



# The New Winding Streams

## Camp Fair Brings in New Campers

### May Birthdays

- 3-May Heidi Plavecsky
- 3-May Hannah Mulligan
- 3-May Chris Klencz
- 5-May Cheyenne Cupps
- 5-May Darryl Baker, Jr.
- 7-May Patrick Beach
- 9-May Heather Roscow
- 13-May Sandra Windle
- 15-May Peggy Walker
- 16-May Terry Smith
- 16-May Meredith Lilley
- 17-May Jay Wells
- 18-May Michael Hite
- 19-May Scott Schroeder
- 20-May Brooke Martin
- 20-May Rachel Coburn
- 22-May Samantha Beany
- 29-May Emily Samuelson
- 30-May Amy Macynski



All of us have a love and passion for CAMP. But when we try to tell someone about it we tend to stumble over our words. Many campers and staff have expressed it this way: "It can't be explained you have to experience it".

Well trying to explain CAMP is exactly what we have to do when we attend a Camp Fair. Representatives from SFA have trekked all over the State to set up booths at several camp fairs over the past 3 or 4 years. Needless to say the first event was very rough! We found ourselves stumbling over words trying to explain CAMP to prospective campers & parents .

This year we attended two fairs, one at Wright State University and a new one at Olentangy Orange Middle School. Both were great experiences and have already produced NEW CAMPERS!

But how do you explain CAMP in a quick minute to a stranger? It all starts with our Mission Statement: *C.A.M.P. is an acronym for Constructing Assured and Motivated People. With our positive and fun-loving staff, the serene*

*setting of nature, the heavens full of stars, a program packed with motivating energy, and the love of a Higher Power, we present campers with the opportunity to find their "Special Spark".*

Next, using pictures you point out the different programs & classes we provide as well as the rustic style facility.



Our diverse **volunteer** staff is a great selling point. Couple that with the price point, an enthusiastic presenter and our great new brochure, it makes an easy sale.

So how does a camp fair work? There are many (dozens sometimes) booths/camps that you have to compete with. Many have state of the art booths complete with "stage lights" and video monitors that show professionally edited videos. Some booths just have two

grandmother type people sitting behind a table knitting something to showcase their summer "Learn to Knit" classes. Our booth is somewhere in-between. We have three boards featuring pictures of different activities and the facilities. On the table we have brochures, some t-shirts and yearbooks for people to checkout. We also have a laptop showing some camp videos (thanks to Jason Sands) and a picture frame showing a slideshow of pictures.

The "Trick" is getting people to our booth. To do that I do magic tricks to draw people in to our area. Other staff members, like David Tucker, work their own magic using their sales skill. David has worked every fair that we have attended and does a great job getting our message across to perspective campers and their parents.

If you want to do some of your own sales pitching, you can download a copy of our new brochure at: [www.sfacamp.org/2010brochure.pdf](http://www.sfacamp.org/2010brochure.pdf)

See you all at CAMP 2010

Dave

# June Birthdays

- 1-Jun Adam Weidner
- 3-Jun Lisa Kruse
- 5-Jun Carrie Brizius
- 6-Jun Alisha DeBoard
- 10-Jun Kacey Neville
- 10-Jun Jonathan Erickson
- 12-Jun Bryan Bickham
- 13-Jun Shannon Roscow
- 13-Jun Andrew Mapes
- 14-Jun Sarah Biggard
- 17-Jun Adena Wise
- 20-Jun Samantha Jander
- 21-Jun Brian Carney
- 22-Jun Bethany Blakely
- 23-Jun Devon Johnson
- 24-Jun Sumner Howells

## Morning Watch

### It's time to SPRING FORWARD!

This little memory jog about turning our clocks ahead for DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME also seems appropriate for each of us in our lives.

Springtime really does always seem to be the actual start of every new year, doesn't it? It's the time when the whole world seems to come alive after a long cold dormant period. As I arrived home yesterday after a week away, I noticed that the daffodils were all up and in bud! In a few

days maybe they'll actually be blooming! Have you seen that the grass is turning green? (Especially the Winter wheat in the farmers' fields! It is the greenest green possible!)--And how welcome after months of just white! Hopefully, the snow is over for this year, and it is time to SPRING FORWARD! Mother Nature knows this and is taking care of it. ARE WE?

Winter is a slow-down time, and a time that we all probably need, but now it is time

to get moving! Now is the time to take a good look at where we are going and try to find the best way to go about it. This past week we were given a GPS for our car. When we make a wrong turn, it tells us, "Recalculating!" God does that for us, too!

He just keeps giving us new chances to get on the right path, and Spring is one big "RECALCULATING"

time for everyone! Yep, It's time to step out of the shadows and into the Light, and to be Steppin' out to a New Tomorrow as we **SPRING**

**FORWARD!**

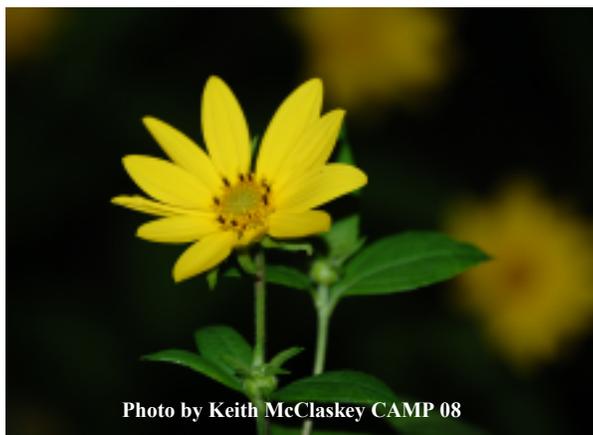


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### C.A.M.P. 2010

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## Annual Staff Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner

SFA's Annual Spaghetti Dinner was held on March 20, 2010. The dinner is SFA's way of saying thank you to all the staff and to give special recognition to persons or businesses that have gone the extra mile in supporting camp and

it's goals. This year SFA chose to award two special such persons/businesses. Jennifer (Bell) & Troy Boren and Guide Book Publishing (Bob Vogt's Company). Thank you both!

We also celebrated Janny's Birthday. She turned 75 on

March 21st. Happy Birthday Janny!



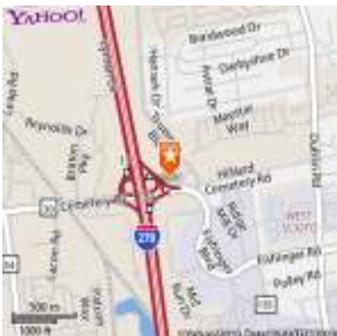
**SFA President Brian VanMeter with the awards.**

**Time for Flip Flops and Hawaiian Shirts**

**SFA NIGHT OUT**

Join us for a taste of the Tropics as SFA's Night Out takes us to Jimmy Buffet's **Cheeseburger In Paradise** Restaurant, [www.cheeseburgerinparadise.com](http://www.cheeseburgerinparadise.com), on Friday, April 9, 7pm.

It is located at 4081 Truman Blvd in Hilliard, just off of I-270 at the Fishinger / Cemetary Rd. exit. Check out their website and give us a head's up if you plan on joining the party. ([tbrizius@sfacamp.org](mailto:tbrizius@sfacamp.org)).



David Tucker at camp 2008

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**C.A.M.P. 2010**  
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**MEMORIES OF CAMPS GONE BY**

**CAN-DO ATTITUDE IS BORN AT OUR CAMP**

by Janny

Early on in our camping days, Tom Patterson (a person very instrumental in our lives) introduced us to yet another man who would turn out to be very important to us. His name was Dick Ruff--a most remarkable individual! Dick had been born with multiple "handicaps"-- though he never let them be so in his life. He had one normal leg, one partial leg, one stub of an arm that ended just below the shoulder, and his remaining arm was badly mall formed-- including the fingers. Dick had an idea to start an organization for other physically challenged people in which they would have a chance to do many things that "normal" people could--(fun things!) Dick

had never let his handicaps stop him from trying anything. Indeed in high school when his high school coach tried to stop him from playing football, he became a kicker, breaking every record ever held by the school (This with a wooden leg, remember!) He was honored as athlete of the year, and one of the prizes was a bowling ball, but he did not have fingers to go in the hole's, so Dick took it to someone who could drill a big hole for his stub to fit in, and he also became an expert bowler--as well as expert almost anything else. Boonie and I were instrumental in Dick's being able



to start his special handicapped organization, and we became charter members. (In order to get publicity for the new organization, we alerted TV's Jimmy Crum and on the air, donated all of the money from the Wishing Well at the 7 Caves, my family's business, to Dick's new fun organization. We charter members named it RECREATION UNLIMITED. At one of our early Camp Akita camps we invited Dick down as our guest. He lived the full day with us--putting all the campers to shame at every skill throughout the day--canoeing, basketball, foot-

ball, swimming, etc. The campers were astonished! We never had a complaint from any of them the rest of the week!--And they realized what you can do by setting your mind to it. I think this was the beginning of our camp's ongoing Can-Do Attitude. Dick also was astonished--at our camp! He said, "This is exactly what I want for Recreation Unlimited. We must have our own camp!" It took many years of trial and error for us to get the camp, but ultimately it happened, and Dick used our own camp as the model for the Recreation Unlimited camp! As Paul Harvey used to say--"Now you know the rest of the story." For info about Recreation unlimited go to [www.recreationunlimited.org](http://www.recreationunlimited.org)



# Blast from the Past



*In the early years, SFA's main Fund raiser was THE HAUNTED HILLS at Magic Waters (Janny & Boonies Theatre) Here is an article from the 1993 Winter edition of The Winding Streams. Enjoy*

## A TRIP THROUGH THE HAUNTED HILLS

Gathering at the door, the warnings are clear. Darkness surrounds us as much as the fear that waits ahead. Passing through the door the path winds and narrows to a bridge. As we cross the bridge the loud buzzer and bright lights makes everyone Jump. We continue down the path towards an eerie red light which seems to emanate from an old tree. All of a sudden from behind the tree a blood curdling scream and warnings net to go any further. Our guide doesn't seem to heed the warning. As we continue on the ghouls follows still screaming It's warning. We pass a deep pit, our guide tails us that many creatures rise from the pit and may be hidden in the woods around us. Even though we watched out all around us for these creatures of the night none of us were prepared

for the demon that suddenly appeared out of nowhere above us.

We hurried on our way down the path where It suddenly took a sharp turn and started up a hill. Abruptly from out of the ground came a blood curdling scream, another ghoul and we race up the hill as fast as we could. At the top of the hill there's a man about to have his head severed by a guillotine, and an empty set of stocks and a hangman's noose giving an eerie wonder of who will be next. An ominous green light fills the surrounding woods. As we approach another turn we pass the bloody stump. A glowing red light that emanates from within the stump seems to mesmerize ones thoughts, to make us forget what is happening around us. Than out of nowhere demons and ghouls start jumping out from all directions. We try to run but they follow. LOOK OUT! A giant spider web, someone has bean captured from one of the groups before us. WE must escape before. the monster returns for its dinner! We do escape without harm but to where? The graveyard. A

fog has come from nowhere. Its hard to see where the path leads and what lies ahead. Along the path gravestones proclaim the names of those who have

come before and a light emanates from a coffin as the lid opens as if something was trying to get out.



The path is getting darker as we pass the graveyard, what's that ahead? it looks like a dog house, a big dog house, I wonder where the dog is? HOOWLLLLII!

Run, there he is, he's after us! All of a sudden ware facing a door in the middle of nowhere. The guide disappears inside and beckons us to follow, is he serious? We must follow, the dog and the ghouls are coming up fast! Inside it's dark, we can't see a thing . Wait there's something in here with us, hurry let's get out of here.



Woo! We're outside and all the ghouls are gone but were not done yet. As we walk on, a flame in the distance lights the direction where to go.

Ahg! The scarecrows are

coming to life...RUN!. On down the path we go as the guide beckons on. We stand at the entrance to the end, a long tunnel, who knows how far it goes. To pass through safely the guide has us recite this saying. "I will not scream, I will not yell, I will not faint or wet myself, I will not RUN!" Where did the guide go? He ran inside and left us here. Quick! Follow him. Where did the lights go? All of a sudden there's blinking lights, horns, sirens, ghouls and monsters from everywhere HELP!!.

We're out finally I'm glad the trip is over and what a trip it was!

This years haunted hills was great, to all the people who couldn't make it we missed you hope to see you next year!

*Note: 1993 was the last year SFA Sponsored the haunted hills. The Haunted Hills was not only a great fund raiser but it was 4 weekends of friends around the fire after each nights hauntings. Janny & Boonie now head up the Hills through the theatre.*

**Please patronize these hard working staff members**

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(CONSTRUCTING ASSURED & MOTIVATED PEOPLE)

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**LOOKING FOR ALUMNI**

The reunion committee is on the hunt for anyone that has ever attended CAMP, whether it was at "Camp Akita" in '56, '59-'64 or "Indian Village Camp" in '57, '58, or "Camp Indianola" in '65-'69, or lastly "Camp Tar Hollow" '70 thru 2009.

We don't want anyone to miss the HUGE 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration planned Memorial Day weekend. Send their contact info to Tina at [tbrizius@sfacamp.org](mailto:tbrizius@sfacamp.org) or call 614-475-0740.

**WANTED**

Looking for **old photos** for a "Special Edition 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Winding Streams". Contact Dave at [dbrizius@sfacamp.org](mailto:dbrizius@sfacamp.org).

**LOCATIONS NEEDED**

Looking for good locations for SFA "Night Outs". If you have some place in mind to meet up with Camp friends send a message to Tina at [tbrizius@sfacamp.org](mailto:tbrizius@sfacamp.org).

**ARTICLES NEEDED**

The New Winding Streams needs your stories about your Camp memories! So get busy and start typing ...then email them to [dbrizius@sfacamp.org](mailto:dbrizius@sfacamp.org).

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