



Special 2008 Camper Edition



The newest water initiative: get on the Saturn with 3 other people, stay on, rock and spin!

New Water Toy at Camp: Can You Get On It?

by Allante Moon

The new 2008 deep water toys have just come. One of them is the Saturn. It is located in the deep end of the lake. The toy is a sphere with a ring around it, just like the planet Saturn! It is held down by an 800 pound anchor. "It is a really cool toy!" stated one camper. The object of the Saturn is to try and turn the ball in the center with your body, you have to hold on really tight to the handles. Even

the thought of getting up on the Saturn is a challenge. The campers get on this water toy every day. I believe as a camper that this deep water toy will never grow old.

Spotlight on Staff: Stefan Jarkulich, Nicola Macic

Every year staff members are recruited from all around the world – this Greenie Gazette's issue will present two of them: Nicola Macic from New Zealand and Stefan Jarkulich from Germany. They were interviewed by Allante and Beth (see "Who Wrote This Edition?" on page 2).

Allante: Welcome to Camp Westminster on Higgins Lake and thank you for the possibility of this interview. Nicola, do you have a profession and if so what is it?

Nicola: I went to Manurewa High School and I worked in a café where I learned how to make coffee. When I go back to New Zealand I will start to study at the police college. And I will of course continue my cycling.

Beth: Stefan, what is your job in Germany?

Stefan: I am studying History, Spanish and German to become a high school teacher.

Allante: Nicola, have any of your family members come to camp before?

Nicola: Yes, my brother went to a horseback riding camp in New Zealand.

Allante: Nicola, do the camps where you come from offer different activities?

Nicola: Yes, they had for example a hydroslide with water. They offered horseback riding and the worship was held in a chapel [indoors].

Beth: Stefan, what made you want to be a counselor at Camp Westminster?

Stefan: On the one hand I wanted to come to the US to improve my English, and on the other hand I wanted to work with children. And fortunately there is a program called Camp America which combines both: you work with children and youngsters at a camp and after that you travel around to know the country better.

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Read all about it!

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*Camper Perspective***A Day at Camp** *by Beth Stark*

7:15 The wake-up bell shatters all hope of sleep that day. Now we have to get ready for the day!

7:40 The waiter bell sounds through the camp summoning all camp waiters.

7:50 We slide into place on the logs in front of the Dining Hall for Morning Watch. Two of the counselors perform a skit to prepare us for Bible Quest.

8:00 Breakfast! We take our places at the neatly set tables in the Dining Hall.

8:30 We all trudge out the Dining Hall doors to frolic joyfully when we do our capers (that is what capering means). These range from brandishing a mop bucket and gas mask to clean the Greenies to exterminating all pieces of trash around the camp.

9:15 Bible Quest. We slide into our seats covered in dirt and debris from capers to sing and sleep through a lesson by some of the counselors about the Morning Watch theme.

10:15 Cabin Choice. This activity ranges from climbing the terrifyingly super-duper tall Lighthouse Climb to swinging 30 feet in the air on the High Ropes Course.

12:15pm Lunch! After starving for the last four hours we enjoy a meal of salad and other food. We also find out who won capers! The group of girls and group of boys that have the cleanest cabin and caper area win first rights at the Camp Store.

1:00 FOB. F.o.b. stands for flat on bunk. It's the only quiet time that we get to rest and read.

1:50 Time for our ChooseIt! These range from battling rough seas in a sailboat to writing our fingers off in Creative Writing- whatever each camper chooses.

3:30 Wet n'Wild activity. We get dragged into the water by counselors brandishing lifeguard devices and whistles for water fun time.

4:30 All Camp Swim. Hurriedly we find an unsuspecting partner to buddy with for an hour of water fun.

6:00 Dinner! We eat our last meal of the day and prepare for more lessons about the Morning Watch topic.

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Interviewers discuss camp experiences with Nicola Macic, one of the highlighted international staff.

Who Wrote This Edition?

Allante Moon (13) from Lincoln Park and attends Lincoln Park Middle School. Allante's hobbies are watching scary movies and playing with her friends at school. In the future Allante wants to become a forensic scientist. July 20th – 26th was her first week at Camp Westminster. While at camp, Allante went to a class on creative writing. She chose it because she loves writing and working with language.

Beth Stark (13) goes to East Middle School in the Plymouth-Canton School District where she lives and loves showing off her school spirit on the track team, but wants to be a writing teacher when she grows up. Her first year at Camp Westminster was 2007 when she was in the Pioneer Heritage Camp. Beth loves to read and write and that is why she chose the creative writing class during her second year at camp.

Samantha Robertson (15) is from Westland and will be going to Churchill High School in Livonia. She has been coming to Camp Westminster for nine years and her hobbies include ballet, writing poetry and reading. She chose creative writing for her "ChooseIt!" at camp because she loves to write and wanted to improve her writing skills.

Deonte Flournoy (12) is from Detroit. He attends West Village Academy in Dearborn and his favorite hobbies include basketball, dancing and reading. He has been coming to Camp Westminster for four years straight and has loved it every time. He joined this "ChooseIt!" at camp for a new experience.



The first of several to be erected, Camp's new yurt is green with a cream roof and beautiful insulated wood door.

New Adventure Housing Completed

by *Deonte Flournoy*

This efficient structure was built on July 25th, 2008. Amazingly, it took only one day to complete. The yurt was paid for by "Summer Dreams," which donated \$8,000 not including the cost of shipping the wood. It was built next to the Prayer Trail here at camp and will be used for meeting spots and cabins that campers will sleep in. It is constructed out of wood, vinyl, and insulated walls. There is room for six to eight people and it's only one of the new projects at Camp Westminster. There will be tree yurts and a new playhouse too, for the younger campers. These new projects are a part of the Adventure Housing area and will provide campers with the chance to sleep ten feet high in the trees. All around, the Adventure Housing area will provide a new experience for all future campers.

Spotlight on Staff (cont.)

Allante: Nicola, here at Camp Westminster one of your duties is being a lifeguard, do you enjoy it?

Nicola: Yes, absolutely, it's not difficult except for getting into the water.

Beth: Stefan, what is your favorite activity at Camp Westminster?

Stefan: I like most of the activities but my two favorites are All Camp Swim and the different evening programs because all of the campers and all of the staff come together and you get to meet everyone because there are different mixed teams each time.

Beth: What was your best year at Camp Westminster and why?

Stefan: I do not really have a favorite of the two years that I have been here but the two have been very different. In 2003 everything was new to me, the staff and Camp itself. In 2008 I am returning to one of the places that I like best.

Allante: What do you like about Camp Westminster and why?

Nicola: I like the staff and the community, the variety of campers and the joy because it's fun working amongst such team.

Beth: Stefan, was there anyone at Camp that really inspired you?

Stefan: The person at Camp that really inspires me is Suzanne, the Director, because she has been working at camp for so many years and has such a strong faith. She works together with hundreds of other people to make camp possible and she built a strong community with staff members from all around the world.

Allante: Nicola, would you like to return to Camp?

Nicola: Yes, I would like to return but it depends on if it is God's will for me to return.

Allante / Beth: Thank you for the interview.

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See Camp's New Yurt!

A Day at Camp (cont.)

7:00 Vespers: the shortest sermon of all mixed with some fun songs make it a great time.

8:00 The evening activity ranges from going back in time to the Underground Railroad to celebrating Christmas in July!

9:00 Camp Store is open! Time to purchase some camp gear, snacks, juice, fair trade items or maybe a camp songbook!

10:00 Finally, bed time! We snuggle into our sleeping bags full of mosquitoes and wait until... [the fun starts all over again tomorrow!]



She's a winner!

Well, they all are actually! But, it was Jasmine Brown's idea that won the 2008 summer camp tshirt contest! Using the summer theme "Handle With Care", Jasmine designed a package for all camp stewards to receive. Wearing the tshirt in the photo above, Sailing campers lead "Rolling Over the Billows" after dinner during Sailing I Camp.