna Elise Kite
DOB 11/21/2013
Hometown: Highland Park, IL
Sienna’s favorite future camp activity will be… “waterskiing, songfest, and hanging with her friends in the cabin during the downtimes. Those were always my favorite times with my camp friends!”

EMILY BECKER-WEIDMAN
Ella Madison Camero Grinshpan
DOB 5/31/2013
Hometown: New York City
Emily’s favorite camp memory: “Olympic Days’ Captain! Go Gold!” Ella’s favorite future camp activity will be… “swimming because she loves the water! Or circle because she is her mothers’ daughter 🤙”

**PLEASE SEND US YOUR CAMP PHOTOS!**

We would like your help in growing our Alumni Scrapbook! Please send us photos, audio files, videos, scanned Color Days packets, pictures of your Indian Princesses necklace, or anything else that you would like to see when we introduce this brand new section of our website. Send any and all files to alumni@Lwcgwc.com.

We are Celebrating our 80th Anniversary this Summer 2014 - Details are Inside!!!

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Save the Dates!

Celebrating Lake of the Woods and Greenwoods Camps’ 80th Summer!!

We are celebrating our 80th anniversary with these exciting events:

**ALUMNI DAY AT CAMP: 1935-1999**
For campers and staff who attended camp from 1935-1999
Decatur, MI*
Saturday, July 19, 2014

**ALUMNI DAY AT CAMP: 2000-2013**
For campers and staff who attended camp from 2000-2013
Decatur, MI
Sunday, August 3, 2014

*also...*

**ALUMNI COCKTAIL PARTY:**
Friday, July 18, 2014, 6:30 – 8:30 pm • Maggiano’s – Skokie, IL

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY CAMP:**
August 10–12, 2014 • Decatur, MI

*Optional transportation at no charge is provided from the northern Chicago suburbs for the Saturday, July 19th event.*

Questions? Call Shana at (847) 242-0009 or email Shana@LWCGWC.com.
**ROBBIE MUNIC**

Writer and producer Robbie Munic (Greenwoods Camper & CIT for 9 years) is currently working on the new Fox drama “Gang Related”, premiering this year. Previously, Robbie created and executive produced “The Cleaner” on A&E, wrote the feature film “Fighting”, and continues to love his 25-year career in the entertainment business. Living in LA with his wife Ingrid Rogers and children Jake and Ajna, Robbie took some time to tell us about his experience in Decatur…

**What are your favorite camp memories?** “The memories from Greenwoods are so vast… It is the most common recurring location in my dreams. To this day I still have several dreams a month where I am at camp as an adult! Man, I wish that were the case. I had so many “firsts” at camp. First time sailing, water skiing, kissing the girls in Bryn Mawr, building rockets, getting hung by my underwear on the Mohawk hook (ah, the memories)... Hanging kids on the Mohawk hook (sorry for the memories of the hangees)... Canoe trips, the dunes, camp fires, kissing the girls in Bryn Mawr, Cabin raids -- Hay rides, kissing the girls in Byn Mawr, learning to fold the American Flag, becoming a leader, kissing the girls in Bryn Mawr, cleaning the mess hall, bug juice, eating Mexican candy, kissing the girls in Bryn Mawr, The Big House (spent far too much time in there), capture the flag at sundown -- Winning Color Wars (Black Team!) And, oh yeah... Kissing the girls in Bryn Mawr”

**How did camp help prepare you for the “real world”?** “Camp literally prepared me for all that I am in life today. I am not exaggerating or over-stating how character defining camp was for me. First and foremost It gave me independence. It taught me how to think, act responsibly (for the most part) and be on my own without my parents at a young age. I never really thought about it until recently when I see how dependent teenagers nowadays are on their parents. My folks help pack my footlocker, threw a few dollars in my pocket and dropped me off at Northbrook Court. After that I was on my own… The astonishing thing was, when I was much younger, like kindergarten and first grade I was that kid who would cry when his mom dropped him off at school. I mean I would freak out! As I got older, that went away and I think my parents really knew that by sending me away to camp at 9 years old would be a life changer for me and they were 100% correct. I never got homesick. I felt so at home at Greenwoods immediately. I still to this day, remember the smell of the fresh air, the sunlight on the lake, the taste of the first meal like it was yesterday. I thrived at camp, I wanted to go back the day after camp ended every summer! It was total liberation and freedom -- The best summers of my life were spent there. ”

**TOD HIMEL**

Check out the new Disney TV series “I Didn’t Do It”, which premiered in January! Greenwoods Camp Alum, Tod Himel is the writer and executive producer of the show. The series premiered on January 17th and was seen by 3.9 million viewers!

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If I could go back this summer for 8 weeks, believe me, my footlocker would be packed, my name tags would be ironed into my underwear and I’d be waiting at Northbrook Court with the biggest damn smile on my face you have ever seen.”

– Robbie Munic

Why do you think camp is important for children to experience today? “It gives them a foundation for life. Camp allows you to discover who you are. It gives you the life skills to succeed in business -- How to interact with others -- How to truly tap into who you are and embrace your individuality. Camp is the one place where kids from all over the world can come together for a few weeks and leave with the best memories of their lives! Memories that truly will last a lifetime! ”

Any advice for current/future campers at LWC/GWC? “Embrace the experience. Enjoy every day that you are there, it is a time in their lives filled with pure joy. Turn off your electronics and plug into nature. And most importantly -- Be kind to all the kids at the camp –”
3rd Annual GLOBAL APPAREL DAY!

Friday, MARCH 7, 2014 is the date for our 3rd Annual Global Apparel Day! The past 2 years have been such a huge success. We want to see our campers, staff and alumni showing off their camp apparel all around the world! Make sure to wear your camp apparel and show off your camp spirit.

Take a photo in your favorite camp gear and email it to Tom@Lwcgwc.com and we will post it on our Facebook and Instagram page to show our camp pride!

Post for fun or enter one of these contests:

1) Most creative photo in camp gear
2) Largest group together wearing camp gear
3) Photo taken farthest away from Decatur in camp gear

Sam and Shana modeling our new early bird gifts!

ROOKIE CAMP AT GREENWOODS
AUGUST 1-3, 2014

Rookie Camp is a unique opportunity for boys ages 6-10 to get a taste of overnight camp and see what camp is all about. Boys spend 3 days and 2 nights living like a real Greenwoods camper.

Rookie campers are placed in their own cabins with other Rookies around their age and our experienced counselors. The boys participate in a wide sampling of our regular camp activities and have the opportunity to participate in our great evening programs while making new friends.

Air-conditioned coach transportation is provided to and from Greenwoods from the Chicago area at no additional charge.
Tuition: $425, all inclusive.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Are you online? We want you to be part of our online camp community!

FOLLOW US ON Instagram
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GreenwoodsCamp

“LIKE” us on FACEBOOK
STAY CONNECTED……with Lake of the Woods and Greenwoods Camps on FACEBOOK. We are constantly adding photos and posting exciting news throughout the year. Also visit our Alumni page and join our group!
www.facebook.com/LWCWGWC
https://www.facebook.com/groups/101518820654/
Dear Dayna,

Every now and then for the last 15 years give or take, I'd do a computer search for “Lake of the Woods” just to see if the camp was still active, so you can imagine my surprise when I came across the various links to the camp and found that one of my very own campers was running the show. You may not remember me, but I remember you. There are always a few campers that remain in a counselor’s long term memory. You’re one of them. I enjoyed reading about your many accomplishments. You’re a beautiful person inside and out and the campers are lucky to have you. Congratulations on your success!

I was assigned to Pembroke my first two summers as a counselor and was lucky enough to be asked back as Program Director for my third. After graduating from Northern Michigan University, I moved to Arizona to pursue a career. I remember getting a call from Marc Seeger, I believe in the mid 80’s, asking if I would come back again for a fourth summer. I was just beginning my new job and as much as I dreamed of coming back, I sadly knew it just wasn’t possible.

I have been blessed with an amazing career and feel very fortunate that life has been very good to me. However, everyone has their ups and downs and sometimes one has to stop and take a step back to reflect on the positives of their past. I have a somewhat tattered looking cardboard box labeled “Lake of the Woods” that contains numerous pictures, song lyrics, and memorabilia from my wonderful days at camp. When I’m in need of a more positive outlook, I drag out my tattered little box and reminisce about the good ol’ days at camp. I was just 19 years old my first summer there. I am now 52 and proud to say that there’s no doubt in my mind that those 3 summers at Lake of the Woods greatly impacted my life as a young adult which in turn molded me into the person I am today. I wouldn’t trade those memories for anything!

I found “A Camp Story” on Amazon and of course had to purchase it. I should have it in a couple of days and can’t wait to read it! I’ve also submitted a request to become part of the Alumni group and hope that maybe one day I can return for a visit. Enclosed are a few pictures I wanted to share in case you didn’t remember me. I also sent a message to your facebook account, but wasn’t sure how often you’re on it.

Good luck with the growth of Lake of the Woods/Greenwoods Camp and all the best in your future endeavors.

Warm Regards, Linda Dean
Keep Us Up To Date!!

Do we have your correct contact information? PLEASE let us know your updated info by emailing us at shana@Lwcgwc.com or filling out the form below and mailing it to our winter address at 650 Vernon Avenue, Suite 202, Glencoe, IL 60022

Name __________________________________________________

Maiden Name ___________________________________________

Street __________________________________________________

City __________________________State _______ Zip __________

Email __________________________________________________

Years at Camp:

Camper Years _____________ Staff Years _________________

SAY CHEESE

Check out LWC/GWC alumni getting together over the past few months!