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ALWAYS PURSUING "THE BEST" IN OUR 48TH SUMMER SEASON

LOTS OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR 2010

That's right! Despite our lousy economy, there's still a blur of building projects going on at camp this year. We'll be efficient but we'll never stop building, renovating and making our facility more comfortable, more exciting, more special, and, well, better in every way.

THE ALTERMAN LODGE DINING HALL

The Alterman Lodge Dining Hall has been expanded again and is now nearly 2000 square feet bigger with a wrap-around deck. This project was completed in November of 2009, not to accommodate more campers but just to have more room.

NEW LUGE

The luge at Camp Barney begins high on a hill above the beach and soars campers 180 feet down into Lake Wendy on a "snow cart" enabling kids to skip across the surface of the water! We've completely rebuilt the luge after 2 years of it being inactive while we were constructing our new dam on Lake Wendy. The luge is adjacent to so many other cool activities around this lake including the "Hurricane" water slide, the blob, the "Rave" water trampoline, the "Iceberg", the Log Roll and the "Saturn," plus canoeing, sailing and kayaking.

THE "OMEGA" ZIP LINE

The incredible "Omega" zip line will descend 60 feet downward beginning near "Sam's Deck" high atop the huge new hill near the Zaban Chapel and soar over 1000 feet to the beach all the way across Lake Wendy! The "Omega" is a reference to what a zip line is called in Israel. This awesome new feature will be constructed in time for this summer. It will require a harness and helmet, supervision by our trained nature crafts and aquatics staff, and be available to specific age groups.

PLUS, we're building the new "CBM ALUMNI CLOCK" (see article), making improvements to bath rooms, ski docks, our "Food Network-Type" camper kitchen, spectacular Zaban Chapel, ropes courses and sports facilities AND purchasing new comfy beds, backpacking gear and programming features for the beach, Mercaz Horesh Teen Israeli Center, "Chippie" Amphitheater and Halpern Arts and Crafts Center.

We'll also enjoy our new Zalkin Softball Field at the Arogeti-Wynne Teen Sports Complex, along with new jet skis, mountain bikes and scooters, have fencing, scuba diving, whitewater rafting, and, of course, climb the Appalachian Trail.

And what about **GOLF** at Camp Barney?! Well, we're taking a "swing" at the possibilities in 2010, perhaps beginning a golf program! At the base of "Sam's Deck", we're "putting" in a new one-hole par 3 course for campers interested in pursuing this exciting new program!

OVER 1,100 CAMPERS ALREADY REGISTERED FOR 2010!

We received over 1,100 applications as of March 15. There were very few spaces remaining in each session, a very fast pace, which is rather incredible considering our economy.

HUNDREDS OF STAFF APPLICATIONS

Dating back to 1963, "great staff" remains the formula to a great camp. Hundreds of staff applications have already come into the CBM office which is so fantastic. It means we'll get to again choose the very best from last summer, previous summers and awesome new staff from the U.S, Israel, England, Australia, etc.

ALUMNI...Interested in being an "Artist/Chef-in-Residence" perhaps once or twice a session?! Call Jim in the Camp Barney office, 770-395-2554.



IT'S ALL RELATIVE! ...at Camp Barney

Lots of campers arrive at Camp Barney knowing no other campers and that's really okay. They will be placed in a great cabin group! Lots of campers may also come with friends or have bunkmate requests.

And lots of campers (and staff) come to Camp Barney with a sibling.

Check this out... in 2010:

194 families have 2 siblings at CBM.

48 families have 3 siblings at CBM.

5 families have 4 siblings at CBM.

And 1 family has 5 siblings at CBM.

Also... There are 54% girls, 46% boys, 82% are returning campers and 24% have a relative who is a Camp Barney Alumni!



WHERE IN THE WORLD IS...

Thanks to you, we continue to track down people on this list in the last newsletter. Unfortunately, people move and change e-mail addresses so we are always adding people. If you know how to get in touch with anyone on this list, please either send their contact information to me or have them e-mail me at fran@campbarney.org. Thanks again for all of your help with the last list! And, there are so many more! Please help us identify names and provide their contact information.

Mark Adelman	Jeff Horowitz	Janet Polsky
Lisa Bluestein	Karen Klaus	Leslye Robbins
Adam Bressler	Kimberly Laterveer	Jennifer Rosenberg
Ken Brown	Joshua Levine	Julie Rosenstein
Laurie Cohen	Elichana (Henri) Lifshutz	Elissa Graham Saperstein
Lauren Diamond	Robin Lubin	Stacy Schneider
Jeff Ehrlich	Russell Manes	Jeffery Tully
Lori Feller	Lauren Moret	Jonathon Winner
Terry Furie	Anna Morine	
Denise Gabor		



"What a fun day at Camp Barney! I think the kids are ready to sign up, already! We even showered in the front staff house. Ah, the good old days!"

"Camp is always the best time ever and yesterday was no exception..."

"It was so cool to see Camp Barney Alumni from every decade going back to 1963!"

ALUMNI DATABASE ONLINE

We're excited to tell you that you can now access the alumni database through our website!

You should have gotten an e-mail letting you know about this and giving you a password. To access the alumni information, go to:

www.campbarney.org and click on CBM Account Login

Use your e-mail address and the supplied password to login.

Navigate to login details to update your personal password.

Scroll down to the bottom of the page to the alumni section.

You can update your personal information and search for other alumni.

If you didn't receive a password, please contact me and I will get it to you: fran@campbarney.org.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

There are Camp Barney Medintz alumni all over the globe doing all kinds of interesting things with their lives. In this issue, we are featuring two Atlanta alumni who have the entrepreneurial spirit and have struck out on their own to start successful businesses in the Atlanta area.



MASHA HLEAP-HERSHKOVITZ (camper 1974-78, born in Colombia, South America & raised in Sandy Springs) and her husband Udi Hershkovitz (Israeli) became inspired on a tour of the Panama Canal and Panama rainforests while in a restaurant in Panama City. They had a dining experience that they would never forget. They tasted grilled foods unlike anything they had ever experienced—a South American taste explosion. Not only was the food good, but the value was outstanding, the ordering was easy and the customer experience was fast, warm and friendly. They decided to bring that experience home and share it with others. Those of us who live in the metro Atlanta area are lucky that they did!

They opened FuegoMundo Restaurant last year at the Prado Shopping Center in Sandy Springs on Roswell Road, where they serve Tapas and Entrees with large portions of meat, chicken, fish & veggies made to order right in front of your eyes on a Wood-Fire grill. It's an ideal place for meat-lovers and vegetarians with many vegan-friendly & kosher-friendly options. The fish, tofu and veggies are grilled separately from the meat and chicken. As an added bonus all the entrees are gluten-free & dairy-free and all the sides are vegan-friendly. If you want quality food with a Latin twist that is abundant, unique, delicious and healthy without taking a bite out of your wallet then FuegoMundo is the place for you.

I have eaten there several times and it is definitely what it claims to be and more. As a special for Camp Barney alumni, FuegoMundo is offering FREE TAPAS or FREE KIDS' MEAL for the next 60 days with the purchase of an adult entrée (1 offer per person). Simply show this article or say that you're a Barney Alumni to receive the special offer.

For more information, see their website at www.fuegomundo.com.

Fran Harrell (Camper 1972, Alumni Coordinator 2009-present)



Big Daddy Biscuits began as a labor of love for owner **LAUREN (FENSTERHEIM) JANIS** (camper 1977-81). She began making dog treats for the love of her life, Big Daddy. Lauren found Big Daddy on the streets so badly malnourished that his head was bigger than his body. She nursed him back to health and they are now inseparable. Big Daddy loved Lauren's treats so much, he convinced her that his friends would love them too – and a business was born!

Besides the joy of being her own boss, Lauren loves watching the dogs EAT UP the biscuits, knowing that she is using quality human grade food locally grown. It's rewarding to have parents say how much they love giving Big Daddy Biscuits to their dogs. Lauren's mission for Big Daddy Biscuits is simple: to provide dogs with a mixture of Quality All Natural and Organic Ingredients to make Big Daddy Biscuits that will keep you coming back for more. Her products include Cheese Bites with Garlic, Crunchy Peanut Butter biscuits and Turkey Bacon Bites. My German Shepherd has tried the Cheese Bites with Garlic and the Turkey Bacon Bites and she kept begging for more! You won't go wrong with Big Daddy Biscuits for your dog. As Big Daddy says, "You know you want some!"

Big Daddy Biscuits are offered online. All Barney Alumni will receive a special treat with order. Please put Barney in the special instructions. Also, watch for Big Daddy Biscuits at a Farmers Market near you.

You can follow Big Daddy on Twitter: [bigdaddybiscuit](https://twitter.com/bigdaddybiscuit) and Facebook.

For more information, see her website at www.bigdaddybiscuits.com.

ANNOUNCING CBM ALUMNI CLOCK FUND!

It's "about time" we had something at camp that was dedicated to and funded by alumni! The "CBM ALUMNI CLOCK" will be a special new feature at Camp Barney in 2010. It will be located at the beginning of chapel road in front of Lake Wendy where everyone will see it upon arriving, when coming down from the Dining Hall, on the way to the pool and younger villages, the Halpern Center and Barn, or the Chapel and teen village. It will be approximately 12 feet high with a huge 42" face displaying Hebrew numbers. It will be a very cool, very unique reflection of this culturally Jewish place that surely transcends time. And it will be called the "CBM ALUMNI CLOCK" with names of those who choose to support it listed in each camp and alumni newsletter!

Please send your tax deductible contribution with your name clearly written to:

**CBM ALUMNI
CLOCK FUND
5342 Tilly Mill Road
Dunwoody, GA 30338**

Then, join us for Alumni Day this August 22nd and "make time" to see the clock! Thank you so much!



If you would like to be featured in this article in a future newsletter, please contact me at fran@campbarney.org.

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OVERHEARD FROM ALUMNI

"I loved being a camper at CBM. I loved all the outdoor activities and sports. Have great memories... as a participant and a teacher."

- Sarita H.

"I cherish the friends and memories from Camp Barney, wish I could go back in time!"

- Michael B.

"Camp Barney will always be my summer home in my heart! I always keep the fond memories near to my heart! What a blast!"

- Amy S.

"I can't wait for my kids to be old enough to go! Even from California!"

- Richard M.

"The best summers of my life were at CBM! I still have dreams about it from time to time. I can't wait to send my future children to Barney and hope I can return for a visit sometime soon."

- Jill B.

"I can't wait until my kids are old enough to go to Barney! I had the best summers I can remember when I was there."

- Lisa G.

"Sometimes it is hard to believe that a thing or a place can have such an impact on people's lives. All in all, I only spent 10 months at CBM, but rarely a day goes by that I don't think about my time in the North Georgia Mountains."

- Josh D.

"The only regret I have concerning my camp experience is stopping when I did. All of the memories I have from my time at CBM are good ones. From the bats we would find in the bathrooms to the fish we caught off the side of the pier next to the arts and crafts pavilion. There are several lessons I learned while at CBM which stay with me today like caring about the people and world around me. Another is that our own worlds truly are what we decide they will be; beauty can come from the ugly just as tears can come from laughter. These are lessons I could have and surely would have learned elsewhere should I not have been at CBM. However, CBM sure made it fun learning them! Thank you CBM for being a wonderful part of my life."

- Ryan G.

"Although it has been over 40 years, I have such fond memories of camp: love, a scary hitchhike to Atlanta with illiterate red-necks, canoe trips, DQ, king snakes, wonderful conversations with fellow counselors in the lounge, the best peaches, and of course the wonderful young campers."

- Ron J.

SEND US YOUR MEMORIES!

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LIFE-CYCLE EVENTS

ENGAGEMENTS/MARRIAGES

- Jenny Grus (camper: 1987-1990, 1992-1996) is engaged to be married to Jared Sugar. The wedding will take place on May 23, 2010.
- Eden Cohen (camper: 1986-1996, staff: 1997-2002) is engaged to be married to Peter Kaye (staff: 1990's). The wedding will take place in August in Atlanta.

FUTURE CBM CAMPERS

- Riley Tess Bodner was born to Jennifer Babbit Bodner (camper: 1986-1994, 1996-1997, 1999) and Steven Bodner (camper 1988-1990, 1994-1995) on June 23, 2009. She weighed 7 lb 1 oz and was 21 inches long.



DEATHS

- Our condolences to the family and friends of Elyse Aussenberg who passed away in February of 2010.

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DO YOU GET TOGETHER WITH CAMP ALUMNI IN YOUR AREA? PLEASE TELL US ABOUT IT!



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