

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2006 - 2007

NOW! (ongoing)	Summer Camp 2007 Registration
December 27 - 29, 2006	Holiday Vacation Camp
January, 2007	Summer Staff Application Process Begins
February 19 - 23, 2007	Winter Vacation Camp
April 2 - 6, 2007	Spring Vacation Camp
May 1, 2007	Day Camp Tuition Final Payments Due
June 1, 2007	Resident Camp Tuition Final Payments Due
July 2 - August 24, 2007	Summer Day/Travel Camp
July 8 - 20, July 22 - Aug 3	Summer Resident Camp

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2006 DINNER DANCE BENEFITS CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS

Autumn in Putnam fundraiser honors service to children

Putnam National Golf Club in Mahopac, NY was the setting for Camp Herrlich's 2006 Dinner Dance on October 5th. More than 175 guests shared a delightful dinner, danced and celebrated the success of Camp Herrlich and the evening's honored award recipients.



Alana Sweeny presented with 2006 Community Leadership Award by Bob Gentile

Following an invocation by Rev. Kathleen Koran of Trinity Lutheran Church in Brewster, NY, introductions and opening remarks were made by Executive Director Bob Gentile and MTOM Board Chair Scott Auster. Both Mr. Gentile and Mr. Auster addressed attendees with positive progress and successful programs that Camp Herrlich has achieved, and the forward direction of the camp for the future.

Honored guests were presented with 2006 awards, beginning with Alana Sweeny, recipient of the Community Leadership Award. Alana was recognized for her long time advocacy for children and her commitment to education and child welfare issues. Alana is best known for her contributions as former Director of the New York State Council on Children and Families, where she was responsible for coordinating policies, regulations and priorities pertaining to children and family issues.

Mike Griffin, Town of Patterson Supervisor, was presented with the 2006 Community Partnership Award by Wendy Gentile, Camp Herrlich Program Consultant and long time director. Mike's dedication to community issues and public service has provided progress in the local community of Patterson, NY since 1994. Mike is appreciated for his continued advocacy for programs operated by Camp Herrlich and his concern for the local citizens whom our programs serve.



Mike Griffin accepts Community Partnership Award



Dorothy Kafalas (top row, 2nd from right) celebrates with friends from Trinity Lutheran Church.

Recipient of the 2006 Commitment Award, Dorothy Kafalas, has honored Camp Herrlich with her time and talent since 1994. Dorothy was recognized for her volunteerism and community service in the areas of child care, education, and youth ministry. Her presence has influenced the children of Camp Herrlich, both local and New York City children, for many summers and throughout the school year in our after school programs. Dorothy is also an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Brewster, NY where she serves as Deacon.

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HERRLICH WELCOMES NEW CARETAKER



Miles Barnett found his way to Camp Herrlich just in time for the summer rush. A caretaker with more than eight years experience, Miles' history with non-profit youth camps made Herrlich a perfect fit. Most recently, Miles was employed by Young Life Camp in Sullivan County, New York.

Besides the usual demands that summer camp puts on a caretaker, Miles has made great strides in developing and completing projects that continue to improve our facility. Examples include the new exterior paint on Schweiger Hall, a temporary (but crucial) sewer system in our cabin villages, and clearing hiking trails and other natural space for outdoor programming. Miles hopes to contribute to our progress in the area of enhancing conference space for the future.

Miles and his wife Donna relocated here with their six children. All the Barnetts are enjoying their new environment and have expressed to all who ask, "It feels like home". Miles and his family are active members of the First Baptist Church in Patterson.

WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING!



On September 25, 2006 Theo Huwae took Karla Soeprasetyo as his bride. Theo, the long time head chef at Camp Herrlich, met Karla more than a year ago through a mutual friend. After months of a long distance courtship, Karla decided to move to Patterson, NY and share her life with Theo.

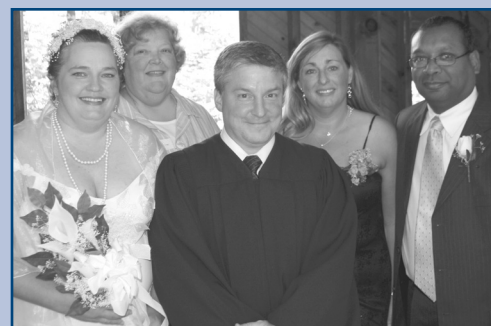
It was a beautiful, sunny, crisp autumn afternoon. The sun peaking through colorful leaves of red, green, and yellow created a stunning archway along the path to the Camp Herrlich chapel. There, Theo

and Karla exchanged vows that they had written for each other, proclaiming to the world their commitment and love. Honorable James Reitz, Town of Carmel judge and MTOM Board of Directors member presided over the ceremony. A small reception was held in Schweiger Hall following the service.

In the true spirit of Theo's life at camp, the wedding guests consisted of the camp staff, some close friends of Theo and Karla, and of course the Camp After School Program children. All the guests, but especially the children who know and love Theo, were happy to line the pathway as the bride and groom were showered with wedding bubbles and well wishes.

Theo is a native of the Netherlands and has been a full time staff member at Camp Herrlich since 1994. Karla relocated here from the Chicago, Illinois area with her youngest son Preston and is employed by Green Chimneys in Brewster, NY as a nurse's aide. Preston is a junior at Carmel High School and adjusting well to his new home and family.

Everyone at Camp Herrlich is delighted for Theo and Karla. We wish them the best of luck and a lifetime of happiness together.



Theo and Karla, with Hon. James Reitz and friends who were witnesses at the ceremony.

CAMP TRENDS... ..DOES HERRLICH STACK UP?

- *More than 12,000 day and resident camps exist in the United States.
 ☺ *Camp Herrlich has existed for more than 80 years!*
- *Each year more than 11 million children and adults attend camp.
 ☺ *Thousands of children and adults attend our programs each year.*
- *Nonprofit groups operate approximately two-thirds of all camps in the U.S.
 ☺ *We're in good company!*
- *48% of camps report a staff return of 50% or more.
 ☺ *Herrlich is in the "more" category...with more than 60% returning, some year after year!*
- *In the past 10 years there has been an increase in the use of international staff to expose campers to different cultures.
 ☺ *Camp Herrlich has been employing staff from international agencies since 1972, currently consisting of more than 20% of our summer staff.*
- *15% of ACA-accredited camps offer both day and resident camps
 ☺ *We think we're special too!*
- *Camp Costs: The average weekly fee for resident camps is \$597 per week, and the average day camp fee is \$303 per week.
 ☺ *(Love this one!) Our resident camp fee for 2006 was \$525 per TWO weeks, day camp...well below average at \$190 per week.*
- *90% of ACA-accredited camps offer some form of financial assistance to over one million children.
 ☺ *Herrlich scholarship money was awarded to 40% of our campers based on financial need.*
- *In an ACA survey, 75% of camp directors reported adding new activities and programs over the last few years. The newest program additions in recent years are challenging and adventurous activities, including high and low ropes courses, climbing walls, zip lines, etc.
 ☺ *Each year, our creative program staff adds new themes, guests, special events, equipment and elements to our programs. In the past 2 years we have added BOTH a 400 ft. zipline and a 32 ft. climbing wall.*
- *Over 50% of ACA-accredited camps offer ropes course activities or have other constructed adventure/challenge facilities.
 ☺ *Since the installation of our zipline and climbing wall, we've introduced our "Reach the Peak" program to the public, offering high/low ropes adventure courses, leadership development and teambuilding workshops.*
- *In an ACA survey, over half of the camps reported having community service or good deed programs incorporated into their programs.
 ☺ *Community service and character development is an essential part of all our programs. Here's just a few examples - summer camp car washes, after school program food drives, leadership program service projects, and so on!*



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FOR INFORMATION OR A SUMMER CAMP BROCHURE
CALL OUR OFFICE AT 845-878-6662 OR
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.campherrlich.org TO DOWNLOAD
REGISTRATION FORMS

...BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL TODAY?

NEW NEWS!!!

Beginning in September 2006, Camp Herrlich's Advantage After School Programs expanded to include before school care in both Kent Elementary School and Matthew Paterson Elementary School. Our new Advantage Before Care (ABC) Programs opened their doors on the first day of school with approximately 35 students. Both program sites provide care from 7:00AM - 9:00AM supervised by many of the same experienced and devoted staff of "After School" fame!

Now, just a few short weeks later, word of this much requested service has spread throughout the elementary school community. Currently with more than 45 children in our ABC Program, it brings our total of children enrolled in our school-age child care programs to 136!

Kent Elementary Programs

Thanks to the efforts of ABC staff member Carolyn Santomaso, Kent Elementary ABC program children are learning about good character *before* they hit the classroom.

Each week the students focus on a different positive character trait. Pictures, stories, discussions and more are used to encourage children to practice good character. So far, Carolyn and the ABC children have explored activities



about respect and responsibility and, to everyone's delight, have put what they've learned into practice! Character development continues to be at the forefront of all our programs.

Matthew Paterson Elementary Programs

In the month of October all of our after school program children took field trips to Cascade Farm, a local favorite for pumpkin picking, hay rides, and cider milling. The students of MPES took their experience one step further and created a book of stories and pictures about their afternoon at Cascade Farm.

Integrating activities and curriculum, the MPES students produced their book in the Computer Lab with the help of Mrs. Negersmith,



Computer Lab instructor, Mrs. Gallagher, MPES AASP Site Director and the AASP staff. MPES students utilize the school's Computer Lab and art room each week throughout the school year.

Camp After School Program



The Camp After School Program is working hard to be aware of needs in our community. Under the direction of Valerie Venturella and the CASP staff, our middle schoolers are becoming very socially aware. This year, among other things, CASP students are reaching out to the AASP programs at the elementary schools and to the surrounding community.

Since September, the students have written and performed a play about responsibility to the elementary school students. This short play got rave reviews from its audience and encouraged the older students to write more short plays about important topics like peer pressure, respect, bullying, and other subjects.

The CASP students also worked to put together clinics for the AASP students who visited Camp Herrlich. The workshops on Cheerleading and Tae Kwon Do were fun and informative and allowed the older children to teach and set a great example for the younger ones.

On November 1st, the CASP students brought a large pile of donated items and cash to the Putnam

County Humane Society in Carmel, NY. They collected many needed items for the organization and learned about the importance of taking care of needy animals in our community.



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A surprise presentation came when Executive Director, Bob Gentile called upon David Haar to accept the Lifetime Achievement Award. David, current MTOM Board Treasurer, was recognized for his lifetime of efforts on behalf of MTOM and Camp Herrlich. Dave is the son of the late Harold Haar, founder of Mt. Tremper Outdoor Ministries, Inc. and major influence on this family's legacy for operating quality children's programs.



Dave Haar pictured with his proud mom, wife of the late Harold Haar and MTOM Board member, Ruth Haar.

Dave has been instrumental in the operation and success of Camp Herrlich and MTOM for more than 30 years. He has served on the Board of Directors in many capacities, including Board Chair for many years. He has supported the camp through physical labor, as well as emotionally, spiritually, and financially, motivating the principles of his family forward into the future.



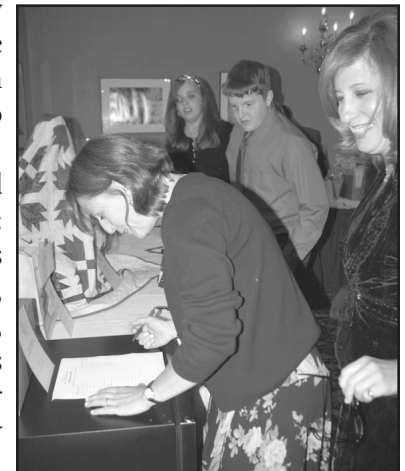
Lyndon Hong today

Following a poignant DVD presentation of the children at Camp Herrlich's summer camp, a message of our purpose and mission was reiterated by Wendy Gentile. The history and stories of thousands of children can be told regarding the diverse backgrounds, religions, races, and socio-economic levels of those whose lives have been somehow changed or influenced by their Camp Herrlich experience. Wendy regaled dinner guests with one such story that took place over 25 years ago, about a young man of Asian descent, an orphan son of a man of royalty and his mistress of poverty. Mr. Lyndon Hong was introduced, in person, and shared his summer at Camp Herrlich many years ago, and how the staff and volunteers of that summer imposed values, fun, safety and love in a world where he had none. He has never forgotten his experience at Camp Herrlich and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to tell our supporters that the value of a camp experience is priceless.

The remainder of the evening offered dancing and great conversation between old friends and new found acquaintances. Our guests enjoyed "out bidding" one another at our silent auction. More than 25 donated prizes were offered for bid, ranging in value from \$40 to \$500. The auction itself raised over \$3000, and proved to bring out some competitive laughs among friends!



Grateful acknowledgments go to the following businesses and individuals for their generous gifts donated to the Silent Auction: Schech's Pool & Spa Center, Carmel Flower Shop, Applebees Neighborhood Grill & Bar, Gold's Gym, Oregon Hardware, Cutillo's Restaurant, Hyatt's Pump Service, Patterson Auto Body, Feehan Insurance Agency, Brewster Childcare Center, George's Place, Chris Hollander, Isabel Pompa, Dr. Gregory Riley, Thunder Ridge Ski Area, Serpe Tree & Landscaping, Susan Lynch, Anthony DiPerna, Kathy Vanacoro.



The proceeds from the dinner resulted in \$25,000 in scholarship money to be distributed to campers in 2007. Dinner tickets were \$100 per person. Additional funds were raised through the sale of journal advertisements, silent auction proceeds and miscellaneous contributions.

Much of the success of the 2006 Dinner Dance is due to the generosity and continued support of this year's sponsors. The Board of Directors and staff of MTOM and Camp Herrlich express sincere appreciation to the following:

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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

	<u>2006 GOAL</u>	<u>REC'D SINCE 1/1/2006</u>
CAMP HERRLICH'S GREATEST NEEDS.....	\$35,000	\$31,500
SCHOLARSHIPS.....	\$20,000	\$30,700

*CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - watch for our new plan in 2007!

Proceeds from the "Calling All Angels" campaign for 2006 totalled \$30,000. These funds will help secure the future of Camp Herrlich.

Giving Levels

Wilbur Herrlich Circle.....	\$5,000 or more
Harold E. Haar Circle.....	\$1,000 - \$4,999
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