CampHerrich The HERRLICH HERALD Spring 2014



Christopher Smith and supporters in front of the completed bridge

Simply Divine...

Over 100 patrons attended "Uncorked: The 2013 Camp Herrlich Wine Event" on Saturday, October 19th at Centennial Ridge Golf Club. This annual event's proceeds/donations went toward camp scholarships. The room was filled with over thirty beautiful items to bid on during a live auction; items ranged from statement necklaces to a Vermont ski trip. Thank you to all our donors! There were also a cigar table and several wine tasting tables, including our very own customized Camp Herrlich red and white wines from Millbrook Vineyards. Patrons enjoyed music while nibbling on hors d'oeuvres and light fare. At the end of the evening, tears began to flow as the video about Camp Herrlich was played, showing how children's lives are changed

Eagle Scout Project

At Camp Herrlich, we have had a number of Eagle Scouts choose to do their Leadership Service Project with us over the last ten years. Among those projects are the bridge over the swamp at the beginning of the Helping Hands trail, the benches and stage down at the fire pit at the corner of the field, the bridge over the incoming stream, sprucing up the fire pit at the beach, the benches at the Chapel, and refurbishing the petting zoo and fencing.

Boy Scout and former camper Christopher Smith from Troop 42 in New Fairfield was the latest Scout to devote his Leadership Service Project to Camp Herrlich. About three years ago, our tractor bridge was completely washed away between a hurricane and heavy snows. We had some talented past and present staff members rebuild the bridge after that happened, but Chris saw even more potential. He proposed adding railings, cleaning up the stream underneath the bridge, and improving the entry and exit ramps of the bridge, so that our campers can be safe when traversing the bridge or fishing over the sides during the summer. Chris spent months planning, and his Scout Leaders, his family, and his fellow Scouts devoted a weekend to the project during the fall. You can see by the pictures what an excellent job they did. More photos at Facebook. com/campherrlich.

Chris and his fellow Scouts have shown us such motivation and dedication in their planning, garnering donations of materials, time, and labor, and interest in what would best serve our campers. We are continually impressed with them and appreciate all of the projects they have done at Camp Herrlich.

Are you interested in doing your Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project at Camp? Contact our Camp Director, Dean Stichbury, at 845-878-6662 x 302



forever because of their camp experience. It really summarized Camp Herrlich's mission and emphasized that our campers become better people due to their experiences here. Please join us on September 20th for Uncorked 2014!

Marcus and Tyrell showing off custom Camp Herrlich wine

Camp Changes Lives



Theo Huwae, Michael Foy, and Bob & Wendy Gentile

Camp People and their friends gathered at the World Bar in New York City on March 14, 2014 for a night of reconnection to Camp Herrlich and fundraising for the Herrlich Scholarship Fund. Helmed by the Gentile children—Alicia,

Michelle, Nicole, and Greg—this very fun event raised over \$10,000 to send kids to camp. Happy Hour merriment included delicious food and drinks, a lovely dessert table curated by Andrea Occhipinti, and a silent auction with items donated by Trump National Golf Club of Hudson Valley, Brian Zwarch, Bob & Wendy Gentile, Matt Stanczak, Dominick Fortino, Teuschers Chocolate, Dan Haar, Pamela Leary, Holly Patrone Swiderski, Mandy Oser, Shannon O'Neill, Beth Mahoskey, and Caitlin Garrison. It was an evening of fellowship for a great cause and was made possible partially by our sponsors the Union League of Philadelphia, Tierney Communications, Bob and Wendy Gentile, in celebration of Tim Haar, and Charles Watson, in memory of the late Rev Richard Scheu. We heartily thank everyone who came to the event in support of camp and look forward to next year! You are making a difference in the lives of children.

A Message from Our Executive Director

This past year has once again showed me just how much Camp Herrlich can change the lives of so many. The camp experience enriches lives and changes the world.

Camp Herrlich provides children with a community of caring adults, who nurture experiential education that results in self-respect and appreciation for human value. All of the outcomes—self-identity, self-worth, self-esteem, leadership, and self-respect—build personal competencies. These personal competencies are reflected in the four "C's" of the camp community: compassion, contribution, commitment, and character! For years, campers' parents have reported that when their children return home from camp they are more caring, understand the importance of giving, are more equipped to stand up for what they know is right, and are willing to be more responsible. These are the qualities that will help build a successful nation and a civil society.

Children are at less risk at camp, where they have a sense of community, develop intergenerational relationships, and learn through first-hand experiences. Trained, caring adult role models help children feel loved, capable, and included. Camp helps children grow by providing a supervised, positive environment that has safety as a primary commitment. Camp professionals have enormous power in conveying simple teachable moments . . . special moments of passing experiences touched by the human spirit. These fleeting moments of time build four significant camp values that are reflected in the benefits campers derive from camp.

- Camp Herrlich values people.
- Camp Herrlich values the natural world.
- Camp Herrlich values a sense of contribution.
- Camp Herrlich values spiritual enlightenment

The 2014 "Camp Changes Lives" Event was created and run by young adults that were touched by their Camp Herrlich experience. They put that experience out to people in their world and in return received a great amount of support.

We never should underestimate the simplest lesson or the briefest wink of time. It may be a star in someone's horizon.

Bob Gentile, Executive Director

2013 Golf Outing

This year's Camp Herrlich/Mercedes Benz Golf Invitational was a great success. Thank you so much to the eighty golfers that came out in support of Camp Herrlich back in June. A great time was had by all on the beautiful



Trump National Golf Course-Hudson Valley. In addition to golfing on the excellent course, participants enjoyed handrolled cigars, an auction of sports memorabilia, a 50/50 drawing, and wonderful food, drinks, and fellowship.



Dig those cool shoes!

The winners of the Golf Outing (Anthony Debellis and Alex Scavone) competed at the Mercedes Benz Dealer Championship in Hawaii. Their team placed 7th out of 45, only three shots back from the winners, narrowly missing out on advancement to the next round.

SAVE THE DATE for the 2014 Golf Outing–Monday June 2, 2014



Nice follow through

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Save the Date 2014

June 2

Camp Herrlich/Mercedes Benz Golf Invitational at Trump National Golf Course, Hudson Valley

July 26

An Evening at Camp to celebrate the Lifetime Achievement Award for Bob Gentile

September 20

Uncorked! Our annual Wine Event at Centennial Ridge