

# Waldemar Roundup

## Letter From the Director

Hello Waldemar Family!



Summer 2015 was a great success! We had about 850 campers and around 200 staff. We are into our 90th summer! Can you believe it's almost 100 years that Waldemar has been the best of the best?

The weather was almost perfect and classes were all full. We had new classes to choose from this year – self-defense, weaving, bridge, and field sports as well as all of the traditional class offerings.

Waldemar is indeed a magical place where friends are made for a lifetime, and skills are learned and honed in an atmosphere of peace, love, and safety. We are dedicated to God, family, country and perpetuating an experience of excellence in camping.

Thank you for being a wonderful part of our Waldemar Family. We look forward to many years together!

Sincerely,



## Summer Highlights

### Short Term

**Shining Stars:** 2nd Grader Hattie Grey Garner from Nashville, TN, 3rd Grader Madison Boehler from Houston, TX, 4th Graders Georgia Graves from Dallas, TX and Karly Rae Lieblong from Conway, AR, 5th Grader Anna Albrecht from San Antonio, TX, 5th Grader Ella Ryan Harper from Paris, TX

**Best Jackrabbit Kampong:** Monterrey 4 led by counselors Seagren Wilson and Caroline Reasoner **Campers:** Claiborne Edwards, Elizabeth-Anne Keyes, Emma Freeman, Kate Adams, Lainey Liberto, Madison Boehler, and Mariel Brumley

**Best Coyote Kampong:** Las Brisas 6 led by Counselor Ceci Maxwell **Campers:** Catherine Raffaelli, Karly Rae Lieblong, Kate Knaus, Lexi Winship, Makenna Harvey, MaryLove Reynolds, and Omi Levy

### **Brilliant Star Award Winners:**

New Counselor: Kaleigh Mahaney

Returning Counselor: Liza Hill

### First Term

#### **Tejas won the plaque!**

Final Point Totals: T – 1,574.89 A – 1,551.84 C – 1,516.85

**Ideal Waldemar Girl** Elizabeth Figueiras from Beaumont, TX

**Aztec Best All Around** Emily Gonsoulin from Houston, TX

**Comanche Best All Around** Connell McGinnis from Houston, TX

**Tejas Best All Around** Peachie Keith from Austin, TX

### **Shannon Harbor Award Winners:**

New Counselor: Ashley Nixon

Returning Counselor: Linda Pipkin

### Second Term

#### **Comanches won the plaque!**

Final Point Totals: C – 1,563.42 T – 1,555.1 A – 1,528.78

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

**Aztec Best All Around** Maddie Bradshaw from Austin, TX

**Comanche Best All Around** Brittany Marton from Houston, TX

**Tejas Best All Around** Victoria Daly from Los Angeles, CA

### **Shannon Harbor Award Winners:**

New Counselor: Jessica Anson

Returning Counselor: Jackie Ayres

## 34th Annual WWW

# Waldemar Women's Week 2015

WWW CELEBRATIONS filled some souls and left aches in our cheeks (from smiling so much), again this year!!!

I have tried to come up with an analogy of the week, overall, and I ask you to think of the best smoothie or the best blended coffee drink you've ever had in your life, and remember that satisfaction as you enjoyed every sip... WWW 2015 was a blended shake, made up of the following ingredients:

- Love
- Laughter
- Joy
- Soul
- Friendship
- Education
- Honesty
- Deliberation
- Prayer
- Nutrition
- Creativity
- Magic
- Exercise
- Exploration
- Satisfaction
- Contentment
- Peace
- Appreciation
- Transformation
- Beauty
- Dancing like nobody's watching

Now that's a triple shot of fun!

On a daily basis, I may feel maybe four of five of those things listed, but that week I felt all of them EVERY DAY! There was a special spark this year that we've tried to put our finger on, but I guess we can just attribute it to the wonderful friendships that are made, strengthened and nourished at WWW year after year!

We played on the river, on horses, on the tennis courts, at the archery range, at the rifle range, at the craft house, and we ate very well.

Our keynote speakers this year were fabulous! Author and presenter, Kathryn Childers, spoke on pursuing your dreams by "Doing it Scared". She told great stories about working for Jackie Kennedy Onassis. Joan Cronan, retired Athletic director at the University of Tennessee, spoke

on how to gain confidence in achieving your goals by using what she calls "BELLS": Bible, Exercise, Learning, Letters and Special projects.

The evening dinner themes were the following:

Hawaiian Luau on the Guad, Celebration of Western Women, "Way back When" performance by "My Friends and I", Rio de Janeiro CARNIVAL with live music by Exit 505, and karaoke at the Chinese New Year party.

We honored our friend Pat Jackson, who left us this summer. Over 40 ladies gathered to share their stories of Pat, while riding on a hayride, starting at Tejas Chapel, then to the golf green, and ending at the tennis courts, all very familiar places to our "bigger than life" friend, Pat Jackson. "A TOAST to YOU, Pat!"

Huge applause for the WHAWSAW, DINING HALL and MAINTENANCE CREWS for making this magical week possible, and for making our dreams come true.

WWW Dates for next year are September 20 – 25, 2016. Mark your calendars!

Keep the light within you  
burning bright;

I love every flicker about you...

GA



"Bags" goes riding



Erin, Julie and Marsha



A toast to Pat Jackson



Breakfast ride



Callie Hensley singing at Western party



Jan and Carmen go Western



Real Carnival Clowns



Jane in My Friends and I



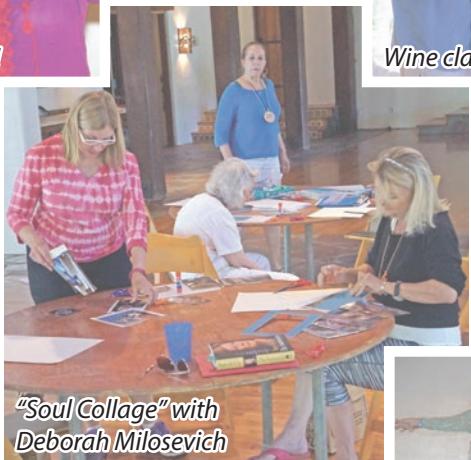
Judy rocks it!



Marsh hits the trail



Maribel



"Soul Collage" with Deborah Milosevich



Joan Cronan



Chef Laura



Mary Lou



Amy in Titanic kit



Speaker Kathryn Childers



The Alamedas go Hawaiian



The Neldettes



Team Brazilia

# Hammers and Nails

Waldemar's crew had another busy year caring for our beautiful 90-year-old facility. We completely replaced the roofs on all of the Bella Vista cabins, repaired roofing and porches on Monterrey four and five, and replaced the roof on the green house. We did a complete remodel of the apartment for our Chef Laura and a remodel and porch rebuild of the studio used for our international summer staff. We replaced over 400 mattresses throughout the camp with new pillow top mattresses and were able to donate some of our old ones to other camps. Happy Haven one showers were rebuilt and tiled. We completed a large expansion on some of our permanent staff housing and built a new laundry facility for the stables and summer staff.

The rest of the canoe area river docks were rebuilt with Trex lumber to complete that portion of the river front improvement. A complete new swim and race dock system was designed and purchased for our swimming department. All the central A/C units were replaced in the dining hall and sponsor office. Numerous other A/C systems were replaced throughout camp. A new storage facility was constructed

near the tennis courts utilizing one of the older pavilions to accommodate rifles, gymnastics equipment, sports equipment, off season bedding and other items for better organization of our supplies.

The tree lights had major renovations done as we move to switch to LED bulbs from compact fluorescent. There was a new sonic ice machine purchased for the kitchen. The playhouse had new steel plates manufactured and installed on the truss systems.



News from Teak and his crew



We still have about a month and a half left this year as new projects have begun on replacing more roofs around camp.

## Welcome Back Caroline Key!

Camping is in her blood.... Caroline 'Merica' Key is no stranger to CAMP!

Caroline attended Waldemar for 7 summers, joined us for 'Mother-Daughter' weekends in between camp, sponsored for the Aztec Tribe (and helped them win the plaque the first year she was sponsoring), has been a softball coach, Head of the Tennis Department, Lifeguard certified Head of Swimming for Short Term, Co-Program Head for Short Term, Teak's buddy at the Family table for meals, and a darn good friend for over 15 years!

Caroline's camping experience comes from a healthy combination of other camp positions, such as Heart O' the Hills Co Director, ACA Admin, YMCA Camp Flaming Arrow, and Director of Girls Scout camp for 3 summers. She is currently our Purchasing Manager all year and Caroline is one of the "KEY" assistants to our programming activities in the summer. We like to meet as a team every week, to have staff meetings, stay current with camping trends, and brainstorm ideas to keep things fresh and fun at Waldemar. I have yet to find a task that is too tough for Caroline to manage. She is one of the most resourceful people I've ever worked with; creative, funny, and always willing to help. We are very pleased to have Caroline as part of Waldemar, U.S.A.

## Family Camp Dates

April 8-10, 2016

*Join us for a weekend of fun with your family April 8-10, 2016! 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 [gaelmore@me.com](mailto:gaelmore@me.com) if you would like more information.*



# Off-Season Events - Girl's dreams do come true at Waldemar

We were elated to send off three Waldemar brides this fall, all of which had magnificent taste in grooms, as well as location to exchange wedding vows! These young ladies planned for Waldemar to be their destination-wedding event, some a year in advance. What does that include, you might ask? You name it- we're at camp! Their memorable weekends at Waldemar included bunking up in kampongs with family and friends, tasting the traditional fine dining prepared by Chef Laura Pipkin, kayaking, paddle boarding, fishing on the Guadalupe river, playing kickball games, riding horseback with Liz, taking archery lessons with Jill, having the opportunity to have a lovely massage, watching football games from TV trailers in the Playhouse, walking on the trails, and dancing in the Lodge. Our Texas fall weather allowed two of the weddings to take place in Tejas Chapel and one to take place in DJ Lodge. Each wedding was magical and enchanting in its own way. The wedding receptions were located on the athletic field in beautifully decorated tents.

We would like to give credit to the Viridian Floral Design team for being so professional and lovely to work with, always producing a product that perfectly suited the bride and groom. Thank you Tricia Hamil, for your grace and patience with such a large venue.

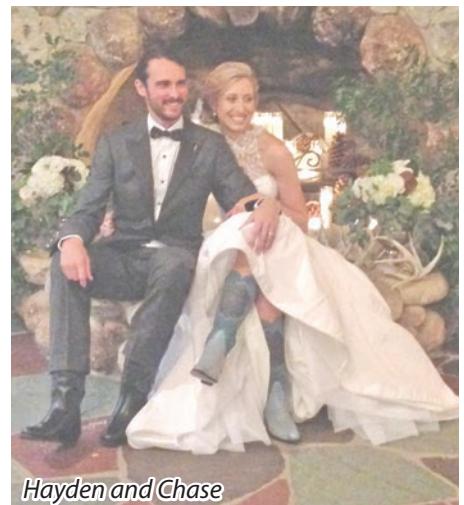
Listed here are the lucky bride and grooms. Congratulations to you all.



Jennie and Kurt



Rachel and Ford



Hayden and Chase

## Buzzards Notes

Our Buzzards (counselors) had a FANTASTIC summer on the Guadalupe! We hired over 200 counselors from all over the world to support, teach, cheer on and love your campers this past summer. We hope to continue the strong Waldemar Buzzard legacy with even better counselors every summer! If you know someone who would make a great counselor for us, please send her my way! You can email me at [waldemarstaff@gmail.com](mailto:waldemarstaff@gmail.com) or have them apply on our website directly, [www.waldemar.com](http://www.waldemar.com)!

Waldemar love, Katie Blount

### Counselor Dates for 2016:

Short Term: May 24-May 31

First Term: June 1-July 2

Second Term: July 6-August 6

### October 10, 2015

Jennie Simmons, from Houston TX, married Kurt Roedel from, Bay City, TX. Jennie was a Tejas from 1994-2001. Jennie received the Ideal Waldemar Girl Award in 2001.

### October 17, 2015

Rachel Holt from Fort Worth, TX, married Ford Hausser from San Antonio, TX.

Rachel was a Comanche from 1999 – 2004.

### October 24, 2015

Hayden Hrcicir from Dallas, TX married Chase Pearson from Lubbock, TX.

Hayden was a Comanche from 2001- 2005.

All of our off-season groups are so blessed to have Lori Appleton, our Special Events Coordinator, take care of every detail, so that these families can enjoy every moment of the weekend. Lori said, "All-in-all it was a successful fall season; beautiful memories were made, once again at Camp Waldemar!"

We look forward to having the Lucky Star Art Camp at the end of our winter season.

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

# Notes from the Kitchen

by Chef Laura

As I was driving through the hills back to camp from town the other day, I was struck by how quickly the colors shift from green to golden to amber. The cypress trees' colors belie the season of cool moist air and the sycamores offer thick fragrances of what I consider to be the scents of the Hill Country. I love the season of fall here. We have just finished our fall events – Women's Week, 3 beautiful weddings, all for Waldemar brides and Lucky Star Art Camp, a wonderful conclusion to an exciting season, and I am taking a big exhale before the holiday season begins. With Thanksgiving right around the corner, my mind returns to camp. One of Marsha's favorite summer dishes is the Asian Salad. This was first

prepared at Waldemar over 20 years ago at Thanksgiving, by my cousin Roxy and her daughter Carly. It is a simple recipe, which makes it very approachable. It satisfies all the flavor points of a satisfying mouthful – salty, sweet, umami, with the compliment of 3 forms of crunchy! We still have it every year and it is a favorite on our family table and certainly, it is a favorite during camp! We have prepared it with food allergies in mind, making a nut free version and a gluten-free version as well, so amend as your family's needs require!

Add this to your Thanksgiving and Christmas menu and let me know how it fits on your table for the holidays! Happy cooking!

## ASIAN SALAD

### Ingredients:

2 packages Beef ramen noodles  
16 oz cabbage slaw mix with carrots  
1 cup sliced almonds, toasted  
1 cup sunflower kernels  
1 bunch green onions, chopped  
½ cup sugar  
¾ cup vegetable oil  
1/3 cup white vinegar

### Directions:

1. Remove and save the flavor packet from the ramen noodles.
2. Crush noodles and place in a large bowl.
3. Top with slaw mix, sprinkle with the toasted almonds, sunflower kernels and green onions.
4. Whisk together the flavor packets, sugar, oil and vinegar.
5. Pour over the slaw, but DO NOT STIR YET!
6. Cover and chill at least 4 hours.
7. Toss before serving. Enjoy!

## Exciting News from the Camp Store!

You've surely heard by now that it was our 90th summer and we still have several commemorative items available! These make perfect gifts for new and old campers alike.

The following DVDs are available for purchase through our store website:

All Camp DVD \$20

IWG Ceremony \$10

Senior Drama "Annie" \$15

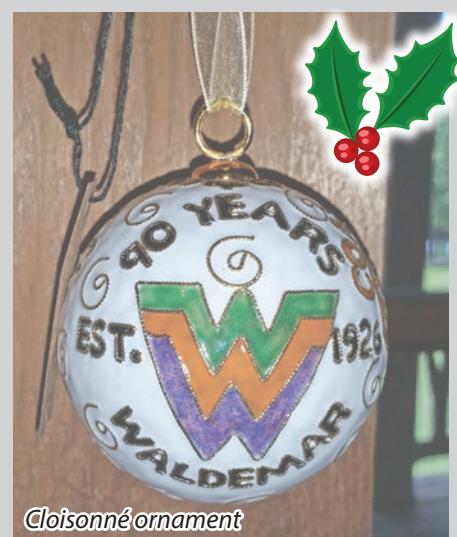
Junior/Intermediate Drama "The Maps of Monotonia" \$15

Horse Events for 1st and 2nd Term \$15

The DVDs are only available until January 31st, 2016 so order soon! Prices do not include shipping.

Our gorgeous 90 Years cloisonné ornaments by Kitty Keller needs to be on your tree this Christmas! We only have a small quantity left so make sure to order yours soon.

We still have a good stock of long sleeved shirts and sweatshirts for a cozy winter, and a limited selection of tribal fleece blankets also available.



Cloisonné ornament

Our hearts are with  
the families of our

## Waldemar Angels ANGELS GOING

- Becky Brooks passed away January 2015 – Becky was the Senior Drama counselor in 1988, Second Term.
- Suzanne Hampton Spillman died March 2015 – 1948-1953, 1st Term, Tejas Leader, Stern of War Canoe, Beaumont Representative
- Paula Rupe – died March 2015
- Barbara Ann Keller - died March 13, 2015
- Barbara Tyson – died April 2015
- Johnnie Gee - died November 20, 2015
- Pat Jackson – died July 21, 2015 at age 87
- Colleen Robertson Scofield - died October 2015
- Blanche Olsen - 1920-2015. A Waldemar nurse for 5 years.



## Barbara Ann Keller

Barbara Ann Keller, age 86, of Chanute, Kansas, began her career at Waldemar the summer of 1961. She was a member of the Waterfront staff from that year until 2009. In 2010 Barb moved to the office where she made all the announcements, read inspirational sayings, played “Oh, it’s Saturday” on Field Day and regular Saturday mornings. She remained a consultant to the Waterfront until her death in March of this year. She was “the voice” of camp.



Barb was elected to the “Buzzard” slate for many years as the “Wise old Buzzard”. Always available for advice or remembrances of camp in the “old days” Barb was a favorite of counselors and campers alike. In her later years she drove a golf cart around camp and could be seen parked ready to score Volleyball. She was in charge of the Senior Raffle at Carnival and a rousing rendition of the Beach Boys’ “Bar, Bar, Bar, Bar, Barbara Ann!” was often heard at Carnival and on Field Day.

In Chanute, Kansas, Barb was known as “Coach”. She was the first girls’ track and volleyball coach in the area. After her retirement from the school system she volunteered for the Red Cross Blood Bank – the last drive was held in her honor; was a greeter at the local school and was an active member of the First United Methodist Church.

Barbara is survived by cousins and friends in Chanute. She also is survived by generations of Waldemar girls who loved and respected her.

## From the Horse's Mouth

by Liz

Greetings from the Waldemar Barn!

The fall is upon us and the rain has been a blessing. We have been fortunate not to have too much, though. The grass is greener than it has been all year! Catherine and I are spending most of the day cleaning the mud off of the horses. They sure enjoy their ‘spa time’.

We have sponsored a couple of horsemanship clinics taught by Steven Hart from Australia this fall. We plan to have a couple more in the spring. If you are interested, please contact me and I'll pass on the info. Catherine and I have learned a lot from him the last few years.

The barn has a few additions since camp. A Quarter Horse mare and 6-month-old foal,

Ginger and Hope, came to us recently. The mare is a nice riding horse and we have high expectations for her daughter, Hope. Another Quarter Horse filly, Annabelle, has found a spot in our barn as well.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year filled with love and family. I look forward to seeing everyone next year!





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# 2016 Camp Dates

**Short Term:**  
**May 26-May 31**

**First Term:**  
**June 3-July 2**

**Second Term:**  
**July 8-August 6**

**WWW:**  
**September 20 - 25**

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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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Years as a Waldemar Camper: \_\_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

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