

# SPARKS

*A Camp Greystone Quarterly Magazine*

Summer 12



## Greetings Greystone Girls!

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Camp is almost here and we are READY! This year was unusually warm (not a single snow storm), so we were able to get an amazing amount of work done. Normally we lose about 3 weeks to bad weather: it snows, we spend a week cleaning up after the snow and sometimes it takes a month to repair any damage that was done. This year, however, we just worked and worked with no breaks needed! The effect is stunning. Camp looks amazing.

One of the things your parents will be excited to learn about is our new Accident Insurance Coverage. This free service will be most appreciated if you ever have need of medical attention in town. This policy will supplement your personal health plan, paying for initial medical expenses not covered by your personal insurance. While Greystone is a very safe place and we almost never have need of such services (we take very good care of you and have an amazing team of nurses and doctors who take care of all “normal” medical situations); it is nice to know that you are covered! Do mention this program to your parents... we don't know if we will do it next year or not (so have them let us know if they feel it is a good deal).

Our counselors have are more excited than you are about the upcoming summer. For many of these counselors, this is the ultimate experience of their entire life, one that they have been dreaming about for years and years. Perhaps you think of being a counselor while still a camper... that is what motivates many of our counselors! They want to be your role model!

Get excited about seeing everything, meeting everyone, and doing everything that camp has to offer. This is going to be an amazing summer- our best ever. We can't wait!

Please do write your Pen Pal... it is so sad for a camper to write and not get a reply. It is a wonderful way to meet a new friend, so write today!

See you soon,

Jimboy



*Important reminders!  
We are still Package -Free!  
And you may pack a fan!*

When you are packing for camp, it is fine to include a few things to decorate your bunk. However, we are no longer allowing campers to use Christmas lights, plug-in lights or extension cords. You are welcomed to bring a small personal electric fan. Clip on is preferable. Flash lights and reading lights should be battery operated.

And please remember to tell your family that Greystone is Package free! All mail should be in flat, standard size envelopes. Envelopes with “stuff” in them and over-sized envelopes are treated as packages.

Help us by making sure that all family and friends know this policy.

Thank you!



## Opening Day

When you arrive at Greystone on Opening Day, you will be greeted by smiling faces. All cars will enter through the “Staff Entrance” at the back gate. (just follow the signs) At that point, you will find what cabin you will spend your summer in. (Very exciting!) The Greystone Staff will be there to help you unload your things. Please remember that you will carry all loose items to your cabin. We will transport all large packed items like trunks and duffles. You may then walk to your daughter’s cabin to help her settle in. Be sure to take any medicines to the Health Hut!

Just in case you might want to to pack an umbrella and raincoat . And it’s best to wear comfortable all-weather shoes.

Finally, Please remember **DO NOT bring cell phones, ipods, ipads, candy or food to camp. All such items will be confiscated** and all food and candy will be donated to the homeless shelter in town.

## Arrival Times For Each Session

**Junior Camp** - Please arrive between 7:30am and 9:30am. You will want to help unpack and settle in. The Millers will host an open house on the Dining Room Porch from 8:30am - 10:00am. At 10:15am the Junior campers will begin their session with a camper gathering in the pavilion

**June, Main & August Camps** - Camp will open at 7:30. **Please do not arrive before 7:30.** The Millers will host an open house on the Dining Room Porch from 9:00am - 11:00am.



## *The Rest Of The Day*

### **MEET YOUR BUDDY (Pen Pal)**

You will love meeting the buddy that you have been writing before camp. It might be fun to find her later to eat supper & go to evening program!

### **WORK ON YOUR SCHEDULE**

Once you get your things all settled & meet your cabinmates, you will want to work on your schedule. Your counselor will help you choose the best classes for you! (You may want to think about what you want to take before you arrive. Look at your Parent's Guide to see what kinds of classes we have at camp.)

### **BUFFET LUNCH**

### **CABIN TIME**

Everyone goes to her own tentalow, bungalow or cabin. This is not a true Greystone rest hour. You can use this time to finish unpacking and get to know your cabinmates!

### **ASSEMBLY**

This is the time where you get to meet the directors & hear about fun new things!

### **SCHEDULING**

During the August Camps, counselors will sign their campers up for their classes. We will have 6th & 7th period classes on opening day! June & Main camp is a bit more relaxed. Campers will sign themselves up & classes will officially begin the next day.

### **FLAG LOWERING**

### **SUPPER**

### **EVENING PROGRAM**

Our counselors are the best! They also have the world's best program presentations! You will get to meet all the counselors in camp, see all the activities that are out there and laugh at all the silly skits that will be put on for YOU!

### **CRACKERS**

### **CALL TO QUARTERS**

Everyone goes to her cabin and prepares for bed

### **LIGHTS OUT**

All lights go out. A quiet devotion time is spent with your new cabin of friends. It will be great!

### **TAPS**

At the first note of taps, all is quiet. You will love the camp sounds that will help you fall fast asleep so you can be ready for a full day of activities the next morning. We love the sound of crickets in the mountains.

# Meet The

## *Libby Miller* *Senior Director*

Libby lives at camp where she raised her three children, Katie, Jimboy, and Stuart and now enjoys having her grandchildren at camp too. Libby's Bible classes are a favorite of many campers! We all look forward to Libby's stories at Council Fire and love having her share her love of God and Greystone's greatest traditions from one generation to another.



## *Jimboy and Margaret* *Directors*

Jimboy and Margaret live at Greystone with their 5 children (Catherine, James Franklin, Caroline, John, and Virginia). Margaret is a pediatrician and takes care of all of the health concerns at camp as well as the family, while Jimboy not only directs camp but also makes sure that camp is always fun. Caroline and Virginia love being campers. Catherine, James Franklin and John will all be on staff this year.



## *Katie Grant* *Junior Camp Director*

Katie directs the Junior Camp and has been at camp her whole life. She and her husband, Greg live at Greystone year round. Hanna Kate and Elizabeth are at camp as often as possible and Whittaker will be working with the men staff again this summer. Tracie and Matthew visit whenever their "real world" jobs allow.



# Camp Directors

## Laura Hollowell

### Director

Laura has been coming to Greystone for 37 years. From her many experiences as camper, counselor, and director of camp; Laura is able to keep everything running as it ought. Laura directs June, Main and August camps. Her husband, Gervais runs the kitchen. Their daughters, Kathleen and Leland love everything about camp! And their precious dog, Tille, loves being in dog camp and riding on Applecart.



## Kelly Carew

### Program Director

This will be Kelly's 18th summer on staff. She has been working for Greystone full time since 2001. She lives near camp & works here all year! Her main job is to plan the program activities and recruit/hire staff. She loves putting the staff together with Laura, Jimboy, Sarah and Smith, as well as helping to plan all of the amazing Greystone fun!

## Sarah Brown

### Head Counselor

Sarah has been at Greystone for 21 years. Her experience as a counselor and group leader make her an invaluable asset to the Head Staff. She has a particular focus on our 1st year campers. Her emphasis on details in camp makes everything better. Her husband, Rob, is working in Greenville and will visit often. Their son, Wyatt, will love getting attention from all of the campers.



# Meet Your

## Emily "Smith" Houts

Junior, August

**Hometown:** Brevard, NC

**School:** Florida Southern College

**Years at camp:** 23

**1st Teen Crush:** George Harrison of the Beatles

**Guilty Pleasure:** Jamocha Shake from Arby's

**Favorite Camp Activity:** Ring Tennis!

**Favorite Movie:** Shrek



## Amanda Beth Castellone

Main

**Hometown:** Charleston, SC

**School:** Arizona State University

**Years at Camp:** 14

**Hobbies:** Riding, Singing and Reading Books

**Favorite Band:** Maroon 5

**Favorite camp meal:** Truckers Special

**Guilty Pleasure:** Taking Naps

## Brandon O'Brien

June, Main, August

**Hometown:** Memphis, TN

**School:** Vanderbilt University

**Years at Camp:** 3

**Last Book I Read:** One Thousand Gifts

**Biggest Fear:** Celery

**Favorite Junk Food:** Oreos

**Favorite Evening Program:** Corn Roast



## Rachel Bast

June, Main

**Hometown:** Knoxville, TN

**School:** University of Tennessee

**Years at Camp:** 8

**Dream Goal:** To play the Mandolin in a band

**Favorite Camp Meal:** Salmon

**Favorite Camp Activity:** Ropes Course

**Nickname:** My Dad calls me Junior

# Group Leaders



**Rachel Strull**

June, Main, August

**Hometown:** Prospect Heights, IL

**School:** Moody Bible Institute

**Years at Camp:** 9

**Best Childhood Book:** All of a Kind Family

**1st Teen Crush:** Billy Gilman, What a Dream-Boat!

**Favorite camp meal:** Gerv's Pizza

**Super Power I Want:** Be Mary Poppins

**Favorite Evening Program:** Banquet

**Amy Buzhardt**

June, Main, August

**Hometown:** Lexington, SC

**School:** College of Charleston

**Years at Camp:** 4

**Hobbies:** Long-boarding, Writing Letters

**Favorite Movie:** Heavyweights

**Biggest Fear:** Getting stuck in a small entrance.

**Favorite camp dessert:** Chocolate Chip Cookies

**Best Subject in School:** Recess



**Leland Hollowell**

June, Main, August

**Hometown:** Spartanburg, SC

**School:** Wofford College

**Years at Camp:** 17

**Favorite Band:** Jimmy Buffet

**Favorite Evening Program:** Syncro Show

**Super Power I want:** Teleportation - then I would always be on time!

**Best Childrens Book:** The Best Christmas Pageant Ever



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Please come and meet the Miller  
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We look forward to seeing you!



Junior Camp  
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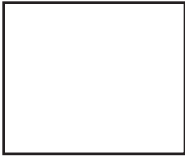
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