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CAMP CONISTON

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Travels Together

Gen and ZZ started off to Mongolia, while Andrew headed toward southeast Asia and Mark to central China, but they all had plans to meet up

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Gen

Izutsu

Andrew

Carpino

Zach

Mark

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What happens to the donations sent to Camp?

Sounds like a simple question, doesn't it ... almost too simple to ask! Because we all know where our donations go.

Donations go to our building and maintenance efforts; they support our exceptional staff and programming; and they go toward funding Camperships, giving the Coniston Experience to kids that need it most.

You should be proud of your donation to Camp Coniston. The simple fact is, we want everyone who donates to Camp to feel great ... to feel their money represents a powerful investment in a life-changing experience for our campers. But your donation does a lot more than give kids a great experience.

We know that the friendships are why kids come back to Camp (summer staff too!) But the most valuable outcome of the Coniston Experience is something our Campers may never be aware of.

Building the Future of Camp

When a kid comes home from Camp and a parent calls us to say, "I can't figure out what's different, but my kid has really changed," ... they know something has happened.

What's changed is those kids have learned to navigate relationships ... to deal with the world and the people around them in a more healthy and productive way.

And that's what your donations really support ... they build the structure that helps us build better citizens, and better people. It's not an obvious thing ... not as apparent as buildings and programs and happy, smiling kids! But we know it's one of the most important things we do, because we hear it from you every day.

That's the real value in your generous donations ... and we thank you so much for them.

THE TOP

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THINGS YOUR DONATIONS HAVE HELPED CAMP TO DO

It's our turn to thank you!

You know how important your donations are to us ... now it's time to let you know the *real value* of your contributions to Camp. Here's all the things you helped us do in 2007 ...



It's the Friendships!!



at various points in the trip. In fact, there were some amazing accidental meetings. "I was walking down the street in a tiny village in Laos," said Gen, "and who do I see? Zach Zimmerman! I couldn't believe it, completely by chance!"

Andrew also had some remarkable encounters. "I was strolling down Serendipity Beach, this incredible seashore in Cambodia, and I ran into a close friend I met at camp years before." Andrew also found he had relatives in the Thai resort town of Phu Quet, and spent two wonderful weeks relaxing with family.

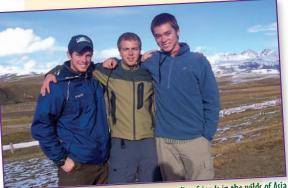
Beauty Beyond Belief

The travelers had the chance to experience scenery beyond their imaginings. Mark was lucky to spend six nights in Vietnam on Catba Island, "the most naturally beautiful place I've ever been to," and he also toured Ankor Wat in Cambodia, "a huge park filled with ancient temples and castles 600 years old!"

Gen said his most beautiful memory was in Laos where he journeyed through KongLo Cave, "the longest cave navigable by river in the world ... 300 feet high and seven kilometers long! No commercialization, no tourist traps ... just me, my guide and nature."

A Warm Welcome

Although it was beautiful, the trip had its challenges. "This wasn't like a week on the beach in Cancun," said ZZ. "There were twelve-hour trips on mopeds and in ancient vehicles, on the roughest roads you can



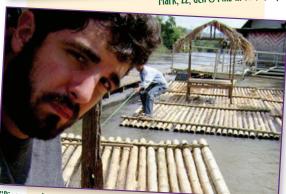
Three traveling friends in the wilds of Asia



An Asian family shares their home



Mark, ZZ, Gen & Pino in Osaka, Japan



"Pino over the river Kwai"



imagine, and some nights we never knew where we'd be sleeping."

But the welcoming friendship of the Asian people helped them through. "We'd walk up to people who spoke no English and make 'the international sign for sleep'," said ZZ "... and they'd invite us in, feed us, put us up for the night ... sometimes they wouldn't even take anything in return."

Camp Friendships Renewed

The travelers also met up with some familiar Coniston faces. They spent time with Diana Blazar, Gen and ZZ's CIT director in 2000, who taught at an international school in Thailand, and they visited with alumna Kat Cooley who was working setting up micro-financing in China. They also had dinner with Becca Cotugno, who worked at Coniston and was studying abroad in Kyoto, Japan.

Finally, 3½ short months later, the travelers returned to Kyoto for a last visit with Gen's uncle before returning to the U.S.

Lifelong Memories

At the closing Staff Campfire this past summer, ZZ said ... "I can't believe I'm going to Asia for 3½ months with these guys!"

"We shared a common experience," said Mark, "and that always brings you closer. We'll remember that trip with our Camp friends for the rest of our lives together."





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Host an Artist In Residence

You helped to fund Coniston's first Artist in Residence Program!



Contributions of \$500-\$999

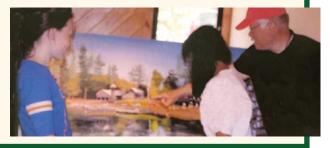
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Coniston's First "Artist in Residence" Program ... a Big Hit!

Two years ago, local artist and neighbor Chip Evans painted a portrait of the Coniston Boathouse. This year, inspired by the mural around the Lodge stage, JD suggested painting the Coniston shoreline. We all thought it was a great idea, but then we said to Chip, "Hey, how about if you paint that mural right here at Camp ... along with the kids!" The result? A 24' long, 220-degre view of the Coniston waterfront through the four seasons. The mural now has its permanent home in the Coniston dining hall ... next time you're here, stop in and take a look!

Chip Evans and Coniston summer campers at work on the mural



CAMP FINANCIALS 2007

2007 Income

 Summer Programs
 \$ 1,477,586

 After-School
 132,350

 Other Programs
 120,665

 Charitable Giving
 (see next table)

 Total
 \$ 1,730,601

2007 Charitable Giving

2007 Assistance to Campers and Afterschool Families

Statistics provided through the American Camp Assn. 2006 Business Operations Survey, Martinsville, IN

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Contributions of \$250-\$499

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Contributions of \$1-\$249

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Blazar, Elizabeth

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... for our future!

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Ensign, Stephen



Renovate the Old Dining Hall A classic building saved and enhanced ... a Center of the Arts for Coniston kids!

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Graf, Rachel

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Kingston, Rebecca and Andrew

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Lally, Mike

Lampson, Thad

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Lanzner, Sean

Larson, Jeffrey and Leslie Walker

LaValley Building

Supply

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Our new chapel overlooking

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Build a New Chapel

Cranberry Bog, built on land we preserved with your donations.



War Canoes! Twenty-four people gliding together across Ľake Čoniston ... it's too much fun! Imrich, Steve and Cynthia Smith

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White, Julie and Bob Widmer, Barbara and

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Winn, Gail and Joseph Wood, Mary and Bruce

Woods, James and

Deborah Hall

Young, Debra and Michael

Young, Donna and Robert



DONATIONS HAVE HELPED CAMP TO DO

We Bought the Land!

... and we couldn't have done it without you! One hundred and thirty pristine New Hampshire acres saved for Camp, and for the future of our environment.

This parcel represents the fulfillment of George Dorr's dream when, as Chairman of the Coniston Board, he helped us move here in 1963. We have now protected

> the entire Lake Coniston waterfront, and we've given Camp the opportunity for exceptional outdoor experiences with our kids. Please, let us say it once more ...

It's our turn to thank you!

Coniston at College



We're proud that our summer staff attends some of the finest colleges in the country ... and around the world!

American University Amherst College Bates College Bennington College Brooklyn Law **Bucknell University** Carleton College Clark University Colby College Colby-Sawyer College Colorado College **Denison University Hobart & William Smith** Ithaca College Keene State College Lyndon State College Northeastern University Providence College Sacred Heart University

Salve Regina

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Coniston throughout the U.S.A.!

We're in the news again! YMCA Camp Coniston was featured this past summer in Kearsarge Magazine, with a full-page writeup entitled "Building Better Adults" ... and Camp Business Magazine used a photo of the Coniston Camp Store for their cover story!

Several articles citing Camp Coniston were also picked up by the Washington Post, Boston Globe, Manchester Union Leader, Concord Monitor, Detroit Free Press and the Atlanta Constitution, plus many more.

If you see or hear Coniston mentioned in the news, be sure to let us know ... we always like to know where we've been.



"Camp gives (our kids) the tools and skills they need for everything in life — negotiating skills, teamwork, camaraderie. There's no fighting in the house now; they discuss things more."

Los Angeles Times

"... using insecticides to eliminate mosquitoes from the 150-acre Lake Coniston is just unrealistic, director John Tilley said. Better to keep the cabin screens in good repair ... and urge campers to bring plenty of bug repellent!"

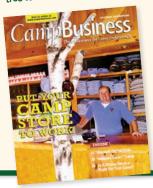
The Boston Globe

The Washington Post

"The YMCA operates 265 residential camps nationwide, many of which have been full for a while, such as ... Camp Coniston in New Hampshire."

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

"YMCA Camp Coniston creates a 'country store' feeling with a birch tree to hang hats and bottles."



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