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WELCOME TO THE CAMP CAREFREE CHRONICLE 2006 EDITION!

This year, the 30th year of Camp Carefree, the newspaper staff embarked on a new camp endeavor: to release a newspaper as many times as possible throughout camp. With SIX awesome editions, this final Camp Carefree Chronicle greets you with our great stories from the last two weeks, and some special additions to make this a great keepsake.

Every person on the Newspaper Staff had to write at least one article every day, during just one activity period. Our writers were busy interviewing and chronicling both week's activities. From adventures such as shadowing fishing groups, interviewing all of the guests that came, to getting the inside scoop on the pranking going on at camp, our staff has tons to be proud of this year. So, to Camp Carefree 2006 - read and remember the year that was CAMP CAREFREE'S 30th BIRTHDAY!

Signing off,
Nick G., Danielle C., Kristi Q., Meghan M.,
Justine R., Quinn B., Brett C., Faith C.,
Ricardo J., Peter U., Lindsay W.

CIT Dan G., Counselor Rachel Maloney-
Hawkins, Counselor Megan Malone, and
Counselor Maggie Cover

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Behind the Scenes at Camp Carefree

An Interview with Laura Murphy By Justine R., ML

Laura Murphy works at Camp Carefree's webmaster. Laura thinks that it is not hard updating the website everyday. It used to be when Camp Carefree had dialup for Internet. It used to be really hard because they only had one phone line. She thinks that updating the website is a lot easier now because they have high speed Internet. Laura has been at camp for 11 years however she has only been running and updating the website for about five. I also asked Laura if she could pick what cabin she could be in, she would pick the Steel Mags because they love to sing and she does also. When Laura is not working on the website she is working on the address book that the campers get when the session is over and she also does the inventory database. Laura also does a lot of work when no one is at camp. She updates it yearly with a schedule of upcoming events and fun stuff coming up along with the great pictures. Laura can also be seen EVERYWHERE at Camp Carefree taking pictures of nearly every event that goes on every day, and adding those pictures to the website. She is a great help to everyone here at Camp Carefree, and camp would not be able to run without her.

An Interview with Phyllis *Woestemeyer*

By Nick G., GR

Phyllis is the camp director at Camp Carefree. She has been here since 1989.

In terms of her job, she says she has few difficulties, her job is great and you get to be with some of the best people in the world. In terms of working here, she says that, "Everybody in this camp puts in more work than anyone else, but it is also the most fun."

Phyllis's favorite thing about camp is watching all the creativity come out (evening programs, all the activities, counselor show, camper show, newspaper, photography, etc.) and making new activities out of old ones.

In terms of campers and staff, everyone has to fill out an application to come to camp here. Phyllis says that the counselors that work here are an awesome group of people, and that the camper group is the best one yet. She looks forward to every year of camp and absolutely loves being camp director.

An Interview CAB Kids Brittney *R. and Carlie C.*

By Justine R., ML

First of all, why are you called the CAB Kids?

C-A-B stands for Carlie, Aaron, and Brittney, which are our first names.

What makes you come back to camp every year?

Everything makes us come back, it's like a second home and camp is something that not everyone can experience. I love it way too much to not come back.

What is your favorite thing about camp?

The memories camp creates and the relationships that will always stay. It is lots of fun.

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If you could pick a cabin you were in, what would it be?

The Silver Birches or the Jumping Junipers because there's a lot of energy and not too much drama. The Whispering Pines would be fun because you can teach them a lot of stuff and they're fun to work with. Also, the Mountain Laurels are fun to joke around with and trust because they're a good age.

Do you miss hanging out with other friends while at camp?

Not really, because we have friends here!

Any closing words?

Camp is great because everyone accepts everybody and you always have someone that will care for you.

The Dr. Kyle Story

An Interview with the Infamous Dr. Kyle Landt

By Nick G., GR and Kristi Q., ML

The pranking all started in 1991 when the Mighty Oaks had a messy cabin. The cabin was so messy Dr. Kyle gave them a Dead Carp award. The best prank pulled on Dr. Kyle was an ice cream sundae car. And, and another is the MO's made paste on her with water and flour. The best pranks she pulled was shrink wrapping their entire cabin with 1400 feet of shrink wrap. Two years ago she also hired a bag pipe player to do the camp song at 3am. She also used 1600 balloons and filled them with shaving cream but to make it look like she didn't do that she also put toilet paper in the rafters and put glitter on top so when they pulled them down they would have an even bigger

mess. Before camp she goes to Wal-Mart and buys shaving cream, Cheerios, balloons, and toilet paper. She buys these in bulk.

Although these pranks are funny and can make a chaotic chaos, there are some rules to them:

- No hurting anyone
- No permanent damage to anyone or anything
- The pranks cannot interfere with camp activities
- If you prank you will be pranked.

While we were interviewing her we asked what she was planning next. She simply responded, "That would be telling."

Update: After their Sign of the Tribe evening, the Mighty Oaks were greeted with a redecoration. They now live in a "Fairy Castle Land."

Andy and Pam's Kitchen Adventure

An Interview with the Lion's Camp Pride Kitchen Staff

By Justine R., Kristi Q., and Meghan M., ML

Pam has been working at camp for five summers. Her dad, Roger, is the camp director. Her favorite thing about camp is how active everybody is, and her least favorite thing is the long days. She is a diabetic, and she lives in Pittsfield, NH. She works at a Title 1 tutor for the elementary level. She says her favorite food to cook is Chinese food (for the kitchen staff, not us) and in her spare time she likes to read.

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Andy has been working at camp for two summers now. He loves the people and his favorite food to cook is pizza. Although he works here during the summer, he is not diabetic. He found out about camp in a local paper. Andy stays at camp for the summer and during the rest of the year he lives in Vermont. When Andy is not in the kitchen he is making sure we have cold water in the jugs, taking out the trash, and unclogging toilets, and cooking. The one thing that Andy does not like about camp is leaving. He is also going to perform at the camper show on Thursday night. In his free time, he enjoys juggling knives.

An Interview with Camp Carefree's Nutrition Director Emeritus, Colette Janson-Sand By Nick G., GR

During the year, Collette Janson works as a college professor, teaching students about nutrition. But, when the summer rolls around, she is always ready to help out at Camp Carefree. Colette has been a dietician for 26 years, and attending camp for 23 years. While at Camp Carefree, her job entailed supervising the interns, preparing the meal cards, getting the snacks ready, making sure the food is prepared as it is supposed to be, helping to order the food, and trying to make sure the food is nutritious. Camp Carefree's food comes from Cisco with some help from donations. While she spent time at camp, her two children, Chris and Becky, came with her. On learning to be a dietician, Colette disclosed that it takes four years of college and a nine-month internship. In addition, there is also a national exam.

But, dieticians also can be employed in a variety of places, from hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes to running their own business. Colette loves Camp Carefree and insists that, "It wouldn't be summer if I wasn't going to camp!"

Do you want ADVICE? We have it!

Warm Fuzzy Tips and Advice By Danielle C., SM

1. Spend a good amount of time

Take your time when working on warm fuzzies. Don't just write the same, short thing for everyone, yet you shouldn't be spending an hour on each.

2. Be truthful

If someone isn't funny at all, don't say, "You're good at making me laugh." It will be a lot closer to their heart if you find something else to compliment them on, such as their courteousness.

3. Write something nice

Even if you can't stand them because of how loud the snore at night, everyone has some good to them. Did you know that under that annoying laugh, there's the soul of a musician? So, use these tips to write great warm fuzzies!

The Bert Advice

By Quinn B. and Peter U., JJ Here are some tips to win BERT!

*Listen to your swimming instructor

*Be QUIET and line up quickly and straight

*Always get out of the water when the lifeguard says to

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- *Never leave the water without a buddy
- *Never go in the water with out a life guard on duty
- *Never forget your buddy tag.

Heat Advice

By Quinn B. and Peter U., JJ

- Always have a full water bottle
- Look for ICE WATER!
- Bring a water bottle with you everywhere
- Wear a hat or visor
- Soda and Crystal light DON'T hydrate you
- Don't waste water
- Wear sunscreen
- Wear light clothing, not black or dark colors
- Stay in the shade

The Top Ten Things Outsiders Don't Get About Camp Carefree

By Danielle C., SM

1. Golden Broom and ENTHUSIASM!
2. Bass Fishing Day and Green and White Day
3. The obsession with peanut butter at meals
4. Being able to say "I feel low" and not having people give you really weird looks
5. Singing the camp songs and being enthusiastic about it
6. All the sobbing that goes on during the Wish Fire and Circle of Sharing
7. Comparing insulin pumps during Issues and Answers
8. Getting into arguments over which is better, glucose tabs or reaction juice

9. Growing up with people you see only once a year
10. Having the ability to have fun, no matter what.

Tips to get the "Big Bad Golden Broom!"

By Nicholas G., GR

- Put you beanie babies on your pillows!
- Make sure your beds are neat and your clothes aren't flung all around the cabin.
- Make sure the floors are swept and the bathrooms **SPARKLE!**
- Don't throw trash in or outside the cabin.
- Counselors must make sure their rooms are even cleaner than the rest of the cabin.
- And finally and most important BRIBE LIZ!

Counselor Corner

Meet the New Counselors

By Meghan M. and Kristi Q., ML

Briley Boisvert

Briley Boisvert is 20 years old and has been coming to camp for 10 years! She found out about camp from Dr. Landt. Briley is in the Silver Birches cabin! A few things that she enjoys are tennis, skiing, and reading. You might spot her teaching swim, ropes, and Issues and Answers.

Megan Malone

Megan Malone is a 19-year old from Concord, NH. This is her 6th year at camp. She found out about camp from her

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brother and the Joslin Clinic. She goes to Rivier College. 3 things she likes to do are ski, sleep, and read, and she is teaching newspaper, rocketry and nature. She is a counselor in Whispering Pines, and she wants everyone to have fun!

Peter Vasapoli

Meet new Counselor Peter Vasapoli! He is 20 years old and lives in Windham Maine. Three things he likes to do in his spare time are running, going on his snowmobile, and playing video games. This is Peter's first year ever at camp, he found out about Camp Carefree from his friend, Counselor Nick. You will see him around camp teaching archery, fishing, and landsports. Peter is a counselor in the Giant Redwoods this summer. He wants to let all the campers know, "Go Big or Go Home!"

Megan Rancourt

Another new counselor this year is Megan Rancourt. She is 22 years old, and is from Orono, ME. This is her first year as a counselor at camp, and she found out about camp from her friend, Counselor Ryan. Right now she goes to the University of Maine, and she is studying to be a nurse. She likes to walk dogs (she works at an animal shelter!), read, and take pictures. Interestingly enough, you'll find her teaching photography and arts and crafts. Megan wants everyone to know how much she loves her Steel Mags!

Kyle Packard

Kyle Packard, and 18 year-old from Skowhegan, ME, is also a new counselor this year. This is his 6th year at camp, and he found out about this camp originally from his doctor. He's looking to go into a nursing program in the fall. He

likes to sing, dance, and run. This year you can find Kyle teaching ropes, drama, and arts and crafts. He is a counselor for the Jumping Junipers. And, he wants to let us know that "Every need requires a want."

So you want to be a Counselor In Training!

By Justine R., ML

We all know CIT's play an extremely important role here at Camp Carefree. I sat down with CIT's Dan and C'Sea and asked them some questions about what it means to be a CIT. First of all, CIT stands for Counselor in Training. Although it does not seem like the CIT's do a lot, they do. They are usually running around camp, participating in activities with campers, and doing behind the scenes kind of stuff, like organizing and distributing trading post, and restocking supplies in cabins. When the CIT's are in their cabins, they keep the kids in line, make sure the kids are on their bunks when they are supposed to be, and they also help out their awesome counselors. The CIT's just like everyone else love to have fun and to laugh. CIT's also love all of their inside jokes that basically nobody but they understand. The CIT's also love pre-camp. It brings them more together and closer. The one change that they didn't like was from pre-camp to camp because they're not together as much. But all of camp appreciates the REALLY hard work that the CIT's do every day!

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Camp Happenings

First Week: In Review

By Meghan M., ML

The first week of camp has been exciting. We've had fun evening programs, the counselor show, bass fishing day, and much more. Just some of the evening programs we've been doing include the dance-off, monster-making contest, and the sponge war. We also had a counselor show, which was very entertaining. Bass fishing day was another highlight of the week. So, thanks to everyone, the first week of camp has been AMAZING!

Big Brother/Big Sister

By Danielle C., SM

A new program that's being started this year is the Big Brother/Big Sister program. Each Jumping Juniper and Whispering Pine is paired up with an older "sibling" from either the Mighty Oaks or the Steel Mags. This program was revised from an older program that Camp Carefree had a few years ago. Good feedback has been gotten from all on the program. The "big siblings" and the "little siblings" also give each other nicknames, wave to each other when they see each other around the camp, and check in and talk every day. It's great fun for all, and it's also another great way to meet people outside of your cabin group and unit. "I wish they had this program when I was in unit one!" has even been heard out of the mouths of the "older siblings." It's an excellent idea, and we hope that it stays here permanently.

Justin

By Brett C., WP

Britany's dog passed away a couple of years ago and her parents (Beth) wanted to get a new dog. They applied for labs all kinds of and were not able to get them because they were sent to different families. Her mom found a dog names Justin Paul, which are two of Brittany's uncles. So, she applied, and a couple months later she got Justin. He was a puppy who was probably abandoned and slept under the house. He likes to swim and doesn't like to be alone and likes car rides.

Lights out at Camp Carefree

By Brett C., WP

On August 2nd, camp had a power outage that lasted a good part of the afternoon. People believe that the blackout was caused by the weather and the extra use of fans in the cabins and the dinning hall. The extra used may have cause a circuit to blow. Phyllis had to call the electricity company because this is a medical camp and since we all take insulin and it needs to stay cold Camp Carefree was put on priority. Luckily in the morning of the 3rd the electric man came to fix the problem.

What is the WORD?

ENTHUSIASM!

By Counselor Rachel, ML

Counselors Nick and Matt have let the CCF Chronicle Staff know of an exciting change that is going to be happening this year with enthusiasm! First off they've let us know that we're going to be joined with some very special guests to present enthusiasm every day! Also, instead of

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having cabin groups present songs and cheers, Nick will be checking in with different classes every day to see if you are being enthusiastic all day long! Remember, Nick will award three flags every day: **Participation**, **Spirit**, and new for this year, **CHARACTER**. Make sure that in every class you are working hard to win those flags for your cabin! YEAH-YAH!

"Yeyah Boi!!!!!!!"

By Dan G., CIT

With no Jon Cole in sight this year to ask us "WHAT IS THE WORD?!" Camp had some big shoes to fill. But who could fill those shoes better than Nick Arno, or better yet Flava Flav? With some awesome sidekicks and a few flamboyant accessories, Flava Flav has kicked Enthusiasm into gear. And if you think this year's changes are a little crazy you haven't seen the start of it. So look out Camp Carefree for "FLAVA FLAV!!!!!!!"

Newspaper: Behind the Scenes

By Lindsay W., SB

The newspaper staff is working very hard to get this newspaper out. Since we give you a newspaper every time we come down here we only have about one hour to write one article each.

We have very hard workers on the newspaper staff this year. We are all doing a great job writing our own articles. We are all using our own talents to write what we know about, and the best part is that we are all having fun.

The JJ's Have Talent

By Quinn B. and Peter U., JJ

The JJ cabin has an amazing talent show. Tonight the performers will be Alex, Aaron, Dylan, Spence, Richy, Peter, Quinn and Patrick. Seth will take some great pictures throughout the show. The JJ band will be playing during the show with Peter on guitar and Patrick on the Recorder. The way it got started was we were going to have a drawing contest, however Quinn was afraid that his pictures were going to be better so he suggested a talent show. It is going to be great!

Geocaching!

By Danielle C., SM

New this year us an activity called geocaching. Headed by Counselor Bee, geocaching uses GPS locators to find target points hidden all over camp. The "caches" are hidden at different levels of difficulty for the four different levels here at camp. Each of the caches are hidden at specific longitudes and latitudes. At each of these points are plastic boxes with logs where campers can write down their experiences with the GPS locator and explain how they found the box. Also in the box are small prizes that the geocachers can get. Today, the geocaching classes decided where they were going to hide their actual geocache on camp grounds, and they're going to put this information online so other geocaching enthusiasts can find the geocache! We will hopefully be hearing about how much fun they're having soon.

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Back by Popular Demand: The CCF Walk/Run

By Counselor Rachel, ML

Be excited all you runners out there! Back again is the post-lunch Run/Walk. All campers and counselors will once again be following such trails as "Around the World" and "Into the Darkness." And, this year, all the walking paths are marked with different colored stakes so that we won't get lost. So, before lunch, get your running shoes on - and let's see how far we can go as a camp! Watch for regular updates in the Chronicle!

The Fiction of the Truth A collection of creative writing by Quinn B., JJ

Yesterday August 4, 2006. A three headed fish-monkey attacked Tokoyo. It started after a man names Robert saw a man with diabetes. The End

Yesterday a giant flying evil living thing attacked the JJ's. Four lived, the rest died. One of the WP's came over to see what happened and the evil thing attacked the WP and cloned her and destroyed Dave's car into a million pieces. Dave found out and was mad. The End

Yesterday flying werewolves attacked the WP's. Four died and were cloned. The WP clone popped all four tires of Dave's Lotus. Dave than made a bowling ball bazooka and destroyed the clones. Dave then exploded because the flying werewolves threw a bomb at him. The flying werewolves then transformed into a Dave clone. The Dave clone is planning to

destroy the world on the 9th of August in the year 4500. The End

Evening Programs!

A Recap on the Counselor Show By Faith C., WP

When: July 31st after supper

Where: in the dining hall

Who: all the counselors

They all did a skit about the beginning of camp. There were rowdy cheers about the "water fronts". Another favored part was when Keith hooked Nick's shorts. (not to worry however, Nick has recovered completely and will be fine.)

The word choice fairy came out every time someone said something rude. Many lessons could be learned from the word choice fairy. Some of the lessons included what words not to say.

There were pirates who fought but then they by mistake they killed Dave right there on stage. Luckily we have some firefighters near by who came and picked him up. Unfortunately Dave was difficult to carry and they dropped him again, and again and again. Finally they brought him away.

As the show continued, there were rappers. Eight of the boy counselors made up the group called "Crazy Eights" and did a dance for the campers. It was pretty cool, don't you think? Well, I liked it. There was also another rapping group earlier in the show that sang "My Pump." It had four girls and four boys.

Oh, and there was a skit where everyone said what their Pancreas would say. Most said they needed a vacation, so see ya later.

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Monster Mash

By Faith C., WP and Ricardo J.,
TT

The evening program for August 2nd was build your own monster. Outside of the dinning hall each cabin had to take one person from their cabin and make him or her into a monster and tell Camp Carefree what he or she was. Behind the masks the monsters were the Whispering Pines with CIT C'sea, the Tall Timbers dressed counselor James, the Jumping Junipers dressed water front director Katie. The Steel Mags dressed new counselor Meg R. up as their monster. The Giant Redwoods did not dress up a counselor they dressed a camper Wes. All of the Mighty Oaks dressed the part of the monster along with the Silver Birches. The WPs had a monster with a tiki mask and a hula skirt on, while the JJs had a garbage monster, the GRs had a Red Sox-Yankees monster. The TTs had a toilet papered beanie baby eating monster. The MO had a monster with a sleeping bag arm. The SBs had a monster called 'Dave in the Morning'. All the monsters were scary but we hope to never run into Dave in the morning.

Treasure Hunt

By Faith C., WP

When: On August 9th

Where: All Over Camp Carefree

Who: Every Camper

Every camper and counselor was called by their table number, and they had to find a certain color of rock. Each group was assigned a certain number of rocks, and had to find thirty rocks and also find a treasure map and put it together. The

treasure rocks had to be brought to a certain spot, and after all the time, only two groups had found 30 rocks.

For our 30th Birthday

A Note From the Director
(On the First Day of Camp)
By Phyllis Woestemeyer

Yesterday morning when I looked out over camp, I saw cabins waiting, excited Counselors and CITs, activities ready to be done—all waiting. Even the air was still. Everything seemed to know that the campers (YOU!) were coming soon. Today the waiting is over and the fun has begun. Look at how much you have done just since waking up this morning. You could write more about this short time than I am here. And we have just started. Think of the stories you will have to tell and the friends you will know before it's time to go. We love having you all here. Now it's truly camp instead of ideas just waiting to come to life!!

Special Guest: Michelle Knight!
By Lindsay W., SB

Friday, we had a visitor named Michelle Knight, she came to talk to us about being advocates. She also gave us papers so we could write to the congress about how safe we should feel in school with diabetes. These papers must be filled out by the end of camp and given to Beth. This is a great time to get your voice out and help change what people think about diabetes.

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Camp Carefree History

By Ricardo J., and Brett C., WP

Have you ever wondered where camp was originally? Or when it came to Lion's Camp Pride? Even if there have ever been any celebrities at Camp Carefree before? Well we have some answers for you!

Camp was in Antrim, NH before it came to Lion's Camp Pride. Nothing was the same at all. The younger girls and boys were in one cabin with a wall separating them. Same for the middle ages, however the oldest girls and boys each had their own cabins. The dining hall had a squeaky floor. They all had an outhouse and the showers were in the woods with only a fence around them. That's right, no ceiling. The first few years of camp there were actually two sessions of camp. Each was two weeks long and had a total of 33 to 37 campers. Did you know the man who made the Old Man in the Mountain stay up had Diabetes? Well if you did, then did you know that he came to Camp Carefree to visit? There are plenty of mysteries around camp.

How has camp changed?

An Interview with Camp Carefree's own Jon Cole

By Nick G., GR

Jon Cole has been coming to camp for 18 years, first as a camper and then the last ten as a counselor. After interviewing him, we got a better look at the changes camp has encountered over a good time period.

Many things have changed since the first year of camp, for example there were only four cabins, the Mighty Oaks, the Jumping Junipers, the Steel Magnolias,

and the Whispering Pines. There was also no deep waterfront or fire circle, so that they had campfires at the shallow waterfront. The field wasn't grass it was all dirt and the entire schedule was different. Closing circle was after bedtime snack so they were in the dark. Flag line was done before meals but people kept getting low. Technology has changed camp forever, because people used to never be able to do shots at the table, but now with insulin pens it is a great improvement. The first year insulin pumps came out only three campers had them, but now over the years of multiplying there are now 84 out of 120 campers with pumps. The activities were also different. There used to be dances, and a Camp Carefree Beauty contest (aka Dressing the Guy Counselors in dresses and having them strut their stuff around the others. Bass fishing day used to be an optional hike, but on the third year a lot more fishermen came and it became an actual day. Bert and Sammy didn't come here until the second or third year of the actual Bass Fishing Day. The first few years there were only 90 campers and there weren't any bunk beds, and there were only cots that were set up in rows so that there was no room to do anything in the cabins but sleep and walk. As a camper, you only had enough room for a trunk and to put anything else on top. Man, how has camp changed to our eyes, but in our hearts it will always be the same.

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Reflections on Camp

Senior Camper Quotes

Compiled by Danielle C., SM

"I was really excited about camp starting, but at the same time I was upset because I knew once camp started it would all be over. It's rough being a senior camper because it is your last year as a camper. I love camp and the Mags."

-Cathy D.

"You don't realize what you have and what you'll miss until you're about to lose it."

-Ryan O.

"I am always so pumped to come to camp. So, when this year I realized that I was a senior camper I decided to make the best of my stay at Camp Carefree and try to think about the present and not what's coming up. And, I also feel bad for senior campers that are here for the first time."

-Jaynie S.

"Live life to the fullest."

-Tanner R.

"Being a senior camper is pretty cool because you're the big kids, but it's also sad because you can't be a camper next year. You look at your friends and think, 'Will I ever see these people again?'"

-Kat A.

"It's sad, of course, being a senior camper, but I know it's something I had to deal with eventually. I miss being a Whispering Pine or a Silver Birch, but the Mags are my girls and I love them all."

-Harriet L.

"I remember being a senior camper was scary. I didn't know if I would or could come back. But, here I am as a CIT. And, this has been my best year ever. I would never go back to being a camper because my time is over, that part of my life is over. But, a new part is beginning, and while I'm sad my CIT year is over, at the same time I can't wait to be a counselor. Chang is hard, but exciting."

-CIT C'Sea J.

The Circle of Sharing

By Danielle C., SM

Circle of Sharing. It's such a big deal here, you forget that there's an outside world. I heard a friend say this morning, "It's like we're in a snow globe here. Our own hidden valley." It's never seemed more true to me. When that ice cream truck came crashing through the forest (or whatever it was doing there), it was a big shock. It was a reminder that there's an outside world around us.

It's funny to think that, while we're closed off in our snow globe, doing Circle of Sharing, the rest of the world is having just another Sunday. They know nothing of the love and the emotion that is shared and in the air during Circle. To them, we are people to watch out for, and sometimes even people to pity. To the rest of the world, we are "diseased" people. Diabetics. Here, however, we're our own little universe of awesomeness, love, power, and friendship.

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Camp Carefree in One Word

We asked campers to describe camp and their experiences here in just one word. Here's what they gave us:

family, wonderful, understanding, friends, superb, awesome, fun, stupendous, exciting, super spectacular, experience, great, swell, paradise, heaven, homey, magnificent, unique, magical, home, sportsland, sweet, wondrous, adventurous, miraculous, spectacular, LOVE, okay, super, incredible, cool, amazing, extreme, splendid, exuberant, excellent, content, good, supercalafragalisticxpealadocious, carefreeiliscious, exhilarating, fantabulous, fantastic, joyful, exciting, energetic, and the best place.