

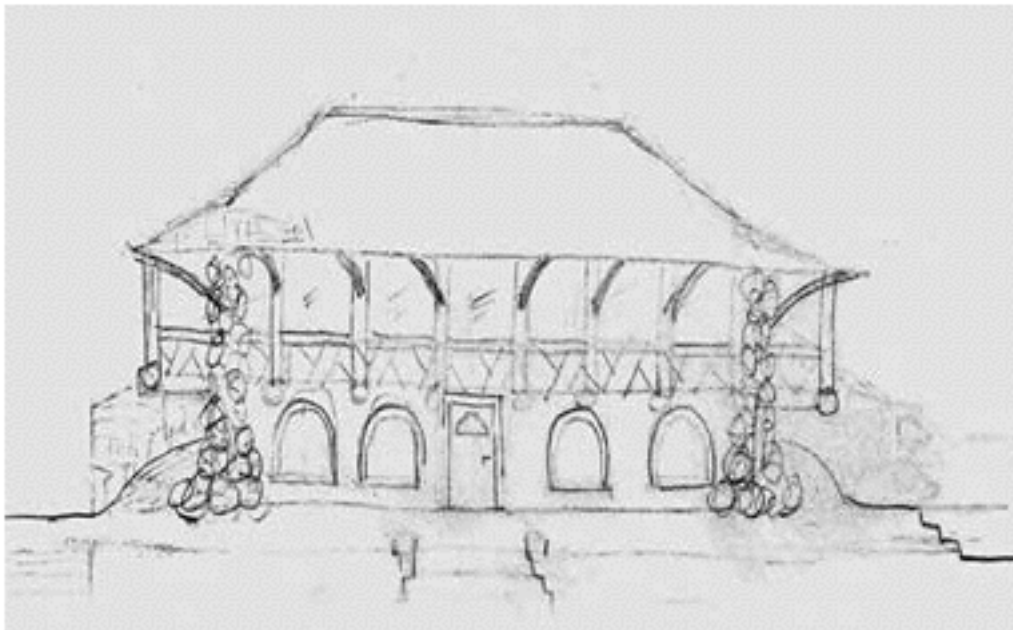
Headline News

Same Space, New Face!

Construction Begins on New Camp Office and Round-Up Lodge

The 2007-2008 off-season marks a year of major construction at Waldemar. Shortly after the close of Second Term, bulldozers and excavators crowded the Waldemar roads as the camp office was demolished making way for a newer building to take its place. Built in 1928, the original office served as the epicenter for all camp activity. The new office building will occupy the same space but will be better suited for today's camping business needs.

Artist's Rendering of New Office



The improvements will include a history museum in Cedar Lodge to display Waldemar memorabilia from the last eight decades; more of a lobby-style front office; expanded storage for office essentials and historical information; as well as an improved work space for summer and year-round staff to keep up with the daily demands of camp mailings, program planning, etc. The new space will also allow all year-round staff to work in one building freeing up the conference office space to be used by tribal and departmental staffs during the summer.

Office Demonlition and Construction Progress Photos



Additionally we have constructed a new meeting spot above the Rippling Waters Garage! With a gorgeous view of the river and cypress trees and built specifically with tribal meetings and senior movies in mind, the new AIR-CONDITIONED lodge is sure to be a favorite meeting spot. Chorus and charm classes will meet in the new facility. The new lodge will be known as Round-up Lodge, which was the name given to Miss Ora's original camp lodge.

The new Round-Up Lodge sits above the Rippling Waters garage



Waldemar's finest architects Marsha and Teak teamed with the design expertise of Lori Appleton and the rest of the Waldemar staff to carefully plan each and every detail of the new buildings to conform with the familiar facade of Waldemar. Construction is nearing completion on the Lodge and underway on the office. We hope to be moved in before the start of our summer 2008 sessions. We can't wait for you to come see!

Summer Highlights

Short Term

Best Kampong Race Winners

Jackrabbit Division – French Chateau 1

Coyote Division – Las Brisas 5

Shining Stars

2nd Grade – Lauren Ballard, Ali Brusenhan, Daisy French

3rd Grade – Sarah Blanton

4th Grade – Ian Brusenhan

5th Grade – Clark Kennedy

Best Counselors: Stacey Hansard (returning),

Elyse Landry (new)

First Term

Ideal Waldemar Girl: Camie Carlock

Best All Arounds: (A) Erin Weitzel,

(C) Margaret Anderson, and (T) Lizzy Jarvis

Shannon Harber Best Counselors:

(New) Abbie Cucolo

(Returning) Mackie Cucolo

The COMANCHES won the plaque!

Second Term

Ideal Waldemar Girl: Vaughan Knouse

Best All Arounds: (A) Adair Ewin,

(C) Stephanie Brazeel, and (T) Olivia Flores

Shannon Harber Best Counselors:

(New) Karlea Ashmore, (Returning) Ann Block

The TEJAS won the plaque!

Future Camp Dates

2008 Camp Dates

Short Term: May 28-June 3

First Term: June 6-July 5

Second Term: July 11-August 9

Letter from the Director:

Waldemar Under Construction

People often ask me what we do during the winter and I think they are surprised when I say “get ready for camp.”

Once camp ends, then the clean-up, put-away and preparation for next summer begins. And of course, this year we have added two large construction projects to the list! The maintenance crew, headed by Noel Quinones, has come close to completing Round-Up Lodge before they move to the office project. It's amazing to have such talented craftsmen working with us year-round. Of course, a new office means no more rivers running through the office during a rainstorm, no familiar sounds of the Chorus girls stomping above our heads, and Liz B. and Jill J. won't have to duck their heads when walking out of the back office, but we will adjust. (In other words, we are VERY excited!)

In October we hosted the C.A.M.P. luncheon for all of the Texas camps. This association was created in the late 1960's to bring together camps to further education, fellowship, training and legislative issues. You may have heard us mention the uniform school date effort launched by our organization to help create a consistent summer calendar. It was fun getting together with our other camp friends and spending time talking about our favorite subject camp!

Come January we will host our annual Buzzard Reunion and have invited the Waldemar representatives to join us. During this weekend we work on camp challenges, create new programming and of course enjoy Johnny's fine cooking. It will be summer time before we know it and we are all busy getting ready for your return.

Best wishes to you and your family during the holidays,



Angels Coming

- Avery Marie Downing born Jan. 17, 2006 to Anne Whitworth Downing and Ward Downing
- Sophie Schultz born March 1, 2006 to Staci Johnson Schultz and Torrey Schultz.
- Georgia Elise Junell born May 25, 2006 to Jenna Bailey Junell and William Junell.
- Helen Rieke born May 27, 2006 to Lacy Howe Rieke and Brian Rieke.
- Blair Ansley Johnston born July 21, 2006 to Shannon Grant Johnston and Benjamin Johnston.
- Elizabeth Grace "Gracie" Griffin born August 23, 2006 to Amy Mitchell Griffin and John Anthony Griffin.
- Mae Flanagan born October 9, 2006 to Courtney and Michael Flanagan.
- Aniela Maria Gallagher born October 28, 2006 to Marta and Kevin Gallagher.
- Mary Martha Rabalais born November 28, 2006 to Melissa Beckworth Rabalais and Robert Rabalais.
- Hudson Matthew Brandt born Jan. 22, 2007 to Gretchen Vawter Brandt.
- Simon and Joshua Back born March 1, 2007 to Meredith Bishop Back.
- Ella Marie Stanzel born April 18, 2007 to Tiffany and Michael Stanzel.
- Hadley Rollins Altvater born April 20, 2007 to Melanie Rollins Altvater and Jeffrey Altvater.
- Allison Pierce Wagner born May 6, 2007 to Adrienne Wilson Wagner and David Wagner.
- Maddox Kathleen "Maddie" Fisher born July 19, 2007 to Kathleen Matthew Fisher and Kyle Fisher.

Angels Going

- Barbara Tucker Harper died on March 7, 2007 at the age of 83.
 - Bebe Alexander Ham (Comanche, 1030s) passed away peacefully in her sleep on Feb. 15, 2007. Her granddaughter Jesse Shofner attends Waldemar Second Term.
 - Elaine Forster Fitzwater (Second Term Aztec, 1955-57) died of cancer on January 16, 2007.
- Our hearts are with all the families of these Waldemar angels.

Outstanding Accomplishments

Jean Jennings Johnston (Second Term Tejas, 1984-87) is enjoying being a mom to her four children, four-year-old twin boys, a two-year-old girl, and a one-year-old girl!

If you are doing something interesting or have some bit of news for the next Roundup, please let us know by sending email to campwaldemar@hotmail.com or faxing us at 830/238-4051.

The Waldemar Experience:

Waldemar Introduces New Seven-Year All-Star

Tribal colored felt "W", silver disk, gold disk, and then the diamond disk ... what Waldemar girl doesn't know this progression of all-stars, Waldemar's annual gift to campers who excel through our program. But what those of you familiar with this progression don't know is that 2007 will mark the introduction of a new all-star. Now instead of receiving the traditional engraved seven-year disk surrounded by filigree, campers will receive a silver disk with a tribal colored stone in it to mark their seventh year. Hilltoppers who are here for seven years will continue to earn the traditional Waldemar "W" and then be given the opportunity to purchase a seven-year disk in addition, if interested.

"We wanted to introduce something different for the seventh year since our traditional all-star repeated for each of a camper's fifth, sixth, and seventh years," said Meg Clark. "Now campers who receive those fifth and sixth year disks can continue to use them as drops or make them into earrings but will still have something unique and different to set apart their seventh summer spent at camp."

From the Horse's Mouth

Greetings from the Waldemar Stables! We have been busy this fall and are enjoying the beautiful cooler weather.

In September, we hosted two weekends of polocrosse clinics. The first one was attended by campers Jane Anne Blount, Dejonna Casselman-Reed, Ailee Harmon and Stephanie Nelson; former campers Minette Morgan and Kristin Nelson; and wranglers Catherine Cotton and Megan Delgado. The second one was filled up with campers Cullum Bolin, Madeline Clyde, Olivia Flores, Taylor Foster, Brittany Hildebrand, AimeAnn LaMendola and Emma Roberts.

We lived, breathed and nearly slept with the horses. The girls woke early each morning to feed and clean stalls, then were off to breakfast before we began our morning Polocrosse drills and riding. They braided tails, wrapped legs, groomed, tacked up and hosed down the horses at the end of the ride. After lunch we had a short down time before they were back to the stables to prepare for the afternoon drills and ride. After feeding the horses and having dinner ourselves,

we watched videos of the day's drills and riding. We ended on Sunday with an exciting exhibition for the parents!

In October, we were busy playing Polocrosse and riding new camp horses to get them ready for next summer. I think we will have some new horses that everyone will enjoy.

On October 19, Catherine's thoroughbred mare foaled twins. Only one survived the birth, and she is the most determined baby we have seen. Catherine named her Milagro, which means miracle in Spanish. She will call her Mila, pronounced ME-la, for short. We can't wait for everyone to see her next summer.

Sadly, the day also brought the passing of a very special horse. Shadow, Teak's nationally famous polocrosse horse, succumbed to cancer.

I hope everyone is settled into school and getting ready for the holidays. Camp will be here before we know it.

HAPPY TRAILS AS ALWAYS!
Liz

Waldemar Women's Week at A Glance

Waldemar Women's Week was a huge success! It was the 27th year and it may have beaten all others! "The Secret Lies Within Us" could mean a lot of things, but basically the secret was unveiled at the end of the week ... and WHAWSAW!

If the ladies weren't taking a craft class they were riding a horse, a kayak, or having a spa treatment by DAY ... at night they had theme parties to dress up for such as:

Tuesday: "Let's Get Physical"

Wednesday: "Can You See me Now?" This evening was dedicated to an original camper of WWW, Sally Shipman! Sally was one of the most positive, energetic, and vital people we ever got to be around. Her life was celebrated in a big way this night, by many of her friends and her family with a slide show, and songs and dances written just for her.

Thursday: "My Friends and I" performed "Everything I Need to Know, I Learned at Waldemar Women's Week!" Judy, Jane, and Neva have been performing for WWW for over 20 years. Their cleverly written songs and dances make you feel happy, make you feel somewhat "normal", make you feel like you're a part of something great ... they just make you feel good down to your toes (from your thighs that is)!

Friday: TEX-MEX on the Border with Clifton Jansky as our entertainer of the night, singing good old fashioned Western tunes while playing his guitar, and ending the evening singing "Amazing Grace" under the full moon! It was so beautiful! He said it was one of the most fun evenings of his career, and he had to ask God for some help in performing for this bunch of women at first. His answer came to him ... "just let them think they are in control, let them lead!" ... are you starting to get the secret of a happy woman yet?

Saturday: "Waldy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" complete with a chocolate fountain to cover the ridiculous amount of fruit and cookies!

Johnny and his staff was truly amazing, as usual!

George Anne and her staff were exceptional as well! GA thanks all who volunteered their time and efforts to make the week so great. We touched a lot of lives, rejuvenated a lot of bodies, warmed a lot of hearts.

We continue to pray for others who had some bumps in the road over the week.

God Bless You All!

Waldemar Women's Week 2008 will be held September 23-28, 2008. Hope to see you all there!

Special Events at Waldemar

Spring 2007 was very busy here at Waldemar. AIGA Austin returned for another successful design retreat in April. Over 100 designers from all over the country (and Mexico!) came out for some hands on experience and fun. The weather couldn't have been better.

The next weekend, we hosted Martha Small and James Dyess's wedding. Martha was an eight year camper and Comanche leader in 1993. Many Waldemar ex-campers were here to enjoy this celebration, which was kicked off by a lovely rehearsal dinner in the Playhouse catered by our very own chef Johnny Borrayo. The wedding took place Saturday evening in Tejas Chapel with the reception following in Doris Johnson Lodge. It was a grand affair enjoyed by all.

"Cinco de Mayo" weekend, we celebrated Tommy Leman and Malorie Gist's wedding. Tommy's family has been vacationing in the Hunt area for many years. Their rehearsal dinner was held at Crider's, an outdoor dance pavilion in Hunt. Saturday afternoon the couple's wedding took place at the Notre Dame Catholic Church in Kerrville. The reception followed in Tejas Chapel.