

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2006

NOW! (ongoing) Summer Camp Registration

April - ongoing 2006-07 After School Registration

2006-07 Advantage Before Care Registration

June 11th Summer Camp Open House

July 3 - August 25 Summer Day/Travel Camp

July 9 - 21 Summer Resident Camp

July 23 - August 4 Before and After School Programs Begin

October 5th "Autumn in Putnam" Annual Dinner Dance



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Allow us to introduce our most exciting Summer Camp ever!!!! 2006 is known as our "Summer of Surprises" because of all the new and improved happenings around camp, including changes in our year-round programs. Some will be obvious, but some won't be because we've combined all the Camp Herrlich traditions with some updated program elements!

Here's the new news:

➤ We have a new year-round Program Director, Jessica Vanacoro! Read more about her on page 7.

➤ A 32' Climbing Wall has been installed at the edge of our field. Not only will it be a popular activity choice among our campers, it is a valuable addition to our high/low ropes programs offered during the school year.

➤ We've offered more flexibility in our Summer Day Camp sessions by creating both two and three week options.

➤ We've added a second session to Resident Camp

➤ New tips have been added to our Travel Camp during Session 2 Day Camp.

➤ The After School Program at Matthew Paterson Elementary School has a new site director, Jennifer Gallagher. See the After School section for more about her!

➤ It's official! The Carmel Central School District Board of Education has granted approval for Camp Herrlich to run a Before School Program. Beginning in September we will begin our Advantage Before Care (or ABC) Program in local elementary schools.

➤ The main hall of Schweitzer has a fresh coat of paint and some new "decorative" touches.

➤ The business office has been renovated and now houses the Executive Director's office, the Business and Communications Director's office, an administrative assistant's workstation and a conference room.

Here's the old news:

➤ Our programs still remain consistent with the traditions and favorite activities that our campers love.

➤ Camp Herrlich's greatest asset, our carefully selected staff are knowledgeable and compassionate role models. Many of our valued staff return year after year, and 2006 is no exception!

READY, SET, GO... ...blast into Summer Camp 2006!!!



Why do kids need camp?

Between 2001 and 2003 the American Camp Association (ACA) facilitated a research study of camper outcomes, the largest research of its kind in the United States. More than 5000 families and 80 ACA accredited camps participated in this groundbreaking study conducted by an independent research firm. Parents, camp staff, and children reported significant growth in the following:

- ❖ Self-esteem
- ❖ Independence
- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Friendship Skills
- ❖ Social Comfort
- ❖ Peer Relationships
- ❖ Adventure & Exploration
- ❖ Environmental Awareness
- ❖ Values & Decisions
- ❖ Spirituality





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CAMP HERRLICH PRESENTS
ADVANTAGE BEFORE CARE PROGRAM
Our program begins on
the first day of school!
Wednesday, September 6, 2006

The Advantage Before Care Program Highlights:

- * Offered every school day 7am - 9am, according to the Carmel Central School District calendar
- * Takes place right at the school! Mathew Paterson Elementary and Kent Elementary (for KES and KPS students)
- * Supervised by our experienced, caring staff within a 1 to 10 ratio in a familiar environment that is safe, secure and fun!
- * Activities include arts & crafts, reading, movies, games and puzzles, story time, and exercise!
- * Breakfast available every day through the school cafeteria for \$1.00. Parents may utilize the option of paying a lump sum up front into the child's school lunch account.

Monthly Tuition Schedule
We understand that busy working parents need the advantage of flexibility. We've designed our program so that you can choose the number of mornings per week to enroll your child and pay for only the days that you've enrolled!

#Days/Week	1	2	3	4	5
Monthly rate	\$175	\$350	\$525	\$700	\$875

MTOM Board of Directors Elects New Chairs

On February 11, 2006 the Mt. Tremper Board of Directors elected a new chairperson and vice chairperson to take the helm. Scott Auster succeeded Pat Haa as the new MTOM Board Chair, and Chris Hollander will fill the vacancy for Vice Chair as Laura McDonald's term ends. Both Pat and Laura have made tremendous contributions to the MTOM organization and will continue generously giving their time as board members. Scott Auster graduated Stuyvesant High School in NYC, received his BA from City College, and his JD from Brooklyn Law School. He has volunteered his time to his community by serving on the Challenge Committee at the George Fischer Middle School, has been a vice president and board member of the Patterson Little League for 13 years and for the last two years has helped in the administration of the NY District 33 Little League. He has been a member of our board for two years and helped in the recent transition of ownership of the Camp Herrlich property from Lutheran Social Services to Putnam County. Scott maintains an active law practice primarily in Putnam and Westchester Counties and New York City.

Chris Hollander graduated from Middlebury College with a major in American Studies and received his MBA from Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. Chris has served on the MTOM Board of Directors for many years. His other non-profit experience includes a prior position as Director of Annual Giving for the Canterbury School. We eagerly look forward to the knowledge and experience these two gentlemen bring to Mt. Tremper's leadership and their vision for a progressive future.

THIS IS MY STORY, and I'm sticking to it!

A month or two ago I found myself in a meeting with Bob Gentile, Executive Director, and our new Program Director, Jessica Vanacoro, and a variety of other individuals.

At the start of the meeting, Bob graciously introduced Jessica to the other attendees as our "new" Program Director, as I myself find I use often (including in the preceding paragraph). At that point some of the people around the table looked strangely at me, as if to say "what does that make you now?", but before the words could be uttered I quickly responded to their quizzical expressions with "that doesn't make me the OLD Program Director - merely the "former" one!

Many people have asked where I've gone or why I left. I haven't!!! Our organization has reorganized and I'm proud to say that I am now the Camp Herrlich Business & Communications Director.

Since my educational background is exactly as my new title infers, it was just 100 yards away from where to assist Jessica in her transition into Camp Herrlich this summer. Bottom line...

...Jessica's awesome (I hired her!) And when you know that you CAN be replaced, it opens up a whole new set of opportunities!

*Peace out~
Barbara*

NATURE DEFICIT DISORDER
It's the "Real Deal"

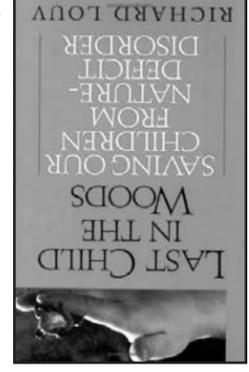
"Nature Deficit Disorder" is the subject of Richard Louv's new book Last Child in the Woods which is gaining attention from parents, caregivers, educators and psychologists. Louv, a leading child advocate, observes that children today spend more time in front of computers, television and video games than outside. Louv further suggests that, what he's termed, nature-deficit disorder contributes greatly to issues such as depression, obesity, and attention deficit disorder (ADD) in children.

Louv argues that learning ability and creativity are closely linked to the connection with nature. Evidence strongly suggests that environmental education significantly improves standardized test scores and grade point average for students.

It isn't just the kids who have retreated themselves indoors. Parents have contributed to this culture because of their own fears, of traffic, strangers, Lyme disease, West Nile virus and the schools' emphasis on more homework.

Last Child in the Woods attempts to provide solutions for the future of our children. Louv presents suggestions to parents, schools, religious leaders and environmentalists how they can foster an environment that provides the connection with nature for children. One such alternative for parents is to help their kids experience the natural world more deeply, and reap the benefits of family connectedness in the process.

At Camp Herrlich, children play and learn and grow outdoors. Our 160-acre wonderland of natural beauty allows campers and students to experience and discover something new every day in a safe and supervised environment. Please go to our website for more information about our programs and giving opportunities.



JESSICA VANACORO BEGINS 2006 AS CAMP HERRLICH PROGRAM DIRECTOR

We are pleased to welcome Jessica Vanacoro to the Camp Herrlich family of year-round senior staff. Jessica began as Program Director on January 3, 2006, a great way to start our year! Jessica comes to us with the education and variety of experiences that will benefit the growth of Camp Herrlich programs and the families we serve.

A native of Suffolk County, Long Island, Jessica was very involved in music, dance, theatre, education, and community service. She followed in a family tradition and got her BA from Manhattanville College with a major in Psychology and double minor in World Religions and Theatre.

After finding Psychology to be a bit too abstract, she decided to continue her education and received her Masters in Social Work from SUNY Stony Brook in 2004 and received her license the week before she left on her honeymoon. She worked both her internships for her Masters Degree in and around the school districts on Long Island giving her experience both in counseling and after school programming.

Jessica worked for two summers as a director, (musical and acting,) at a theatre camp in Okauchale, Long Island and brings her strong background in the arts and her experience working with children of all ages to Camp Herrlich. We are pleased to welcome her!



...AFTER SCHOOL TODAY?

AASP & CASP...

Both the Advantage After School Programs in the elementary buildings and the Camp After School Program have had a terrific school year! Our staff continue to engage students in age appropriate activities and provide guidance and support in areas of academics, socialization, and character development.

The real news is the booming enthusiasm at the Matthew Paterson Elementary site, where our new Site Director, Jennifer Callagher has stolen the hearts of all our enrolled students and families!

Jennifer answered our prayers for a new Site Director last spring when our long-time director Sue Smyth moved on to another career opportunity. The faculty, staff and administrators of Matthew Paterson Elementary School were delighted to recommend Jennifer as a candidate for the after school site director's position. As a Connecticut state licensed special education teacher, Jennifer brings with her more than 15 years of experience in the field of education.

Since moving to the area, Jennifer has spent most of her time caring for her own family.

She most recently re-entered the workforce as a teaching assistant at Matthew Paterson and earned



the praises of her students and colleagues.

Since September of 2006, Jennifer devotes full time to her position of Camp Herrlich After School Site Director at Matthew Paterson Elementary School. We are extremely fortunate to have her on our team!

THE NEW ADVANTAGE...

CAMP HERRLICH ANNOUNCES OUR NEW ADVANTAGE BEFORE CARE PROGRAM! We

are proud to be able to offer this exciting new program to the families we serve in the Carmel Central School District.

Over the years, many parents have expressed the need for a program at the elementary schools that provided child care before school began. So many working parents struggle with arranging child care before and after school. You asked...we listened!

Beginning in September, 2006 Camp Herrlich will operate the Advantage Before Care programs in each of the elementary schools, Kent Elementary (for KES and KPS students) and at Matthew Paterson Elementary. Our same caring, knowledgeable staff will supervise children right at their school from 7AM-9AM every school morning. Breakfast will be available through the school cafeteria at a nominal fee.

Registration is ongoing, beginning immediately for the 2006-07 school year. The program is offered to all students in the elementary schools, grades 1st through 4th. Because of space constraints, our Advantage Before Care program ends at 9AM and therefore is available to only morning kindergarten students.

For more information call the camp office at 845-878-6662.

MTOM Receives \$7,000 Grant from LUTHERAN CRUSADER FUND

Mr. Tremper Outdoor Ministries, Inc. at Camp Herrlich was recognized by the faculty, staff and students of Long Island Lutheran Middle & High School, located in Brookville, Long Island, with a grant from the Lutheran Crusader Fund during a special on-campus Chapel service on Monday, March 20, 2006.

Provided by an anonymous donor in 1998, a generous \$1 million contribution enabled LuHI to establish the Lutheran Crusader Fund. The focus of the



Bob Gentile, Camp Herrlich Executive Director (c.) receives LCF check from Long Island Lutheran Middle & High School Headmaster Dr. David Hahn (l.) and Ken James Klookan, Grace Lutheran Church in Mahverne, NY.

LCF is the creation and enhancement of innovative programs that benefit Christian institutions and support people and organizations in times of significant crises or need. To date, \$528,000 has been awarded to 209 deserving organizations through the LCF.

\$7,000 was gifted to MTOM toward the construction of our new high wall, and to assist with extensive staff training costs to operate our adventure program throughout the year. These grant monies help to ensure the continuation of our outdoor ministry.



THE NORRIS FAMILY SAYS GOODBYE TO THEIR HERRLICH HOME...

A fond farewell from all of us!

Rob Norris can not be defined by something as simple as his title suggests, "the caretaker". He has brought meaning to the term "hard work" and translates it every day into the more relevant "God's work". Rob's knowledge and goodness is like having a security blanket wrapped around the camp. Rob is part of the legacy that makes Camp Herrlich what it is today. As his father before him had given much of himself, so Rob has in caring for and nurturing children in need.

Both Rob and Lydia Norris have been such a part of Camp Herrlich that it becomes almost impossible to separate them by a year or a moment or to know just when they arrived or just what it will be like when they no longer live in the little blue house, known as Rob's and Lydia's house. The years have passed so quickly and what was once Rob the "Barn Master", Rob the counselor, Rob the maintenance man, or Rob the Caretaker; Lydia the LIT or Lydia the "Horse Lady" or Water Safety Instructor, or After School Director, became over many years, Rob and Lydia. They were the first couple to marry in the Camp Herrlich Memorial Chapel. Then Rob and Lydia became Rob and Lydia and Rockwell Reid, and just a few months ago, transformed through another blessed birth, became Rob, Lydia, Rockwell Reid, and Lillian.

They have selflessly done, between them, every job that a camp asks of an individual. They have counseled, been counseled, fought fires, built fires, mowed lawns, cleaned bathrooms, repaired and built buildings, sheds, barns, fixed dams, dug weeds, planted flowers, watched kids, cooked, cleaned, taught, led, ran the waterfront, taught environmental education, cared for horses, cows, sheep, lambs, chickens, loved our camp dog Broadway like it was theirs, danced, led shows, stayed up all night on village duty, cabin checked, repaired water lines in the wee hours of the night, did mystery van runs, pizza nights, cabin transformations, camp transformations, and taken off camp trips with children to experience another side to their natural world.

It has been a long time from then to now. The years have held so much for all of us. We have buried loved ones together and watched others grow. We have hid on counselor hunts together, mud slid, sleigh rode, cleaned off the ice for the skating rink, made broom ball poles, made fishing poles, taken fish off hooks, built wigwams, worshiped, and raised our voices and instruments in rich and rewarding praise for gifts given and those received. God has blessed all of us with Rob and Lydia.

Rob, Lydia, Reid, and Lillian will be moving on in June to continue to minister and grow their lives in their new home in West Edmeston, NY. We will not say goodbye to them, as none of us can imagine camp without them. We ask God to bless the Norris family in their new home and pray that their future holds many visits back "home" to Camp Herrlich.

THE CARETAKER'S CORNER

by Rob Norris

On Solid Grounds

I've had a pretty nice backyard here, for about the last seven or so years. It's been my playground much longer than that. A ramble through the hardwoods could lead me to any number of favorite spots in the acreage: climbing over stone walls, scaling rocky cliffs, and bushwhacking through the Mountain Laurel. However, the most important reason I've taken here has been a spiritual one. Many factors, of course, have influenced this adventure, but so much of my life has been spent here on Wilbur Herrlich's farm. My faith has evolved from the years of teenage doubt and dissatisfaction to a deep and abiding trust in the Lord, Jesus Christ, and more of an understanding of the Word and the world.

For thirty years, I have worshiped in our outdoor chapel, both alone and with a crowd. For thirty years, I have gazed upon that plaque and read "For the glory of God and the welfare of children." What a noble cause. What a noble life mission and purpose. The key to that phrase, for me, has become the order in which it is presented. The glory of God comes first.

Jesus sums it all up in Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." My friends, I can testify that it works. Lydia and I have been trying to seek God's kingdom, and this new path and house in the country, and so many other things, have been laid out before us. A frequent prayer of mine is for clear guidance, and then for the patience to wait for it. And now the road ahead is fairly clear, though I don't yet know what my employment will be. We have faith that all our needs will be met. Of course, we will miss this phenomenon of camp. Of course, we will miss the wonderful people we have been spending our lives with for so long. Of course, this is not a permanent separation. When a place such as this has been a part of someone for so long, it cannot cease to be a part. My fervent hope and prayer now, is that all of us, myself included, can embrace the noble pursuit of God's glory, not our own, and that in the process we can still provide for the welfare of children.



You Can Make a Difference

SUPPORT THE ANNUAL FUND

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN

WHO PARTICIPATE IN CAMP HERRLICH'S PROGRAMS EACH YEAR.

WE CAN MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE...WITH YOUR HELP...

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR

GOALS IN 2006!

Annual Fund Giving Opportunities

REC'D SINCE	GOAL
1/1/2006	2006
\$4,000	CAMP HERRLICH'S GREATEST NEEDS.....
8,750	LONG TERM USE FEE (CALLING ALL ANGELS)*.....
300	SCHOLARSHIPS.....
0	BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.....
0	PROGRAMS.....

Giving Levels

\$10,000 or more	Wilbur Herrlich Circle.....
\$5,000 - \$9,999	Harold E. Haar Circle.....
\$1,000 - \$4,999	Rockwell Norris Circle.....
\$250 - \$999	Camp Herrlich Partnership.....
\$25 - \$249	Camp Herrlich Friends.....

Your gift is vital to the continuation of providing programs to the families we serve

Our CALLING ALL ANGELS campaign continues in order to reduce the financial commitment to Putnam County. By choosing the "Long Term Use Fee" as your annual fund giving opportunity, YOU CAN HELP SECURE THE FUTURE OF CAMP HERRLICH

All gifts to support Camp Herrlich are tax deductible as provided by law: Fed Tax ID 13-2729777

A Word (or two) from Bob...

Dear Friends,

We have achieved so much this year because of your support of our mission. Thank you for your generosity in 2005. Your gifts made a difference. Please let me show you how.

Think of Kashayna from Queens, who received a full scholarship to camp. Kashayna has never met her father, and her mother works full time to support a family of six. At the age of 13, Kashayna's dream was to go to camp. You made that dream a reality. Then there are the other 175 children who received scholarship, either full or partial, to attend Camp Herrlich programs throughout the year.

You made a difference when you help us purchase a much needed camp truck, a new SCAG Commercial Lawn Mower and a 60 passenger bus. Thank you!

Your generous support helped us build a 35 foot climbing wall and a 400 foot zip line over the lake, a perfect complement to our extensive ropes adventure/challenge course. This will help to promote teamwork, self-confidence, communication and leadership.

In 2005 we made some physical improvements to our kitchen and purchased new kitchen equipment. This makes Chef Theo very happy, as he prepares approximately 25,000 meals for thousands of children and adults. Also, thanks to you, we were able to purchase much needed new sports equipment.

And last but certainly not least, your generous support to our on-going "Calling All Angels" campaign helped us reduce our financial commitment to Putnam County. By choosing the "Long Term Use Fee" as your annual fund giving opportunity, you helped secure the future of Camp Herrlich.

Highlights of our 2005 year came in October when we celebrated the new partnership with Putnam County at a Dinner Dance Event held at the Putnam National Golf Club. The event was a wonderful opportunity to introduce the camp mission to new friends, and to support the Camp Herrlich Scholarship Fund while enjoying a great night out. That same day we received the 2005 Distinguished Service Award from the Putnam Community Network. This was a tremendous honor. We believe the award was not about honoring any individual or even the Camp Herrlich board and staff. By recognizing our mission, this award honored the difference Camp Herrlich makes in the lives of children and young adults.

I like to think that the Distinguished Service Award belongs to you, too. It is an award shared by the many people who support Camp Herrlich. It is shared by the people who make our programs a reality. People like you.

Now more than ever you can make a difference. We have many projects planned for this year and we need your help. In 2006-2007 we plan to start the process of implementing our Master Capital Improvement Plan. By supporting our On-going "Calling all Angels" campaign you will help us build a three season indoor recreation building, a new Retreat/classroom building as well as a new Dining Hall. You can see the details of this Capital Improvement Campaign on our web site at www.campherrlich.org. Look under Donation Opportunities/Calling All Angels/Prospective. In 2006-2007 we plan to further expand our high and low ropes Challenge Course, purchase more boats and improve our roads.

Please give now. With your support, the board and staff at Camp Herrlich can continue to strengthen our pledge to work not only towards our goals of a brighter future but to continue to provide a safe, fun-loving environment for children and young adults. With your support, we can continue to provide a place where every child, regardless of their financial or ethnic background, can grow and learn about themselves; that they are valuable creations of God's work, capable of sharing their feelings, ideas and dreams. Dreams do come true, just ask Kashayna. Because of you, dreams will continue to come true at Camp Herrlich. Please fill out the enclosed envelope and give now. You do make a difference at Camp Herrlich.

Thank God for you. Peace.

Bob Gentile

Executive Director

