

# Waldemar Roundup

Fall 2014



## Letter

### From the Director

Dear Campers and Parents,



Thank you all for a fabulous summer of camping in 2014. You were the best of the best. I don't know how it keeps being so

wonderful, but my thoughts are that in this world today the contrast of what Waldemar offers is so obvious.

We are deeply committed to carry on the ideals and excellence that Ora and Doris Johnson established starting in 1926. It is validated by Waldemar's camper return rate of 98%+ each year, and counselors that have experience that is unequalled. The skill level of a Waldemar girl is enviable.

I am grateful for all these blessings and want you to know that it is our mission to provide the best and most wholesome experience for every camper.

In the Spirit of Waldemar,

## Summer Highlights

### Short Term

**Shining Stars:** Merritt Malley from Beaumont, TX, Viviana Carreno from Fredericksburg, TX, Emma Freeman from Houston, TX, Catherine Raffielli from Little Rock, AR, Lizzy Carter from Oklahoma City, OK

**Best Jackrabbit Kampong:** Ranch House 3 led by counselor Jessica Faulks Campers: Natalie Azarov, Jiada Garza, Julia HarFenist, Tessa HarFenist, and Olivia Morgan

**Best Coyote Kampong:** Las Brisas 6 led by Counselor Jackie Ayres Campers Haven Healy, Camille Gravel, Londyn Hall, Ella Harper, Carlie Kane and Loren Winn

### Brilliant Star Award Winners:

New Counselor: Sophie Gibson

Returning Counselor: Jackie Ayres

### First Term

#### Tejas won the plaque!

Final Point Totals: T -1,570.84 A -1,521.74 C - 1,512.30

**Ideal Waldemar Girl** Electra Thomas from Dallas, TX

**Aztec Best All Around** Gigi Lancaster from Dallas, TX

**Comanche Best All Around** Becca Brown from Hallettsville, TX

**Tejas Best All Around** Emily Franks from Little Rock, AR

### Shannon Harbor Award Winners:

New Counselor: Anna Wheeler

Returning Counselor: Kathryn Bowen

### Second Term

#### Comanches won the plaque!

Final Point Totals: C - 1,574.01 A - 1,506.57 T -1,527.02

**Ideal Waldemar Girl** Margaret Murray from Houston, TX

**Aztec Best All Around** Claire Addison from Dallas, TX

**Comanche Best All Around** Paige Hollingsworth from Sherman Oaks, CA

**Tejas Best All Around** Lady Prince from Houston, TX

### Shannon Harbor Award Winners:

New Counselor: Ari Failla

Returning Counselor: Erica Emery

## Birds of Many Feathers Flock Together - Held September 23-28, 2014

In a phrase:

“Our flock took flight this WWW, with great enthusiasm!”

Sending a tweet to all you lovely feathered friends. Did we have fun or what? The daytime activities and programming were a bit ramped up this year! We could hardly get it all in!!! These scheduled events included the following:

A Wine Tasting with Patrick Wilt, a Bird Watching session with Bill Lindemann, Guitar Lessons with Callie Hensley, YASO games with Sharon Highnote, Shopping with unique vendors, Yoga classes with Donna, Horseback with Liz and Cat for the early birds, Archery with Jill for the eagle-eyed, The Secrets of Ayurveda with Angela Pashayan, Ceramics with Kathryn Bowen and Carolyn Cowan, Jewelry Making with Carolyn Wheat and Judy Sager, Soap Making with Bridgit Giedeman, Sketching class with Judy Sager, Golf with Pat Jackson, a Workshop on Graphology with Susan Westenbroek, an Author's Court with our very own writers, Tap class with Judy and Line dancing with Nelda, a Kayak trip with Teak and Katie, and best of all, endless Spa Treatments right here at camp from a team of talented masseuses!

Chef Laura fed us much more than bird food. We had delicious traditional Waldemar meals and desserts as well as some of Laura's own healthy creations. #DELICIOUSYUMYUM!!!!

The Evening Programs were a production of wonderfully decorated events by the Lori Appleton and Teak Elmore Design Team, which included Amy Blanks and many others on WHAWSAW CREW. They didn't just “wing it,” a lot of thought and creativity went into these parties. We had a large number of ladies here during the week making for well-attended parties. They dressed up in full feather attire as well as Native American Indian regalia for the evening theme parties. Chickens, penguins, flamingos, birds, birds and more birds!

**TUESDAY**, The Costa Rica party at GA and Teak's pool: Pura Vida to all you peacocks, buzzards and parrots!

**WEDNESDAY**, A ‘Murder on Bourbon Street’ Mystery Dinner, which was well thought out and played out to the fullest amongst 90 dinner guests! After an hour of clues and much discussion, it turned out that Chef Leon Naquin, played by Linda Pipkin, got murdered by the Referee, played by Deborah Detering, a football coach who had been calling the games and changing the outcome – crooked as he was.

**THURSDAY**, Our Annual “My Friends & I” show, “The Cowgirl Rides Away Tour,” brought the crowd of 100 to tears

with laughter! A genuine belly laugh is the best medicine, and we got a potent injection that night for sure. These women surprise us year after year with their talent and hilarious skits.

**FRIDAY**, The Tribal Hill and Drum Circle Ceremonies were so special! We recreated some Tribal Hill traditions and ended the nights by following Amy Blanks banging on drums and shuffling our feet to the beat.

Feathered Friend Awards were handed out as well as Weekly Hill Awards. The following ladies were announced that night:

**Princess Win-Em-All**..... Mary Lou Bradford  
**Princess Lose-Em-All** ..... Toby Giesting  
**Rockpile Leader** ..... Pat Jackson and Jan Cannon  
**Purple T** Allison Weaver, Katherine Weber (travelled the farthest) and Amy Underwood was the most Purple  
**Spirit Stick**..... Sharon Highnote  
**Queen of the Birds**..... Deborah Detering  
**Squawker Award** (loudest bird) ..... Amy Blanks  
**Baby Buzzard** (new to the WWW flock) Anne and Carolyn Jasper  
**Fabulous Feathers** (best dressed) ..... Jan Johnston  
**Lovebird**..... Nelda Jasper  
**King of the Birds** (involved in everything we had to offer!) ..... Judy Standridge

Lifetime Achievement “Kevin Costner Dances with Wolves” Award- Judy Draddy and Sherri Jones. These ladies came prepared to celebrate life with their elaborate costumes, business cards, cotton candy and their joy from within them.

**SATURDAY**, we ended the week with, “One Flew Over the Coo Coo's Nest” – this night was a little too close to home. The ladies danced the night away to live music by EXIT 505; you would never guess that we are no spring chickens!

Thank you to all of our Waldemar staff for the preparations and execution of a wonderful nurturing and refreshing week. There's nothing more satisfying than seeing the glow of these ladies when they participate in this special week.

Please contact [campwaldemar@hotmail.com](mailto:campwaldemar@hotmail.com) for reservation information about WWW 2015 which is scheduled for September 22-27, 2015.









# Hammers and Nails

## News from Teak and his crew

We constantly hear compliments on Waldemar's grounds and buildings and we embrace those comments with pride. We strive to maintain five star quality in all areas of the camp. This is what has been going on behind the scenes, to do just that:

- The Swiss Chalet and Ranch House bathroom updates were finished and that completed our major water line replacement project behind the scenes.

- A new dispenser ice machine was installed at Ranch House.

- Ranchita and its 10 showers also got a complete remodel and new tile.

- A camp wide wireless internet system was installed and now covers about 75% of the Waldemar property. It is a web based Meraki system that enables all of our local and international staff to continue their educational requirements and stay in touch with friends and family and provides for all of our off-season groups to stay connected as well.

- The new gate that was built by Lars Stanley in Austin was installed this summer, along with new flowerbeds and sprinklers. This completed our front entrance project.

- We purchased and replaced over 150 mattresses this spring. We have plans to complete the upgrade on all the remaining mattresses to the pillow tops by summer 2015.

- The kitchen renovation was completed just in time for our spring groups. After removing every item from the kitchen, it was painted, new safety

tile floors were installed, new ovens and ranges were installed, new stainless tables were installed in the main kitchen area, bakery and salad department, and all new gas and water lines were run.

- A new walk- in cooler and freezer were constructed and completed in early June in our newly renovated pantry/dry storage area.

- A new central unit was installed in the Sponsors office. Four new central AC/Heat units were installed in the Dining Hall. A new commercial AC/Heat unit was installed in the Kitchen.

- New docks and riverside walk ways were constructed in the canoe areas.

- A new stone patio was constructed on either end of the Playhouse and new structural plates were added to the trusses.



- New construction has started on a remodel for one of the permanent staff housing units.



## Family Camp Dates

### April 10-12, 2015

*Join us for a weekend of fun with your family April 10-12, 2015! This is a great way to introduce new campers to Waldemar's beautiful surroundings, and life at camp with mom, dad, brother, sister, and grandparents. We have plenty of activities for all of you!*

*Email [campwaldemar@hotmail.com](mailto:campwaldemar@hotmail.com) if you would like more information.*



Lori Appleton



Rehearsal Dinner set up for Fall wedding

## Off-Season Events

Waldemar has had a busy fall! After Women's Week, we headed into October with three back-to-back-to-back weddings. The first wedding weekend, October 3rd-5th was full of football watching and whiffle ball playing attendees. The bride, Taylor Throckmorton and the groom, Jeff Jackson are both from Houston. It was a festive, fun weekend complete with a rockin' performance by Cory Morrow for the Welcome Party on Friday night.

The second weekend, October 10th-12th was a lovely wedding of former camper, Erin McDaniel to Russell Roach, both of Longview. There were quite a few Waldemar girls in attendance - it is always fantastic to see familiar faces. Everyone survived a little rain that brought some cooler weather and the perfect clear night for a beautiful ceremony in Tejas Chapel.

To round out the wedding season, Andrea Valachovic and Willie Hoppe celebrated their wedding weekend, October 17th-19th. The bride hails from Houston and the groom from Michigan. The weekend was just delightful, thanks to a great group of attendees.

The last group of the Fall was Lucky Star Art Camp! Back for a second year, Lisa Field brought another stellar line up of different classes for everyone to enjoy. Some of the workshops the ladies partook in, include: guitar, cheese making, yoga, jewelry making and painting. Campers came from all over: Alaska, California, New York, Florida to name a few. It was such fun to have all of this talent and creativity here at camp.

With the Fall Season of groups complete, we are looking forward to a busy Spring!

Contact Lori Appleton at [lhappleton@hotmail.com](mailto:lhappleton@hotmail.com) or call her at 830 238 4821 EXT 231, if you need information.



## WE COULDN'T HELP, BUT SHARE A SPECIAL LETTER FROM ACROSS THE WORLD. WALDEMAR KEEPS ON AFFECTING LIVES!

Dear Marsha, GFI and Teak,

I just wanted to write to say thank you so much for having me back for another year at camp. This year was so much fun and the stuff Katie hired were amazing at the barn.

There is nothing like camp at home, so people do not understand just how much I believe in the truth of when I say that Waldemar is a perfect bubble of heaven on earth. I feel so honoured to have been able to call it home for the past five summers, and to have met some of the most incredible, inspirational women I have ever met. I wish I had

had the chance to be a camper here!

The lessons and skills I have learnt from life and camp activities and seeing the campers grow up have really inspired me to become a better person. It is wonderful to know that despite all the violence, hardships and fighting going on in our world today, that true good really does exist and I think that everybody lucky enough to experience Waldemar gets to feel this. You do an incredible job at keeping camp so peaceful, pure, loving and inspirational. Thank you for all your hard work over the year. I hope you have a wonderful break before the next camp project! Love Pip Harland



## From the Waldemar Kitchen

This fall has been a flurry of events here at Waldemar. We returned to the kitchen at the end of September for the week of play and inspiration, otherwise known as Women's Week! Each night offered me a theme to create a fun and exciting menu of healthful and fulfilling food. We hosted three weddings and ended our off-season with Lucky Star Art Camp, another week of laughter, inspiration and fun-filled days and nights. A recipe I encountered in preparing a special Spanish themed dinner is a lovely rustic cake that is a snap to put together and delicious for the holiday season, Lemon Almond Cake with Seville Oranges and Cinnamon Wine Syrup. I hope you enjoy!

Happy Baking and Happy Holidays!

## Exciting News from the Camp Store!

Do you ever wish you could wear your Waldy apparel in the fall too? What's stopping you?! The Camp Store still has a limited stock of our hugely popular Spirit Jerseys and Mountainside sweaters. We had a great summer therefore our inventory is low so shop away before it's all gone! As always, our classic handmade ornaments are a perfect Christmas gift.

The much-anticipated 2014 DVD is ready; Elizabet has done it again, compiling a DVD full of the summer's best pictures, videos and music! An hour of summer memories for only \$20! Look for it at [shop.campwaldemar.com](http://shop.campwaldemar.com) under Miscellaneous Waldemar Items.

DVDs of Sr. Drama, Jr., Int. Drama and Quadrille will also be on sale for \$10 each + shipping. Available only until January 31st, 2015!

We will be going to Market again in January, so let us know of any popular products you think we should stock in the store!

Our Fall sale is here: from December 1st - December 17th use code WALDYFALL2014\* for 20% off our entire website. Don't wait until the last minute to buy your ornaments, cookbooks and t-shirts for Christmas!

*\*Excludes Spirit Jerseys, DVDs, Jim Morris jewelry, Leigh Elena bracelets, Waldemar Paver, and Luxury Microfiber linens.*



## LEMON ALMOND CAKE

### Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
  - 5 ½ ounces superfine sugar\*
  - ½ teaspoon ground cardamom
  - Juice and finely grated zest of one lemon
  - Few drops of vanilla extract
  - 14 ounces ground almonds
  - Confectioner's sugar for dusting
  - Crème fraîche, to serve (optional)
1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Lightly grease an 8-inch round cake pan and line the bottom with a piece of parchment paper.
  2. Beat eggs until light and fluffy. Add superfine sugar a few spoonfuls at a time, beating well after each addition, until mixture is thick and creamy.
  3. Fold in the cardamom, lemon juice and zest, vanilla extract and ground almonds until mixed. DO NOT BEAT.
  4. Pour mixture into prepared cake pan and bake in the preheated oven for 35-40 minutes, or until the cake begins to pull away from the sides and is firm to the touch in the center.
  5. Let cool for about 10 minutes, then remove to a cake rack to cool completely.
  6. Serve dusted with powdered sugar and a dollop of crème fraîche if desired. Is also delicious accompanied by a spiced wine or fruit syrup.



## SEVILLE ORANGES WITH CINNAMON WINE SYRUP *Serves 6*

### Ingredients:

- 3 cups light red wine (tempranillo or Beaujolais are good)
- 1 cup superfine sugar\*
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 3 cloves
- Finely grated zest of ½ orange
- 6 oranges

### Method:

1. Put wine, sugar, cinnamon stick, cloves and orange zest in a saucepan and stir over medium heat until sugar is dissolved. Increase heat and bring to a boil, reducing in volume by half. It should be thick and syrup-like. Let cool and store in refrigerator. Syrup can be made up to a day in advance.
2. Trim orange peel to expose the flesh and cut between the segments to create pretty sliced wedges free of any membrane. Squeeze the juice from the remaining membranous pulp and set aside.
3. To assemble with the lemon almond cake, spoon the syrup in the bottom of the individual dessert plate. Set a slice of the cake on top of the syrup. It will begin to "drink" the syrup. Garnish with the orange slices. Beautiful!

\*To make superfine sugar as it is not readily available in the US...measure your sugar and put in your food processor fitted with the metal blade. Blend until soft and a finer texture. Re-measure for your recipe.



# From the Horse's Mouth

## Greetings from the Waldemar Barn!

I was not ready for camp to end when it did. What a great summer! Amazing staff, wonderful campers and of course, the mostly cooperative horses. In late August, Marsha, George Anne, Jan Cannon and I along with a great group of Hats On Riders got to participate in a Montana Cattle Drive at the base of the Crazy Mountains. We were blessed with amazing weather, beautiful scenery, great people, lovely horses and very cooperative heifers. September brought Women's Week and the camp horses facilitated rides up to the cooksite for breakfast cooked over an open fire. Prepared by Linda and her friends, it was wonderful as always.

In October, Catherine and I hauled horses to Santa Fe, New Mexico for the American Polocrosse Association's



*Hat's On group in Montana, at the Bar B Ranch*

National Tournament. The tournament was held at the Santa Fe polo fields on the 10-12. Our B-Grade team succeeded in winning the national title! Sam Pohl received the award for the Best #1 on Luna (it was her first tournament). Catherine and her horse, Myrtle, cleaned up most of the rest of the awards in our division with a Best #3, Best Horse and Best Conditioned Horse. We are very proud of our horses and team!

On a sad note, we are mourning the passing of a couple of long time camp horses. Willie Nelson who was somewhere in his mid thirties, and Zip left us in early October. We are looking to add some new horses to our string this summer!

We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and joyous Christmas season with your families! See you in 2015!

Keep on riding--

Liz



*Catherine Pickens on Myrtle, Liz Pohl on Bill the Cat, Sam Pohl on Luna*



*Team Waldemar (left-right) Summer Kneese, Tanner Kneese, Brooks Royer, Sam Pohl, Liz Pohl, Catherine Pickens*



*Catherine and Myrtle in action*

## Our hearts are with the families of our Waldemar Angels

### ANGELS COMING

- Elliot Lovejoy Schmidt, born October 15, 2012, daughter of Laurie Robinson Schmidt

- Charlotte Elizabeth Hylden, born June 17, 2011, daughter of Jill Robinson Hylden

- Reese Alice & Pierce Champion Plumlee born November 4, 2013, twins of Mary Alice Hairston Plumlee

### ANGELS GOING

- Cindy Lauteuschlager, our New Orleans Representative, was an 11 year camper, died January 21, 2014

- Haley Alexander Williamson, Tejas from 1994-2004, died in May 2014. She is survived by her husband and daughter.

### A NOTE FROM BARB

Barb thanks ALL of you for your sweet cards and prayers! It has helped her tremendously to know that so many people cared. Keep the love and prayers coming! If you would like to write her, her address is:

Barb Keller

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## 2015 Camp Dates

Short Term:  
May 28 - June 2

First Term:  
June 5 - July 4

Second Term:  
July 10 - August 8

WWW:  
September 22 - 27

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once a year in print with additional  
news published on-line.*

Please help us keep in touch! We want to hear from you on news of births, deaths, marriages, changing addresses, etc. Please take a moment to fill this out and send it back to us.

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