



The Afterglow

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Hurray! Success! Camp Ownership Transferred

In early May, 2007 NC Acquisition, Inc., Nature Camp of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., and Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., completed and put into effect an agreement to transfer ownership of Nature Camp and its associated assets. For the token price of \$1.00, NC Acquisition, Inc. purchased the Nature Camp buildings and their contents, the four Nature Camp vehicles, all intellectual property pertaining to Nature Camp including the name and the internet domain www.naturecamp.net, and some designated memorial funds which provide scholarships to campers and staff. This historic occasion followed the issuance to NC Acquisition, Inc. of a new Special Use Permit to operate Nature Camp from the U.S. Forest Service.

Two individuals deserve special commendation for their instrumental roles in facilitating this watershed event. Attorney Will Hulcher filed the requisite paperwork to establish NC Acquisition, Inc. last November and represented the fledgling organization in its negotiations with the VFGC. Will provided his services *pro bono* throughout this process (undoubtedly this was far more than he bargained for when he married into a Nature Camp family). Kathy Hall, of the Glenwood and Pedlar Ranger Districts of the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, placed the new Special Use Permit on a veritable "fast track" and managed to cut through all the bureaucratic red tape that could have stalled progress for months.

Although the 65-year affiliation between Nature Camp and the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs has formally and officially ended, Nature Camp continues to benefit from the generous support of federated garden clubs and their individual members, who have generously contributed funds to the Campaign for Nature Camp and provided scholarships for campers this summer.

-- Flip Coulling, Camp Director

The Campaign for Nature Camp -- FAQs

The past five months have been a flurry of Camp-related activity - all of it positive and helping to achieve the common goal of keeping Nature Camp open and going strong well into the future. Amidst the emails, conversations, and early campaign communications, it's easy to see how the many members of the extended Nature Camp community might have achieved varying levels of understanding about the numerous issues surrounding this time of opportunity, transition, and growth. With that in mind, the following Q & A session has been designed to bring us all to the same place in our understanding of these important issues.

Why did I receive this mailing?

Perhaps you are one of a few hundred individuals who have supported the Nature Camp Foundation since its founding in 1989. In that case, receiving *The Afterglow* - the Foundation's quarterly newsletter - has become an expected communications piece that keeps you in touch with Camp. For hundreds of others, this mailing is your first look at a publication that provides ongoing information about Nature Camp, the NCF-sponsored annual Adult Session, twice-yearly service weekends and other opportunities to give back to Camp, and the chance to keep in touch with friends from last summer or decades ago. As the NCF expanded its responsibilities toward Nature

Camp, it also extended its communications mission and will work to keep a growing community of alumni, friends, and parents of current and former campers apprised of all things Camp-related.

How did we get here?

After more than six decades of stellar leadership, the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs reluctantly voted last summer to end its operation of Nature Camp, not because they no longer supported Camp's mission but because Camp's physical needs seemed financially too daunting. Fortunately for future generations of Nature Campers, a growing group of supporters was poised to keep Nature Camp open. The Nature Camp Foundation, founded mainly by alumni in 1989 as a non-profit entity chartered to assist Nature Camp, had provided secondary support to Camp for years in the form of special projects (e.g. helping to fund the pool repairs and purchasing a multi-passenger van), volunteer labor, and modest donations to support evening programs and book awards for campers. In the fall of 2006, the NCF responded to the outpouring of support from the Nature Camp community and made the decision on behalf of all these alumni, parents, and friends to keep Nature Camp open.

What is this "new operational entity" I've heard about?

For several reasons, keeping the fundraising arm separate from an organization's operational arm makes good sense. Going through the legal processes to operate Nature Camp would have necessitated a new filing on the part of the NCF, temporarily suspending its non-profit designation. Because it was necessary to begin raising funds immediately in order to hold Camp this summer, the smarter choice was for the NCF to retain its designation for fundraising purposes (so that all contributions would be tax-deductible) while creating a "sister" entity responsible for operating Nature Camp. This was done smoothly and successfully, with both "arms" of the organization working together on all aspects of the transition. (The operating entity was temporarily named "NC Acquisition, Inc." for filing purposes and will assume the more traditional "Nature Camp, Inc." once that name, as part of the intellectual property, has been fully transferred.)

I heard that Nature Camp is unsafe. Is that true?

In two words: **absolutely not**. In more than six decades of operation, Nature Camp has held safety as the very highest priority and has a proven track record in this area. The notion that Nature Camp is not safe seems to have stemmed from the implication that Camp *would* be unsafe if the full list of suggested repairs prepared by an engineering firm were not implemented. That is not true. This list does contain a number of suggested capital improvements, many of which will be phased in beginning in late summer. However, it contains only one major safety-related item (replacing the electrical wiring in the poolhouse), and this will be fully addressed and independently inspected for safety in May, weeks before the first camper sets foot back at Nature Camp. We have worked hard to set the record straight on this front, and it's clear that our communications have been effective, as more than 200 camper applications flooded in from confident and reassured parents and garden clubs during the first few weeks after applications went out.

What's going on with the campaign, and why was the campaign goal set at \$1 million?

When the Nature Camp Foundation Board voted in October to assume funding responsibility for Nature Camp, its decision necessitated *The Campaign for Nature Camp*. This \$1 million fund drive, launched unceremoniously through one-on-one conversations with a relatively small number of alumni, parents, and friends who have already given and pledged more than \$340,000, relies on the same premise that guided the NCF Board in making their leap: the idea that Nature Camp is a place unlike any other, and that its supporters are an incomparable group who find it inconceivable that Nature Camp would close its gates. **This edition of *The Afterglow* marks the launch of the public phase, in which the entire Nature Camp community is challenged to reach the campaign goal of \$1 million.**

How did the NCF arrive at this figure?

The engineering firm's cost estimate for suggested repairs and renovations exceeds \$500,000. Since this list includes some costly items that are not safety-related and would degrade Camp's memorable character (e.g. constructing nine streetlamps along the road through Camp), professional facilities experts volunteering for the NCF have shaved some unnecessary items off the list. It has also been gratifying to see a number of electrical and engineering professionals offer to donate their services to Nature Camp, which will further reduce costs. Still, conservative estimates of necessary repairs and upgrades place the expense at around \$350,000. Much of this cost is related to burying plumbing and electrical lines in very rocky soil.

The remaining portion of the campaign goal will augment the funds raised by the NCF over the past 17 years to generate sufficient interest to bridge the annual gap between Camp's tuition revenues and the actual cost of offering such a high-quality program for such an affordable price. Just as you hear from your colleges and universities, the true cost of the Nature Camp experience - the camper scholarships, food, books, materials, educational and recreational equipment, staff, maintenance, and other necessities - cannot be met merely by tuition levels that are kept deliberately low so as to keep Nature Camp attainable by a broad community of participants.

In a very real sense, reaching the point financially when most of Nature Camp's ongoing needs can be met by interest rather than principal is even more important than raising the funds for the immediate physical needs. As an entirely volunteer-driven organization, the NCF does not have the capacity to remain in the "crisis mode" that will result from a major campaign shortfall - jumping from one short-term fix to another, causing campers and parents to wonder if each year is the last, failing to accrue a reserve for unforeseeable major needs in the future, and preventing Nature Camp from planning for maintenance, repair and replacement of facilities more than a year in advance. For Nature Camp to be a financially healthy non-profit organization - one that alleviates concern about whether this life-changing experience will be open and available for our children and grandchildren - it's crucial that we all do whatever we can to achieve the campaign goal.

What can I do? How can I help?

Please make your tax-deductible campaign gift or pledge today by clipping and completing the pledge form at the end of this *Afterglow* and returning it in the enclosed envelope. Even better, please consider multiplying your intended gift amount by three and making a three-year pledge that will allow the NCF to strengthen Nature Camp immediately as well as to plan for the long haul. *If you or someone you care about has ever experienced the remarkable, unexplainable magic that is Nature Camp, this is the chance to give back, to ensure that others can experience that magic and grow to be the kinds of environmental stewards we want and need.*

Please tell your families, friends, and neighbors about Nature Camp. Let them know that it is not only wonderful, it is safe and affordable. Remind them that it plants the seeds in many a respected scientist, and it also creates confidence and leadership ability and inspires a lifelong love of learning in those who choose other paths. Tell them that it's **fun** and that 2nd and 3rd generation Nature Campers travel from around the country to attend this tiny jewel in the woods. You can steer potential campers toward additional information and applications at <http://www.naturecamp.net>. And it's not too late to apply for this summer! While we're on pace to match last year's enrollment, which was at an eight-year high, there are still available spaces in every session. The most opportunities remain available in 4th session...think about a 5th or 6th grader in your family, church, school, or community whom you could start down the path that proves so rewarding to so many.

Please provide us with the contact information for others who should be receiving mailings like this. Note that the NCF and this publication are designed not just for campers and alumni but also for parents and friends interested in helping to ensure that Nature Camp remains open for future generations. Check with your friends and family members who also have a connection to Nature Camp and then use the space on the back of the campaign pledge form (attached to page ? of this *Afterglow*) to provide names and addresses of those who have not yet made it to our list. Thank you for helping the NCF to provide better communication!

-- Anne Rottenborn Balto, Development Chair

In Their Own Words: Why Support the Campaign for Nature Camp?

"Every summer I count down the days until I can drive over that old stone bridge and see my old friends. Please know that all the campers are willing to have bake sales, car washes, anything to raise money. We are not going to let this unique and amazing place close. Nature Camp has made me who I am today; it is a part of my life and the hope for a better tomorrow for future generations. This little spot by Big Mary's Creek and McClung Mountain is special to so many people. If hundreds of young people voluntarily come to a camp where they have to take classes, write reports, and take a test, then Nature Camp must be doing something right. At age fifteen, finding a place where I have fun, learn, and make friends is amazing to me."

-1st Session Camper Allison Still

"Nature Camp is extremely important to me. When I was a camper, the passion of the counselors inspired me to find something that I could be equally passionate about. They showed me just how influential and infectious passion can be and how easy it is to make a huge difference in someone's life. And of course Nature Camp is the reason I ever started caring about the environment and began thinking about what kind of impact on the world I wanted to have. The summer before my first year at college, when I became a counselor, was probably the biggest period of growth in my life. It's hard to put a finger on just what is so special about the atmosphere there but it's something that I don't believe can be easily duplicated. I've been to other camps and had friends doing the counselor thing at other camps, and they don't seem to have experienced quite the same life-changing experiences as we Nature Campers have. I have a group of counselor friends who still get together at least twice a year, and those people mean everything to me."

-Former Camper & Counselor Katie Weller

"Nature Camp was so important to my parents and family. It was devastating to even imagine it closing. I loved being at the meeting in October, and I felt that my father would have been so very proud of the decision to keep Nature Camp open. Supporting the campaign is a way for all of us who care about Nature Camp and whose memories are intertwined with that special place on the banks of Big Mary's Creek to make sure it's there long into the future."

-Trudy Reeves Melvin, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Jack Reeves

"My then 11- year- old daughter, Abigail, had never been to camp before and I was not sure how she would react to being away from home for two weeks. When I visited her the middle weekend, I could see a real glow in her eyes. She spends a lot of time outdoors so I knew she would enjoy that, but it was great to see how much everyone cared for each other and how much she enjoyed learning about the outdoors. As a parent, I was also glad to see that the staff placed a real emphasis on safety. Abigail had such a good time that I just had to get involved to make sure she would get to enjoy Nature Camp in the future; and that her younger siblings and other children across Virginia would have the same opportunity for years to come."

-Alex Simon, parent of camper Abigail Simon

"An important part of our club's mission statement is to stimulate interest in conserving our natural resources and beautifying our environment. Nature Camp does this better than any place I know with the people who matter most, our children."

-Suzy Oliver, member of Little Garden Club of Winchester

"Those of us who have been in our garden club for many years and had children attend Nature Camp are very aware of the wonderful benefits the campers receive and just how important the camp is. Many of our members have made contributions to the campaign event in our area, and we plan as a group to make a donation for Nature Camp repairs. We're delighted that Nature Camp will remain open and we support the efforts of the Nature Camp Foundation 100%."

-Barbara Franklin, member of Waynesboro Garden Club

Campaign Events: Fundraising and Friendraising

Among the many extraordinary examples of support for Nature Camp's continuation has been the outpouring of effort by a growing cadre of volunteers planning six events around Virginia this spring. Drawing not only on the willing participation of the Nature Camp contacts in their areas but also on the generosity of community merchants, restaurants, and churches providing everything from sponsorship funds to auction items to low-cost venues, the events are proving to have a dual purpose. Through ticket sales, auctions, and raffles, the events contribute directly to The Campaign for Nature Camp, while the publicity provided by local newspapers, word-of-mouth, and community participants creates a host of new Nature Camp friends, resulting in new Camp applicants and an increased awareness of the special place that has been something of an "insiders' secret."

The Nature Camp Foundation extends its deepest appreciation to the many individuals, businesses, and organizations - too numerous to name here, but gratefully recognized at the individual events - lending their time, energy, talents, goods, services, and financial resources to make these events such a success. Thank you all!

While most of these events have already taken place, it may not be too late to attend an event in your area. For more information, contact Anne Rottenborn Balto

✿✿✿ Winchester: Chili Supper/Camp Fare with Camp Friends for Camp's Future Saturday March 24th, 6-8 PM

✿✿✿ Richmond: Wine & Cheese and Raffle Sunday, March 25th, 5-8 PM



A slide show of treasured Camp photos captivates the Richmond crowd.

✿✿✿ Waynesboro-Staunton: Live & Silent Auction and Hors d'oeuvres Sunday, April 1st, 5-8 PM



Nature Camp alumni and friends peruse the many items available at the Staunton-Waynesboro silent and live auction.

✿✿✿ Northern Virginia: Silent Auction and Hors d'oeuvres April 15th, 5-8 PM



Tables are piled high with donations for the successful northern Virginia silent auction.

✿✿✿ Charlottesville: Silent Auction June 3rd, Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, 717 Rugby Road, 5-8pm

Proposed NCF Budget for 2007

| Income | | Expenses | |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Contributions | \$112,300 | Contributions to camp | 66,000 |
| Dues | 5,600 | Service Committee | 2,300 |
| Investments | 3,500 | Administrative | 8,950 |
| Adult Session | <u>3,600</u> | Adult Session | 2,600 |
| | | Marketing | <u>7,500</u> |
| Total Income | 125,000 | Total Expenses | 87,350 |
| Net income | 37,650 | | |

Administrative expenses include all normal printing and mailing costs, phone calls, book keeping expenses, and insurance for board members. Marketing refers to costs associated with the fund-raising campaign (\$5,000) and recruiting campers (\$2,500). Contributions to camp covers a grant of \$56,000 to the new Nature Camp Acquisition entity as start-up costs during the transfer of ownership, and \$10,000 to upgrade the physical plant. Under Income, the contributions are an estimate based on success of the fund-raising campaign so far.

Election for NCF Board of Directors

Greetings to all from the NCF's Nominating Committee. In the past, our task has been relatively straightforward--to find candidates for the five NCF officers and set up the election procedure. The five Board positions are: President, Secretary, Treasurer and two At-Large members. This year, as with every other aspect of Nature Camp during this wonderful process of rebirth, everything is in flux and, as things progress, we may find that the role of our committee is somewhat broader. For example, the fledgling NC Acquisition, Inc. will have its own Board of Directors. At present, we don't know precisely how these positions will be filled. Whether or not the Nominating Committee will have any role beyond its traditional one, we would like to request that everyone reading this give some thought as to how you and others might be willing and able to contribute to the preservation of Nature Camp. If you feel you would have a contribution to make, please contact one of the committee members. Likewise, if you know of someone who you think would be willing to serve in some way, let us know and we will follow up on your suggestion. Please do this soon, even if you aren't sure of the specific role that would be the most suitable. We might be able to find a place for you. Keep in mind that whatever happens, it is our behind-the-scenes work that allows Flip and his staff the freedom to do their all-important creative work during the eight weeks of summer camp. We hope to hear from you. -- Lyt Wood, Chairman

Members of the committee are:

Lyt Wood
Shirley Napps
Annie White

Sallie Anne Werth Hicks

Sallie Anne Hicks, mother of camper Tom Hicks and long-time friend of Nature Camp, died on Dec. 27, 2006 in North River, VA. Active in the community of Gloucester County, she was a Girl Scout leader for more than 20 years, and a member of the choir at her Episcopal church. Sallie Anne was a close friend of Lorna Wass, who shared a birthday with her; the two used to exchange wild blueberries and home-churned butter each year as gifts.

Marguerite Moger, 1912-2007

We are saddened to report the death of Marguerite Moger on January 25, 2007, in Lexington. A graduate of Westhampton College and long-time resident of Lexington, she worked in the libraries of W&L and Rockbridge County, and was an active member of several bird clubs. To quote from her obituary: "She was passionate about Rockbridge County, knew all the back roads, and enjoyed exploring them with anyone she could recruit to join her. To the end of her life she engaged friends of all ages in topics of interest, including politics, the Atlanta Braves, and news of Washington and Lee and Lexington, discussing them with wit and enthusiasm." Her two daughters, Esther Moger Stokes and Alice Moger Marotti, attended Nature Camp, where Alice met her husband Bill Marotti. Marguerite, Esther and Alice are all Lillian Schilling Fellows of the Nature Camp Foundation.

C. T. Cash, 1922-2007

Camp has also lost a long-time friend in Clarence Thomas Cash, Vesuvius postmaster and owner of the Cash General Store for many years. CT lived in Vesuvius all his life, although he traveled widely, including four years in Europe during WW II. He was a founder of the Vesuvius Community Association and the Vesuvius chapter of the Ruritan Club and an active member of the Steeles Tavern VFW.

Welcome to New Members

Emily Johnson is a student in Minneapolis.....**Mary Montague** joins us from Gloucester, VA....**Freeman Jones '74** is in Alexandria, VA.....**Paul and Monica Adams** are the parents of recent camper Lucy.....**John Whipple** is an author and friend of new members **JC and Frank Konier**. JC is Past President of the Toano Garden Club and a VFGC Life Member. She has offered to coordinate a Scholarship Committee for the foundation.....**Virginia Olson** joins from Greensboro, NC, **David Scully '97** from Falls Church, and **Kirsten Talken** from Stafford.....**Richard Pierson**, '72 camper, is Director of Finance for the American Lung Association of Virginia. He and his wife Sarah are parents of campers **Hannah and Buck Tribble**. Hannah is now an English major at UVa.....**Maggie Coleman '96** is now Margaret Emore....**Dr. & Mrs. Walter Blankenbaker** are the grandparents of camper **Emily Gotwals**, and Mrs. Blankenbaker is a member of the VFGC Dogwood Club.....Also a welcome to **Thomas Gates**, the **Valley of Virginia Herb Guild**, **Terry Pomeroy**, **Charles and Susan Pauley**, **Rick & Judy Webb**, **Katherine Richardson**, **Tom & Carol Zimorski**, **Ann Wallinger**, **Kathleen Reed**, **Patricia Goodson**, **Jim & Latane Long**, **Abigail Cutter**, **Mary VanDenburgh**, **Lauren Richards**, **Roger and Darlene Simpson**, **LaTienda.com**, **George Chip Snead**, **Dorothy Sullenberger**, **Betty Jefferson**, **Kenneth Bowman**, the **Dolley Madison Garden Club**, the **Rose Cliff Garden Club**, the **John Clayton Chapter of the Virginia Native Plants Society**, **Luella Morgan**, **Forest Fletcher**, **Robin Fletcher Page**, **Roger Schultz** and **Beth Scharlop**, **John Powell**, **Heather Warley**, **Ronald and Kathryn Denney**, **Philip and Ellen Winter**, **Many Mann**, **Art and Kathy Rottenborn**, **Arelene Leavitt**, **Robert and Jeanne Partridge**, **Robin and Patsy Hersey**, **Hon. Humes and Barbara Franklin**, **Gary and Jean Wade**, **Mr. and Mrs. Richard Huttinger**, and **Adelaide Simpson**.

Special New Members

Other important people are the counselors who served during the summer 2006 sessions. For several years the NCF has had a policy of giving counselors a one-year subscription to *The Afterglow*, in the hope that they will choose to become members. A belated welcome to **David Ackley**, **Anna Bedell**, **Louise Bowling**, **Chris Chamberlin**, **Will Damron**, **Jason and Ryan Farr**, **Kate Herron**, **Mary Lyle Jeanes**, **Kate Livengood**, **Meg McDonald**, **Lori Nelson**, **Jeff Pool**, **stuart Ralston**, **Erin and Wilson Ratliff**, **Calder Telep**, **Hannah Tribble** and **Clare van Montfrans**. Counselors **Jason Betzner**, and **Barak and Graelyn Brashear** are already members, and we thank them for their support.

Catching Up

Tom Wieboldt spent 2006 working on databases and a digital atlas of Virginia flora, not quite as much fun as field work but he is still able to say that he has not regretted having to go to work for a single day of his 25 years at the Tech herbarium.....Meanwhile, **Ali Davenport Wieboldt** had two craft shows and received a Third Place award in Art Jewelry from *Best of Virginia Artists and Artisans*. Daughter **Elsa**, a camper in 2006, is deeply involved with gymnastics.....**Anne Van Auken** is working wacky hours as an emergency veterinarian in Annapolis.....**Sky Larsen O'Ravitz** continues as a librarian in the Scottsdale AZ public library system.....**Paul Doherty** is a medical student at Johns Hopkins.....**Richard Hutton** is serving with the US Army in Iraq and brother **Cuth** is a student at University of the South.....**Paul Church Hutton IV** is on the foreign policy staff of Senator John McCain and is engaged to **Cammie Tuskey**.....**Peggy Layne** married Ed Champion on Dec. 30, 2006.....**Eileen Naples** is in the Office of Solid Waste at the EPA.....**Lisa Rossbacher** is still at Southern Polytechnic State in Georgia and husband Dallas is at Georgia Southern Univ. Latest addition to the family is Dobie Tango "a full-fledged teenager who has discovered squirrels".....**Lennie Clore** is a pediatric RN at Children's Hospital, Philadelphia and is beginning the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program at U. Penn.....**Fritz Schilling**, now part-time Interim Senior Minister at First Presbyterian, Knoxville TN, reports that his son Tom is a professor in cell biology at Univ. California, Irvine; daughter Kathryn is an artist, married to a landscaper in Knoxville; daughter Anne is a professor and actor at Cal State Long Beach; and son Jonathan is a professor of Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering at Univ. Minnesota.....**Ms. Billie Foster** reports that her two grand-children, Zach and Kenzie, attended camp last summer. They are in the Governor's School in Richmond.....**Carie Holland Kahn** is still loving her job of full-time mom at home (Brooks, 5 and Conner, 3). She and husband Jeff and the kids get out o hike, fish, climb and ski when they can.....**Blair Larsen** is still teaching 8th grade science, and is also working on a master's in geology at Utah State.....**Zia Howell McConnell's** oldest son Brighton will be 10 this year, and Forrest 5....**Chris Harris** and his wife Rian are Foreign Service Officers in the State Department, and were in Afghanistan last year. Now they'e training for a posting in Serbia.....**Sara McMahon** will be getting married in June out in Portland, OR. She's still working at PPM Energy, a wind-power company.

Donors to the Campaign for Nature Camp

These giving circles reflect the total value of pledges and gifts made to *The Campaign for Nature Camp* through March 26, 2007. Their generosity has brought the campaign total to more than \$340,000 in under five months!

South River Supporters (\$1 - \$999):

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| Anonymous | Anonymous | Charles and Anne Andersen |
| Betsy Delicate Bangley | Carolyn Barber | George and Audrey Barlow |
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McClung Mountain Club (\$1000 - \$2499):

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| Mason and Brooke Hearn | Nancy Hillmer | Paul "Church" and Evelyn Hutton |
| Nell Hamlin Jefferson | Little Garden Club of Winchester | Kathy Rottenborn |
| Lynchburg Garden Club | Robert and Jeanne Partridge | Lenore Wagner Smith |
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Table Rock Patrons (\$5000 - \$9999):

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| Anonymous | Abigail Cutter | Brent and Becky Heath |
| Terry Richardson | Paul Schwobel <i>in memory of Wilbur P. Schwobel</i> | |

Buttermilk Springs Benefactors (\$10,000 - \$19,999):

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| Twentieth Century Merchants Fund | Lorna Wass | |

Big Mary's Creek Guardians (\$20,000 or more):

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| Anonymous | The Chilton Family | Sidney and Mary Coulling |
| Jill Stein Tietjen | | |

Gifts-in-Kind (As stated above, dozens of generous businesses and individuals made contributions of their services and goods to the campaign event in their area. The following also made in-kind contributions to benefit Nature Camp):

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| Anston House Press, Greg Napps, President | Brent and Becky's Bulbs |
| Will Hulcher | Doug Woodworth |

Calendar of Events, 2007

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| Service Weekend | May 18-20 |
| Annual Meeting | May 19, 1:00 pm |
| Adult Session | Aug. 17-21 |
| Service Weekend | Sept. 14-16 |

Please plan on joining us for any or all of these!!

For those of you who attended Nature Camp during its first few years, or for those whose grown children and grandchildren enjoyed it so much that you'd like to give back to Nature Camp, the following may apply to you:

Through the end of this calendar year (2007), Congress has passed a special act allowing those who are 70 years of age and older to satisfy their Required Minimum Distribution from retirement accounts by giving the money to a non-profit 501(c)(3) like the Nature Camp Foundation. The distributions will be tax-free and avoid the penalty on early withdrawals. Your money will go directly to the charity, so there is no income to report for the giver. This is a great way to benefit an organization that you care about while accruing a financial benefit."



The Campaign for Nature Camp: Gift & Pledge Commitment Form

NAME: _____

CAMP AFFILIATION: _____

(camper, counselor, alumnus/alumna, parent, friend, etc.)

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

_____ I have included the Nature Camp Foundation in my estate planning.

_____ I have included contact information for other Camp alumni and friends on the reverse of this form.

I am pleased to make a campaign pledge in the amount of \$_____.

This pledge will be fulfilled:

_____ In one sum, to be paid:

_____ Now, with my enclosed check (*payable to Nature Camp Foundation*)

_____ By credit card: Card Type _____

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