

Waldemar Roundup



Letter from the Marsha



Hello Waldemar Families,
We had the month of July dedicated to camp. I think the hilltoppers had the best and most memorable camp experience of their lives. We were able to do more with

them like longer horseback rides, doubles in archery, riflery, war canoe racing, overnights, swim parties, and medals earned. At the same time, we had every traditional honor to give to the special campers like tribal officers, best all around, and Ideal Waldemar Girl. It was wonderful but not like camp should be. We really and truly missed all of you! But wait until next year, we will be back to our best ever. Enrollment looks so good, a full 95% returning and many that have signed up to be invited. So pack your hearts and minds for 2021, we can't wait for you to be with us again!

Waldemar Love,



Marsha Elmore

Summer Highlights

First Term (31 campers in attendance)

- Ideal Waldemar Girl:  Katherine Anne Massey from Dallas, TX
- Aztec Best All Around: Libby Raffaelli from Little Rock, AR
- Comanche Best All Around: Claire Cahoon from Dallas, TX

- Tejas Best All Around: Katherine Colley from Houston, TX
- Shannon Harber Award for Best New Counselor went to Merrit Cowden from Dallas, TX

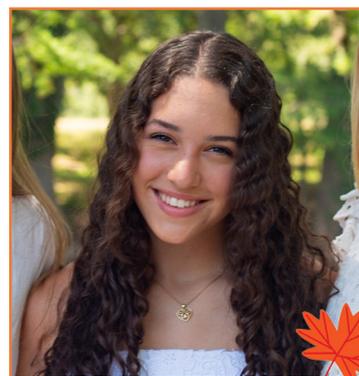
Second Term (32 campers in attendance)

- Ideal Waldemar Girl:  Cameron Turpin from Ruston, LA
- Aztec Best All Around: Cage Theriot from Fair Oaks Ranch, TX
- Comanche Best All Around: Grace Blackmon from Little Rock, AR
- Tejas Best All Around: Betty Weaver from Fort Worth, TX
- Shannon Harber Award for Best Returning Counselor went to Susan Goodman from Wake Forest, NC



Charlitude Award

During 1st Term's closing ceremony, the Charlitude Award was given out to an Aztec Hilltopper who exuded friendliness, joy, and unique character throughout her years as a camper. The award is in remembrance of Charlotte Carothers Huthnance, a former camper who loved camp with all her heart. A few words to describe this year's recipient, "a fixer and a peacemaker", "momma to her kampong mates", and "a well rounded camper." She is from Dallas, TX and her name is Mary Grace Altizer!



Waldemar's Fall Off-Season Events



Survey says. . . WWW RE-CHARGE gets a 10/10!

When we sent out the initial “Adventure Awaits” WWW invitation back in early March, we gave each other a pat on the back for sending it out so early, thinking we had a head start this year. Nevertheless, those plans changed shortly after, with not only Women’s Week, but even summer camp in limbo. So we began a brainstorming session to answer questions like: Will women’s week happen? How can we keep everyone safe? Will ladies still want to attend?? Thankfully, we received emails and phone calls saying they were still IN and offered to help in any way possible. Many women felt that relaxation and time to visit was the “recharge” they needed. Seeing their smiles (or rather imagining them behind their masks) as they drove in further validated our decision to carry on. One camper said, “you think you saw girls crying about not coming to camp, you just wait and see what happens when older women can’t come to camp, after 35 years of coming in September!”



Thank you to the kitchen staff for being so conscientious about our safety, in addition to making amazing food.

Thank you to those who brought in programming for the weekend retreat that was originally advertised as having no programming. We learned that this is a safe place no matter what pandemic is lingering outside these gates.

Thank you, God, for the weather that allowed us to dine outside, play outside and worship outside. We felt your presence everywhere.



It’s always amazing to me to see the Women’s Week evolve. I never know what personality it will take on, but this year it was peace, grace and service amongst the laughter, activity and stimulation.

Thank you for the compliments and positivity about this year’s Women’s Week-ette. I can speak for all of us here, that we all benefited from it!

A few more thank you’s are in order: Thank you to the Trail Bosses on the hill who cooked those delicious breakfast tacos and made coffee that put hair on our chest.



The Chapel service on Sunday was put together by our WWW ministry group- Peg Malloy, Linda Pipkin, Jane White and me. I believe I got more out of it this year than in years past; probably because of my appreciation for life with you gals. Dana McGuirk’s





heartfelt reading in memory of her mother Neva was something we all needed for sure. And Jane’s message about our unique makeup and gratitude for this weekend gave us the closure and the spiritual food we so strongly needed to nourish our souls. It’s moments like those that are so rich that they remain within us for an entire year, until the next WWW.

We had a camp mom write to us this summer about what this camp represents, and I wanted to leave you with her final statement which speaks volumes about Waldemar.

It’s an organization that keeps as its ideals the timeless tenets of what it means to be a wonderful human being that survives and flourishes in times of change. It’s that organization that’s always NEW. While everyone right now seems to want to get BACK to normal. There is no going BACK. There is only forward with sound hope that the future will be even brighter. It is because of your leadership that Waldemar moves forward, renewing itself, and we “carry on”.
-Adrienne Wilson Wagner

Until next year, “Namaste my friends”
Love,
GA and all the HOPE Gate Keepers at Waldemar



WWW Dates for next year are:

September 21st - 26th, 2021



Waldemar's Fall Off-Season Events



Gates Open for Fall Rentals

After a very abnormal summer, we decided to open the Waldemar gates for camp families during select weekends in September and October. It was very successful, thank you God! Both past and future Waldemar families found this to be the ultimate spot for a family reunion. Rental houses with kitchens included Casa, Rippling Waters, Deer Creek Cabin, and the Bunk House.



Labor Day weekend started off with a bang! There were several large families, including the Everett and Jurgensen families with 22 people and the Brown/Wilkes family of three generations. Both groups celebrated life with their entire families at their favorite place on earth. Catherine Walsh and her girls were our “repeat” customers; they enjoyed it so much they visited twice, mixing it up a bit by bringing her niece Cate O’Brien (ex-camper/counselor/sponsor) and her boyfriend one weekend and some camp friends of Libby and Callie’s (Kate Breedlove and Lily Howard) another weekend.



Anna Boyce Carr was married at Waldemar 3 years ago, and celebrated by returning to camp with her longtime friends. This group of camp friends included: Anna Boyce Carr, Margaret Harper, Eliza Hopper and Stuart Folkes,

who all stayed in Las Brisas 2. Similarly, we had a HT '04 reunion with Caroline Snabes, Heather Switzer and Amy Hokin. They requested to stay in their Hilltopper kampong, K9. Other groups included future campers like the Dane Johnson family and Margaret Davis Pape’s family as well as former camper/counselor/sponsor Katie Williams and Kirk Presley. Caitlin Moran Lobosco and her children along with Steve and Julia Gray Smith and their daughter Palmer.

Fall Wedding: Sam Pohl & Leanna Connor



Our family is beyond happy to announce that the celebration of marriage uniting Leanna Marie Conner and Samuel Evans Pohl was everything we hoped for on Saturday the Fourteenth of November, Two Thousand Twenty in Tejas Chapel. The term “Special Events” took a deeper meaning at Camp Waldemar, as one of our very own family members married someone we’ve become very fond of. Liz and Bill Pohl’s son Sam, also known as “Sammy” and “Sambo,” grew up here in Hunt. He could be seen on a regular basis at the barn as a child riding on the back of Bob the truck or on a horse. Sam’s brother is Robert Pohl, his grandparents are Linda and John Pipkin and his aunts are Laura Pipkin and Catherine Pickens.

The front page of the program had a quote that exemplified the entire weekend: True Love





**“I never knew I needed anything like you
Now that you’re here**

**If you were gone I don’t know what I would do
I have met my match now I know peace”**

The weekend began with a delicious welcome dinner on Friday night hosted by Sam’s parents in the Playhouse catered by Taqueria Jalisco from Kerrville. A handful of toasts were given by Sam’s father, mother, brother and his “other mothers” in life. Sam’s aunts were all a part of the party, which made it even more special. The guests enjoyed various camp activities such as canoeing, tennis, and hiking. There were even some brave swimmers!

On the morning of the wedding it rained a bit for luck, but around noon the sun came out and created the most beautiful day we’ve had this fall. That afternoon, the guests gathered at Tejas Chapel by the glorious river backdrop as the groom, families and wedding party proceeded down the well-worn stone stairway with caution and poise.

Sam waited patiently and nervously by the handmade Douglas fir cross made by his mother Liz, and embellished by florist Macey Ward with Flourish Floral Design. The officiant John H. Conner III, the bride’s uncle, presented the bride in the outdoor amphitheater. Pastor Conner offered prayer and blessings over Sam and Leanna with a voice of experience and love. Friend and second mother to Sam, Amy Georgia O. Keith, read a beautiful excerpt from The Alchemist, followed by the reading of Scripture 1 John 4:16-19 given by Allison Drury.

After the bride and groom exchanged tearful vows with one another, they were indeed married in front of over a hundred witnesses. The joyful Mr. and Mrs. Pohl departed the ceremony by briskly walking hand in hand to “Signed, Sealed Delivered” by Stevie Wonder. We look forward to pouring through the photographs by Virginia Ann from Boerne.

A lovely dinner reception hosted by the Conners was held in Doris Johnson Lodge. There was spirited dancing to the music by DJ Chris Koval with Future Sounds. Dinner was catered by Anne Marie’s from San Antonio. There were many other traditions a wedding day



brings like cutting the cake (baked and decorated by aunt Catherine) and pies galore, the throwing of the bouquet and garter, along with a surprise exit through a tunnel of sparklers. We waved farewell and blew kisses as the happy couple were taken away on the back of a shiny blue 1977 Ford pickup. The entire weekend was surreal: Beauty, love, gratitude, and laughter. Perfection. Sam and Leanna will reside in Austin, TX.

We have had countless camp families and alumnae come through the “**HOPE**” gate after HT2020 camp; it has been a real joy to see those faces as they walked around and sat by the river to be still and reminisce. As always, we are excited to share this beautiful part of the Texas Hill Country on the Guadalupe River with many beyond the Waldemar gates and plan on spring rentals in March and April. Our 2021 Family Camp is full, however we advise new Waldemar families or those interested in having a child attend camp to call our office to schedule a guided tour.

We are very fortunate to be booked with art groups, weddings, and conferences for fall 2021. If you would like more information on Waldemar as a wedding/conference venue, please contact our event coordinator Lori Appleton at (830) 238-6005 or lhappleton@hotmail.com.

***Waldemar’s Off Season Calendar**

Spring 2021

March 19th- 21st, 2021- Bridesmaids Weekend
March 25th-28th, 2021- Family Rental Availability, contact Lori.

April 9th-11th, 2021- Family Camp FULL

April 16th-18th, 2021- Available

April 23rd-25th, 2021- Wedding

April 30th-May 2nd, 2021- Available

Fall 2021

BOOKED

Spring 2022

April 1st-3rd, 2022 Wedding

April 8th-10th, 2022- Family Camp

April 22nd-24th, 2022- Available

April 29th-May 1st, 2022- Available

**Date availability subject to change. Contact Lori for most current status of available weekends.*

Angels Coming and Going . . .



Amy Stewart Blanks Lummis Memorial



December 31, 1966- June 20, 2020

On October 31st, a sunny yet brisk morning greeted over 200 friends, family, and camp family of Amy Stewart Lummis. Many guests gathered by the fire pit at the Playhouse to warm up before walking down to Tejas Chapel where Amy's celebratory memorial service was to take place. Amy passed away on June 20, 2020, at the age of 53 in Kerrville, TX. Since the early 90's, she devoted her summer months as a counselor and Aztec Sponsor, a fabulous Outdoor Skills Instructor and assistant to Louise Bivins in costume and stage design for Tribute Vespers and Final Programs. In the off-season, she assisted Lori Appleton and George Anne with theme party decorations at WWW, weddings and Family Camp. She could also be found at the Archery range with Jill Johnson on occasion.

Pictures of Amy throughout her life were displayed at the top of the stairs to the chapel. Our favorite picture of her, clad in her hot pink Waldemar Staff t-shirt with a bandana and weathered name tag around her neck and a sombrero perched on her head, smiled at us on the front of the programs. Although a solemn event, there were touches of brightness all around us in true Amy fashion; from the beautiful floral arrangements made by Christine from Shower Of Flowers in Ingram, to the colorful serapes folded in a green canoe for guests to wrap themselves in, to the Guadalupe shimmering under the morning sunlight.

Childhood friend, Stephanie Carney Dawson, organized the program and welcomed everyone to the celebration of life. She shared her love for Amy by telling several childhood memories of adventures at Caddo Lake included a few shenanigans between them and Amy's sister, Kat. Stephanie was followed by a prayer led by Becky Verschoyle Armstrong (Alumnae) and her husband Charlie. Another close friend, Julia Hanner Braun, read Proverbs 31:13-17 and Romans 5:1-8 with added embellishments which fit Amy perfectly. A beautiful rendition of the Lord's Prayer and "How Great Thou Art", was sung by Virginia Rollo Elizondo, who honored Amy by flying in from Seattle to be part of the service. Amy's longtime family friends, Rhonda Tyson and Barbara Williams closed with Amazing Grace.

The most touching moments were the eulogies given by sorority sister Kristin Gray Bonanno, Waldemar camper Merilyn Jewel Moore, and one of Amy's nephews, Nicholas Handy. Kristin told hysterical stories about sharing Alpha Phi sorority life with Amy at UT, one in particular made us feel like we were on the infamous boat trip with her and her sisters. We could picture yet another "Amy shenanigan", so well.



Nicholas (13) spoke courageously and fondly about his Aunt Amy. He began his speech with, "Aunt Amy did a lot of things for a lot of people, but for me personally, she gave me my personality." He said she helped him believe in himself, helped him be creative, encouraged him to do whatever he wanted to try, one being sculpting clay and another fulfilling his desire to make movies. At Christmas she gave him his own camera along with a stop-motion program that he could use. She influenced his personality and he'll never forget her. You could hear a pin drop in



Tejas chapel when it was off the cuff and purely sincere as if he was speaking directly to Amy. Waldemar Hilltopper 2021, Marilyn Jewel Moore (15), began her well prepared speech with,

“There are so many Amy’s in the world, but let me take a moment and tell you about mine. Amy was the most incredible woman I’ve ever had the pleasure of knowing. She was always there to lend a helping hand, I can’t tell you there was ever a day when she didn’t have the perfect tool at the perfect time.”



MJ continued describing “her Amy” with this: From showing me how to fillet a fish, to how to identify the crystals in her home. Amy was always ready to share her knowledge with others and for that I am forever grateful. I wouldn’t be the young woman I am today without her never ending encouragement and her strong guidance. Whether you knew Amy or not you would always find yourself drawn to her by her never-ending contagious laughter or her famous “Hi Darling” accompanied by a pack of Australian Shepherds. She was such an Incredible Mentor, Daughter, Wife, Sister, Friend, and hearth Woman. Although Amy may not be here physically, she is here spiritually. She lives on in each and every one of us through her teachings, LOVE, and countless memories.”



Each heartfelt sentiment and anecdote brought smiles and tears to our faces. George Anne Elmore showed up in a burnt orange wool skirt and bolero jacket with creamy white rickrack trim head to toe and large felt Aztec and Eagle symbols sewn on. Dripping in turquoise, Conchos, fringe and feathers she disclosed that Amy had surely picked out her outfit for the day. This outfit was given to GA

years ago and when GA asked what in the world she would wear it to, Amy simply answered, “Oh Darlin’, YOU’LL KNOW!” George Anne lifted the mood by reading her “Letter to St. Peter” that came to her in a dream the night after Amy died. She claims Amy wrote it. She was merely the vessel. She delivered her speech with zest and humor that provided a much-needed laugh. Many folks claimed that GA truly captured Amy’s spirit. The letter can be found on the Waldemar Facebook post from June 21, 2020.

Amy’s husband and soul mate, William Lummis, along with Stephanie Dawson, planned a beautiful ceremony to celebrate his beloved wife and her lifelong friend. They invited us to scatter rose petals in the river after William took a moment of silence to scatter her ashes into the roots of the Cypress tree. William and Jim Stewart (Amy’s father) felt this is exactly where Amy would want to be, amongst the deep-rooted Cypress trees along the Guadalupe River, with branches reaching tall and wide, creating an arched canopy, creating shade over Tejas Chapel and the people who go there.

The final poem read:

“You’ll see her in the clouds above, hear her whisper words of love. You’ll be together before long, until then listen for her song.” --Christy Ann Martine

The service ended with “The Eyes of Texas” playing, to honor her proud UT roots. Bridget’s Basket provided a hearty chili and cornbread lunch while Laura Pipkin baked homemade cupcakes with warm apple cider and coffee.

Pallbearers

- Charlie Armstrong
- Don Bice
- Tom Braun
- David Bryant
- Rob Mason
- Ron Mason
- Scott Thibideaux

Elizabet Quinones was recognized for being in charge of sound and tech, which went off splendidly.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be mailed to Kids Advocacy Place, P.O. Box 291722, Kerrville, TX 78028; Hill Country Arts Foundation, P.O. Box 1169, Ingram, TX 78025; Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church, 320 St. Peter Street, Kerrville, TX 78028 and Law’s Chapel United Methodist Church, PO Box 317, Atlanta, Texas 75551.

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Conversations from the Camp Kitchen



by: Chef Laura Pipkin



2020 Kitchen Staff left to right: Chris Cole, Laura Pipkin, Ophelia Kennan, Erika Gracia, Jessica Alvarado, Cesar Garcia, and Paco Garcia.

The theme of this year has been COMFORT. We have all sought activities that would bring us closer to our family and increase the sense of security and wellness. Springtime was an explosion of camp families sharing photos of favorite Camp recipes: King Ranch Chicken and Caramel Squares were the top submissions. The best part of this to me was seeing how many campers were cooking with their family with joy. I hope these experiences continue to develop and will be the better part of the memories of these difficult times.

Once it was clear that we would have to limit our summer experience, the challenge of developing a menu began with a series of questions for our Hilltoppers. What is your favorite...Meal? Dessert? Nourishment Snack? It was wonderful to see that not only did most campers agree on favorite meals, but also favorite desserts and snacks! That certainly made my job more joyful to know that I would be able to satisfy everyone's hope and desires at mealtime. Not surprisingly, the favorites trended to comfort food, which seems to be the go-to in difficult times. King Ranch Chicken, Lasagna, Fried Chicken, Asian Lunch, International Lunch and Field Day Lunch, to name a few. We celebrated several birthdays during each term, so we shared birthday cake for everyone!

The most exciting development was our new Paco Cake, named for our Baker and a spin-off of the favorite Johnny Cake, which is only known to Johnny. It was a hit and will make its way to our regular menu for summers to come. Our staff was a lean and efficient crew, joyfully cooking for our Hilltoppers, but the vibrant and creative energy from our International Staff was deeply missed. Our International Lunch was an acknowledgment of the countries we usually celebrate. We know this summer was exceptional and different in many ways with many firsts, but we are so grateful that our Hilltoppers were able to continue with the tradition to share a nourishing meal with friends at Camp Waldemar.

I am including the ingredient list for King Ranch Chicken as it appears in the 1999 Cookbook. We currently make a version with homemade *Velouté Sauce in lieu of the canned soup. Please see the note at the end if you prefer to make your own sauce.

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King Ranch Chicken- Waldemar Style



Ingredients for King Ranch:

- 1 cup chicken stock *
- 1 10.75 ounce can of cream of chicken soup *
- 1 10.75 ounce can of cream of mushroom soup *
- 2 12-ounce cans of Rotel tomatoes, (chopped tomatoes and peppers) drained
- 1 small can green chiles, drained
- 1 ½ cups chopped onion (approx. 2 medium yellow onions)
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 4 cups cooked chicken, torn into bite-size pieces
- 2 cloves garlic, coarsely chopped
- 1-pound button mushrooms, brushed and sliced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 18 small flour tortillas
- 4 cups shredded Cheddar Cheese

Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 325° F.
2. Prepare a 9x13- inch glass or ceramic casserole dish with butter rubbed on sides and bottom. Set aside.
3. Stir together the chicken stock, and 2 cans of soup and set aside. * (or make the Velouté sauce in lieu of the canned soups)
4. In a skillet, sauté the onions in 1 tablespoon oil with 1 teaspoon of salt until translucent. Add to a large mixing bowl.
5. In the same skillet, sauté ½ the chopped garlic in 1 tablespoon oil until fragrance is released, about 1 – 2 minutes on a medium heat. Careful not to brown! Add in half the mushrooms and let begin to brown with a golden edge. Turn and continue to let brown. Remove from pan to the bowl with onions. Repeat with remaining garlic, oil and mushrooms.
6. Stir in the green chiles and Rotel tomatoes plus the torn chicken.
7. Toss to combine and add in the soup mixture or the Velouté Sauce.

To build the casserole:

1. Lay 6 tortillas across the bottom of the pan. Top with about 1/2 of the chicken mixture and then 1/3 of the cheese.
2. Repeat with the tortillas, chicken mixture and cheese
3. The final layer is the tortillas and remaining cheese.
4. Cover the dish with a piece of parchment paper and then foil
5. Bake in the preheated oven for about an hour. Remove the foil and paper and return to oven to let the cheese brown, about 10 – 15 minutes.
6. The internal temperature should be at least 165°F.
7. Let cool for about 10 minutes before serving.

Leftovers freeze beautifully. Let cool completely before packaging up for freezing. Be sure to label and date and eat within 3 months.

*We currently use a Velouté sauce, a combination of a butter/flour roux and chicken broth in place of the canned soup concentrates and chicken broth. See recipe below. It can be used as a substitution for these ingredients.

To make 3 ½ cups Velouté Sauce

2 Tablespoons butter

2 Tablespoons flour

3 ¼ cups chicken stock

1. Heat the chicken stock in a saucepan over medium heat to a simmer and lower to keep it hot.
2. In a heavy bottomed saucepan, melt the butter until it bubbles. Careful not to brown!
3. Slowly add in the flour, a little at a time, stirring constantly. This is a roux.
4. Once all the flour is added, stir gently and continue cooking to let the roux begin to turn a little golden, about 5 minutes. This will help cook out the flour flavor.
5. Slowly add the hot chicken broth, stirring constantly to prevent lumps. You want a smooth sauce. Once it is smooth, please cook to allow mixture to thicken. Adjust flavor with salt and pepper.
6. Add to the onion, mushrooms, Rotel tomatoes, green chiles, and chicken mixture.

Holiday season is around the corner! The Waldemar Cookbook makes a great gift with recipes you can show off at your holiday parties.

Order your copy today at
[www.campwaldemarstore.com!](http://www.campwaldemarstore.com)



More Camp Happenings



From the Horse's Mouth

by: Liz Pohl

Hello from the Waldemar Barn! We just ended the summer of 2020 and the horses (and I) are looking forward to some cooler weather in the fall. We had a great time with the Hilltoppers, but are excited to see everyone next year.

The horseback staff (Catherine Pickens, Makenzie Symm, Olivia Quinn, Aubrey Shuttles) and I enjoyed experimenting with some new programming and teaching ideas with the smaller group this summer. We developed a drills class which incorporated more specific use of the riders hands and legs..... sidepassing, backing up, one rein stops and disengaging the hind end. One of my highlights was when a polocrosse player was trying to straighten her horse up in the lineup and I said to disengage, she did and had immediate success. It was really cool! We also took a few trails that we haven't ridden in quite a few years.....some of them were trails that mothers and grandmothers would remember. We finished up with a new demo drill that Marsha loved. We will have to incorporate it into future camp closings.

The horses also had a good experience. The older ones got the year off, but I'm not really sure they were very happy about it. I know they missed teaching the younger riders. The campers enjoyed meeting the two new additions to the horse herd, Arcus and Ben. They would come to the fence and greet the class whenever we would ride by.

I am very happy about the success the riding department enjoyed this summer. It was great to have some time to try new things that will make the future camp riders and program better. I am looking forward to next year! I pray that all our campers and their families have a safe, wonderful year.



Hammers and Nails

by: Teak Elmore

Well as you might imagine, it has been a bit slower year for us in the new improvement area. So we have taken advantage of the time we have had to catch up on some areas. We have been painting all over camp both inside and out. The Junior Dining Hall Porch has a new brighter ceiling, since it became a new buffet area for camp and groups. A wooden sign also hangs by the porch for easy identification. We have done some major roof repairs on Happy Haven, Rippling Waters, the Alamedas, and the main office so far this year. We finished up some cool cedar railing detail and a handmade sign that Noel made for Deer Creek cabin. Noel and the guys have also just completed making 43 bird houses that will be placed all over the Waldemar property as a part of our Wildlife Management Plan. We continue to trim trees and unfortunately have taken down additional large trees around camp as we see continuing effects of the drought many years ago. We finished a new bathroom and shower downstairs at the stables and re-tiled the upstairs bathroom for the Wranglers. Noel built and installed new library shelving in Cedar Lodge.

There is continuing fence repair taking place on some of our property borders. We have done some concrete repair work on some of the patio and step areas of Tejas Chapel. Even in a slow year, there is always a project or twenty to help keep Waldemar beautiful.



Camp Store 2020



Masks on to Shop!

by: Maribel Garcia

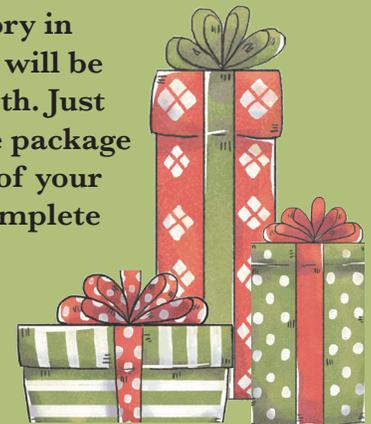
Once we knew it was going to be an exclusive Hilltopper summer, we decided to “Hilltop” the camp store. We packed the youth shorts and t-shirts away for next summer, and brought out the gel pens, iridescent visors and metallic shorts for our 16 year-olds. Although masks were required to shop indoors, the camper’s excitement to shop our new items and have the store all to themselves was obvious. This year we introduced products from ban.do along with confetti-filled items from Packed Party. The biggest seller this summer by far was the rainbow tie-dye sweatshirt which arrived right in the middle of 1st Term. Consider yourself lucky if you managed to snag one this summer! If you missed out, we have a similar style in the Tradition sweatshirt in both youth and adult sizes still in stock for the winter days ahead. Retro styles were also in demand; the ringer tees worn by the tribal leaders were a big hit. With the unfortunate cancellation of Short Term this summer, the Camp Store began shipping care packages home as a fun surprise for future Jackrabbits and Coyotes and then followed suit with the remaining 1st and 2nd term care packages. We shipped over 100 care packages, a big THANK YOU to everyone who supported us during this time!



Camp Christmas Care Packages

Although what we purchased for the store this year was deemed “so cute and on trend!” by the Hilltoppers, we want to add fresh new items for 2021. Less campers this summer means we still have SO MUCH inventory in the store, which means we need your help to make room for it! We will be offering holiday care package options from now until December 11th. Just go to www.campwaldemarstore.com and click the Christmas care package option on the home page. There, you will be able to select the size of your care package, \$60, \$100 or \$150, and provide her sizes. Once you complete your purchase the Waldemar elves will put it together for you and you can check one more thing off your Christmas shopping list!

Email maribel@waldemar.com for any questions.



End of Summer Letter from GA



Observing the intensity of summer HT2020 was like watching one of my favorite movies; always in anticipation of what would happen next. It was in full color, with drama and adventure, mystery and intrigue, and a true story of lasting friendships.

Let's now go to the TRAILER for this particular movie. My personal favorite scenes were from war canoe classes, tribal hills, and 15 year old scrolls and plates. After sponsoring for over 12 years and holding on to every secret with my heart and soul, I watched as everything was laid out on the table from all three tribes. I had to pause in disbelief as I witnessed three tribes gladly working together and paddling in one canoe because that's what they were being coached to do. They wanted to be a part of something strong, bold, and unified.

The other most unexpected surprise was the reaction we received from the girls after they climbed all three tribal hills together. To stand where their mothers or sister had their hills as campers (if they were in different tribes), and to see their best friend have a part on her hill was very special. The girls loved being a part of those sacred traditions that were never discussed in mixed 'tribal' company. To also witness their



reactions to the tribal scrolls and plates being projected on the screen was very rich. The scrolls were one of the bigger surprises and it could not have been done without the dedication of the 15-year-olds who sent in their recordings from wherever they were located, near and far.

I tip my hat to the you, Hilltoppers, for not only "going with the flow," but for trusting us to give you the best two weeks possible under the unforeseen conditions of our world. Our goal was to keep you safe and, to put it bluntly, blow YOU away by creating the Waldemar experience with new and old traditions! We felt your apprehension at first, but like the Waldemar cookbook recipes, we had all of the finest ingredients to create the most delicious summer we could. The two main ingredients: The STAFF and the CAMPERS...and all the spices to go along with it.

This once in a lifetime movie will not be seen again, but we sure are glad we got to see the show LIVE from our front row seats.

Happy Trails to You, Until we meet again....

GA

“... I want to remind all of you to have Hope. Hope is what will get us through this uncertain time and will bring us back together next summer on the beautiful banks of the Guadalupe.”

- Mary Louise Buchek I Term Hilltopper



Hope

by: *Chloe Schidlowski 2nd Term Hilltopper*



I cannot imagine a world without Waldemar, but I had to earlier this year. Over the past few months, we've been thrown curveball after curveball, with news of our schools closing, our cities closing, entire countries closing. . .our

campus closing. We've seen what was known as reality get flipped upside down, and happenings thought impossible, happen. And yet, the scariest thing for me to think of throughout it all has been of not being able to come back to this beautiful place. Waldemar has held camp through WWII, through Vietnam, and through multiple natural disasters. When the rest of the world has been in turmoil, Waldemar has always provided a safe haven for its campers. So the fact that my refuge was no longer impenetrable terrified me; yet I had Hope. I hoped and prayed that camp would remain invincible to whatever was happening outside its gates. I poured all my faith in Marsha, GA and God

to open up our home away from home to us again, and I had never been more grateful as to when I found out that they had answered my prayers.

I know camp looks a little different this term, but just to be standing up here, able to see the friends and family I thought I might not get the chance to this year, is a miracle to me. Through the hard work, dedication, and determination of the Waldemar staff, its campers and by the sheer will of God, the impossibility of running a camp during COVID-19 has been proven possible. It is now up to each and every one of us to not take for granted all that has been done to get us all together again. Yes, we must hope for a future without face masks, but we must also be actively embracing the opportunities presented to us to help one another, appreciate one another, and love one another. I hope to make the best of my time here at Waldemar right alongside this family of 32-something sisters, and I hope you do too.

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More Angels Coming and Going. . .



Coming

- Eva Jane Garza (1) -daughter of Katie Blount Garza and Seve Garza born on August 6, 2020. Her name comes from Katie's grandmother Eva Jean Blount and her sister Jane Anne Blount Doerrfeld, both Comanche leaders!
- Eleanor "Ellie" Grace Kramer (2)- daughter of Ariane Failla Kramer and John Kramer (Laura Pipkin Kramer's son) born August 22, 2020
- Dabney Elizabeth Shannon (3)- daughter of John and Adair Ewin Shannon was born on April 10, 2020.
- Claire Everleigh "CeCe" Collins (4) - daughter of Lauren Rossman Collins (GA's cousin's daughter) and Dustin Collins, born on October 14, 2020
- Carolyn Edwards Carew (5)- daughter of Mallory and Kendall Crew was born on September 22, 2020.
- Lila Shearon Williamson (6)- daughter of Katie and Brant Williamson was born on September 2, 2020.
- Ollie Sue Rojas- born on April 21, 2020 to Francis Rojas (Aztec, 1999-2006). Ollie Sue's grandmother is our beloved off-season co-chef, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Balmer Rojas (Aztec, 1971-77).

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*"Children bring us a piece of heaven on earth."
- Roland Leonhardt*

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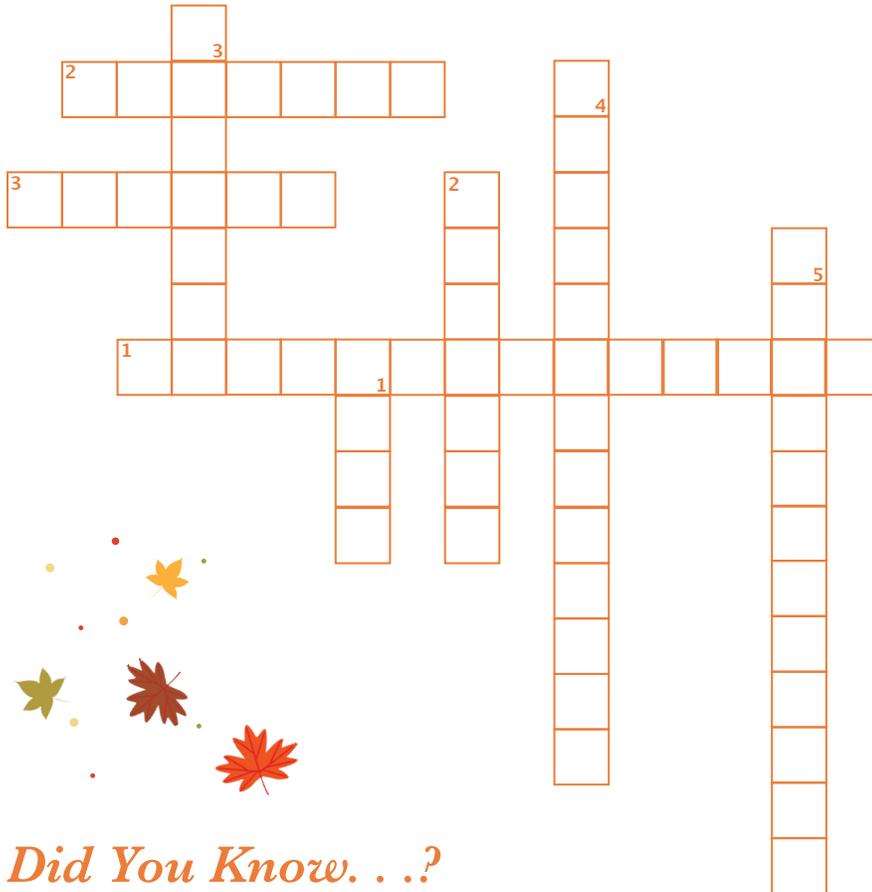
Going

- Carol Emerson McDonald, age 87, was a 2nd Term Tejas from 1944 to 1947. She was born on December 19, 1932 in Monroe, LA.
- Lula Belle "Cooky" Maddox Mays, was a Comanche from 1955 to 1959. She was born on April 9, 1943 and passed at age 77 due to complications from Covid-19.
- Alice Ann Lynch was a Tejas from 1951-1956. Alice passed away in 2020 just shy of her 79th birthday.
- Carol Crow Bleakney was a Tejas from 1951-1957. She was born on Januray 24th, 1941 and passed away December 11th, 2019.
- Barbara Roberts Carlton was a Tejas camper from 1960-1966. She was born on March 29th, 1950 and passed away at the age of 69 in Alexandria.
- Audrey Moody Ley, from Houston, was a Tejas camper from 1928-1931. She passed away at the age of 103 on March 4th, 2018.



*"What we have once enjoyed we
can never lose. All that we love
deeply becomes a part of us."
-Helen Keller*

Mini Crossword Puzzle: Waldemar Food Delicacies



Across

1. Breakfast bread containing fruit and topped with a sugar crumble
2. ____ Saturday
3. Grilled cheese and ____ soup

Down

1. A breakfast item that is served almost daily
2. ____ stones; a dessert usually served with coffee ice cream
3. ____ squares are also known as a "blondie" brownie
4. Chef Laura serves these gooey breads for parents on the morning of closing day
5. Main entree served for lunch on Sundays during camp

Answers on Page 16 >

Did You Know...?



2021 will mark Waldemar's 96th summer! As we count down to our 100th, here are a few historical facts you may not know about the places and people that have shaped Waldemar.

- The original dining hall, only two years old, was a mass of flames the night before the final banquet in 1930. Amazingly, food was delivered in from San Antonio for breakfast and the banquet. ". . . *The menu consisted of fruit cocktail, barbequed chicken, potato surprise, asparagus salad, rolls, salted nuts, ice cream, and cake. Only seeing was believing for truly it was a miracle brought by Ripple Frazer (dietitian) and her competent staff.*"
- In comes Ferdinand Rehberger on the task to build the beautiful dining hall that stands today. So how did Ferdinand, hailing from Germany, arrive at Waldemar? Escaping a tumultuous Russia during WWI, Ferdinand landing on the Mexican coast in the town of Tampico. Several years later, he became a "cowboy" on a ranch owned by W.T. Johnson, Ora Johnson's brother. "*In 1928, Col. Johnson, recognizing his ranch hand's versatility and his sister's need of such an employee, brought Ferdinand to Texas to make his home at camp, then in its third season.*"

- Waldemar has been known for its cuisine from the beginning. And the dynamic duo of Lucille B. Smith and Ulysses Smith of Fort Worth, TX were responsible for the delicious camp meals from 1928 until the summer of 1973. Lucille was a true business woman, inventing Lucille's All Purpose Hot Roll Mix, the first hot roll mix to be marketed in the United States. Her chili biscuits were served on American Airline flights and served in the White House to President Lyndon B. Johnson. Lucille was a force to be reckoned with and a true inspiration. "*I have never worked for race, always for people. I see much deeper than skin.*"



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Summer 2021*

Short Term

May 27 - June 1

First Term

June 4 - July 3

Second Term

July 9 - August 7

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Maiden Name: _____

Years as Waldemar Camper: _____ Term: _____ Tribe: _____

Address (*check if new*):

Street: _____

City: _____ State & Zip: _____

Email: _____

News to share: _____

Crossword Key
Across: 1. blueberry muffin 2. chalupa 3. tomato
Down: 1. eggs 2. blarney 3. caramel
4. cinnamon rolls 5. fried chicken

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