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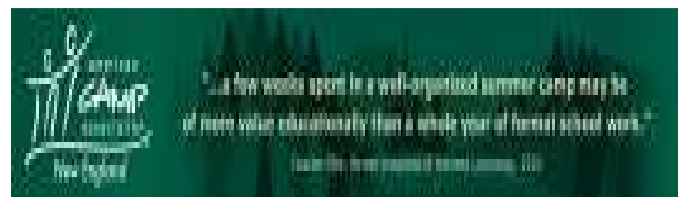
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Camp has been, is, and will remain, a place where like-minded souls can recognize and celebrate each other. The more summers we experience, the more we realize that teenagers are teenagers, no matter what country, background or decade they come from. The turbulence of adolescence remains, and for as long as it does, teens will need a place like Maine Teen Camp. They want to feel safe and secure, feel good about themselves and their peers, feel a reason to be optimistic and idealistic and excited for their future. If you are reading this, there is a good chance MTC provided that place for you, maybe for a few weeks, and maybe (for some of us) for a lifetime. We are as convinced today, as in 1984 that there is a need to meet, that this community has purpose, and that the world is maybe a little better place because of MTC. We hope you agree...

We just keep getting better at Maine Teen Camp

- MTC established a very successful first year in 2009 of our newest community service oriented program, **Roots and Shoots** (www.rootsandshoots.org). Campers could participate in this elective program choice each week, which involved service at a home for the elderly, animal shelters, lake & waterway cleanup, recycling initiatives, and cemetery maintenance. We show campers that they don't have to travel to far away places to do community service. Isn't the idea of community service, that you do things within your own local community??! Campers spent many hours doing service in the local area of camp, all within a 30min drive of MTC.

- MTC alum and videographer, Melissa St. Laurent, worked on a project to do panoramics of camp's facility for our website. And as a result, we have the **Virtual Reality Tour** online...you will see the link directly on the homepage of www.teencamp.com. Be sure to check it out...it will be sure to bring back tons of fond memories!



- **Bell Ringtone** for my phone?? Say it's true? It's true! You will be able to download the sound of the MTC bell to use as your very own ringtone or alarm, thanks to Christian Perry and Richard 'Titch' Deane. Just imagine, waking up to the sound of Marilyn ringing the bell at 8am, every day. Mmmm, 8am wake up.

- MTC will have its own **Cooking Program** this summer. We like the idea of 'cooking' (not culinary arts), because let's face it...cooking what kids will do when they get to college if they are lucky! So, we are focussing on the cooking basics: Cooking for College 101, Baking Sweets, Best of the BBO...you get the idea. Not complicated, but practical. MTC's own, Mark Bolton, will be the architect and builder-in-chief.

- Our tennis program is upgrading to include **tennis stroke analysis** software as a part of instructional lessons.

- The **Camp Store is Online**. You can now order all your MTC wear, all year round directly from www.teencamp.com. You will see a fine array of sweats, t-shirts, trunks.

DID YOU KNOW? If any of our Alum have their own website that shows off their talents, expertise, profession,...please tell us! We can add you to our 'Where are They Now?' page on our website! Have a look under the Alumni tab!

Spring has sprung! Glorious Maine in the Spring...sprouting tulips, soft breezes, the smell of sweet pine...the time of year that celebrates the survival of another lnnnnnggggg Maine winter...when all the locals,

from chipmunks to your friendly camp directors, poke their heads outside, take deep breaths, and immediately start coughing up black flies! So get out your lawn mower, gardening tools, patio furniture, and get ready for the summer ahead...and of course, that means CAMP 2010!



As we head into another decade of camping, we take a moment to consider what camp means going forward, and what an amazing accomplishment the last 25 summers have been. While the world has changed much from the 1980's to the 2010's (Twenty Teens?), MTC has remained a reassuring, stable, and much loved constant. The faces may be different, but the essential truth remains - Much more than just a summer camp in Maine, MTC is a community, far reaching beyond borders. We consider ourselves lucky to have met so many campers and staff from the corners of the world, each bringing with them, their own talents, interests, and identities. Each staff and camper is unique and adds greatly to our camp family, yet the thing we appreciate most is our commonalities.

Alumni Updates

Thank you all for registering as MTC Alumni and updating us on your life! Tell your MTC friends to do the same!

1984-1990

1991-1995

1996-2000

2000-2007

Zack Weinstein (camper, LT, staff) is guest starring on the popular Fox series, GLEE.

Suzanne Lacy (staff) has been touring the world on cruise ships for the past three years, and now is teaching English in Costa Rica.

Danielle Garcia (camper) misses camp, especially the great memories and friendships.

Vaughn Schoonmaker (staff) was a videographer covering the Vancouver Olympics.

2008-present

Seb Claassen (staff) is studying music production in Australia and hopes to one day open a studio and recording business. Hilco Beukema (staff) visited Seb this past month.

Bex Kenrick (staff), Anna Gilbert (staff), Lyndsey Fox (camper, staff), and Kim Janes (staff) all started their teaching certifications this past year. Hmm, maybe camp jobs help to facilitate great teachers?!

Engagements, Weddings, and Babies...

-**Heather McAllister** (staff 2002) is getting married to James on August 19th in Glacier National Park, Montana.

-**Eric Smith** (camper/LT 99-2002, staff 2004-07) and Kelly will marry in Toronto on April 24th.

-**Wayne Cooper** (staff 02-03) and **Lucy Haussman** (2000-03) marry in Las Vegas in June. Aww, camp love!

-**Heather Boydston** (staff, 2000-05) and William will marry in Virginia on Sept. 25th.

-**Sarah Lentz** (staff 2001-08) and **Greg Perchik** (camper, staff 2004-2007) will marry this fall, Sept. 25th, at MTC!

-**Christy Grobart** (staff 2000-06) and Richard Storto are engaged! Details yet to be announced.

-**Kate Beaver** (staff 2009) and **David Goodwin** (staff 2009) are expecting their baby boy in May.

Please send us photos!



Become our FAN. Be sure to find our official camp page on FACEBOOK! Please, others are imposters...accept no imitations... Maine Teen Camp (MTC) – The Official Camp Page

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/Porter-ME/Maine-Teen-Camp-MTC-The-Official-Camp-Page/66407983773?ref=ts>

FIRST GENERATION DISCOUNT for children of Maine Teen Camp Alumni (campers or counselors)
Enroll your child for the summer of 2010 and receive \$200 OFF tuition prices.
Just email us: mtc@teencamp.com

Wear your MTC pride – Send us your photos of you wearing MTC t-shirts, etc and we will use it for our next newsletter!



James Cullen (staff 2009) with friends - wearing his MTC shirt in New Mexico Monument Valley

Please be sure to check out www.emptyseamusic.com to hear our camper's original music compositions.



Have you moved? Or has your permanent address changed? Please write to mtc@teencamp.com and let us know so we can keep you up to date on all things MTC.

Do you know something we don't?

Have you moved to an exotic place or started a new exciting job? Have you met the love of your life or have news you would like to share with the MTC community? We'd love to know about it if you do! Email us at mtc@teencamp.com with all your exciting life updates.

Comments, questions or ideas on how we better serve our alumnus? Email us at mtc@teencamp.com or write us: 170 W. Valentine St. Westbrook ME 04092

As we head toward another summer, we will leave you with this...

'When we're at camp, we lose our outside worries. The cell phones are off, the Internet is another land, and we live life by the bell – not by our watches....I learned more at camp than I could have anywhere else...it's also a lesson in compromise, in respect, in leadership, and in compassion.' Sarah Kurtz, From CAMPING magazine, March/April 2008 *Thank you for*