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CAMP ARROWHEAD FOR BOYS Since 1937

Former Director Sheds Light on the Ten Foot Legend

For centuries, the giant warrior Ten Foot has protected the Land of Arrowhead. But few know the story of this mysterious guardian. Roger Chandler, former Arrowhead camping instructor and director, and visiting storyteller, has begun to document the epic story of Ten Foot and allowed us to share an overview of his forthcoming novel:

Legend has it that the giant warrior Ten Foot roams the forests of Camp Arrowhead, forever committed to protecting those in his charge and ensuring that peace and harmony rule the land. Where did this giant come from?

Long ago, in what was known as the Land of Arrowhead, two tribes ruled the land -- the Chickensaws and the Bootashataloos. The tribes shared a mutual devotion to Wakonda, the "One True God", whose justice, compassion, beauty, and love they recognized in his natural creations. But one night, due to the selfish actions of a few, evil entered the land. Khar-Tan, a supernaturally cunning cave bear, soon engineered events to turn the tribes against one another. Over time, the Land of Arrowhead became a war-torn country,

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Senior Staffer Jim Ligori is Ready for Summer at Camp!

After having the pleasure of spending a week at my second home in North Carolina, it's a bit challenging falling back into the cold and snow of Montana. Alas, the fact of the matter is that camp 2005 is rapidly approaching! I hope you are all as excited as I am for the upcoming summer!

Upon first arriving, George couldn't wait to show me the renovations to the blacksmith shop. Concrete floor, new forges, extended tin roof and soon our own crucible to melt stuff down. From there I took the back trail from sunset flats to the cabins, which all have a fresh coat of paint, new tin roofs and this flux capacitor-looking thing Ten Foot tells me will end cold showers, forever!

On the business side of things, it was great to meet the team that I have been virtually communicating with for the past few months. Everyone brings a wealth of knowledge, skills and abilities and is completely committed to the principles that make us Arrowhead. I am very glad to report that one of our first decisions was to only add to the established program. Boots and Chicks, Iron Man, Pot Hole, Horse Rangers, Wild West Day, and even Cabin Clean Up, will still all be part of the summer. Ten Foot wouldn't have it any other way! So begins the countdown – I'm marking off the days 'til I see you at camp!

Special Events Beginning to Fill Summer Schedule

The coming of spring brings planning for summer, and the traditional Arrowhead experience is chock-full of fun.

Beyond the exceptional daily activities you experience as an Arrowhead camper, including paddling, climbing, hiking, camping, skiing, sailing, fishing, blobbing, blacksmithing, swimming, horseback riding and more, you'll also enjoy many special events throughout the summer.

A few things in the works for June are a beach party with Camp Pinnacle, a Mardi Gras party with the girls at Glen Arden and perhaps a day at the racetrack with the Arrowhead raceteam. July is shaping up to include a celebration on the 4th, fun in Saluda for Coon Dog Day, Wild West Day with Glen Arden and another go 'round at the racetrack.

And that's just a taste of what's to come, so I hope we've wet your appetite! It's gonna be a great summer. See you soon!

There's nothing like Mardi Gras in the mountains!

Partnerships Strengthen Our Ability to Serve Children of Promise

A common saying goes, "When we work together, all boats rise." Arrowhead embraces this synergistic philosophy as part of the larger camp community and as we reach out to "Children of Promise," those who might otherwise not have an opportunity to benefit from an exceptional camp experience. While nine out of the ten weeks of this summer will be dedicated to our traditional Arrowhead programming, one will be reserved for inner-city youth from New Orleans. We are grateful for groups like Pinnacle Falls that have caught our vision and have joined us in providing promise and hope to better lives and strengthen communities.

Pinnacle Falls, A Renaissance Community, has been thoughtfully and environmentally designed as an authentic mountain-living community, near Camp Arrowhead. They offer front-porch living, handcrafted cottages with outdoor living spaces and custom-built estates in a natural elegant setting. Pinnacle Falls evokes an authentic way of living, one that is rich with forested open spaces, hiking trails, waterfalls and recreation parks.

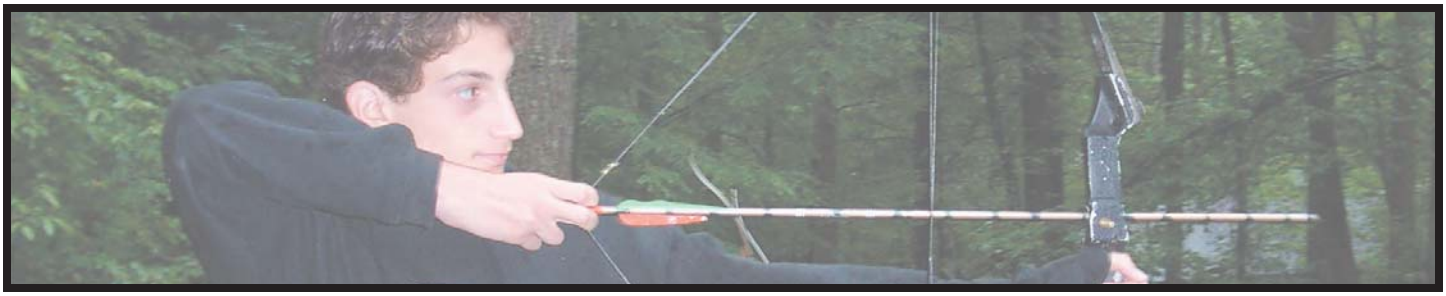
AJ Ball, Project Manager at Pinnacle Falls says, "We are honored to partner with Camp Arrowhead, our neighbor, in their desire to provide life-changing camp experiences to 'Children of Promise.' We encourage others to join us by providing financial support to this wonderful mission."

Pinnacle Falls has displayed its commitment to this partnership through a generous $10,000 donation. We at Camp Arrowhead appreciate their community-centered spirit and are glad to advocate on their behalf. If their mountain-living development interests you, please check out www.pinnaclefalls.com or call Jennifer at 866-465-3827.

Partnerships of this sort strengthen our ability to serve the "Children of Promise" campers. Vendors like eCamp, who supplies our online picture and update services, and Camp Minder, whose software helps us keep track of the countless important details associated with a camper's enrollment and time at Arrowhead, have provided their services at reduced rates or free of charge in order to help us move forward in pursuit of our new mission.

Please contact Danny, Jeff or Starr at 828-692-1123 if you'd like to find out more about how you could partner with Camp Arrowhead in support of our Children of Promise sessions. **Scholarships of $500** will help cover some costs associated with these campers, while larger gifts could help underwrite further program enhancements.

Your partnership will help "all boats rise" as we join together to find reward in serving others. Thank you for making this consideration.



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dictated by hatred and fear…until the birth of the boy Sherekwan whose destiny it was to save the land.

Young Sherekwan soon embarks on a hero's journey, facing a series of grueling trials, peeling away the layers of weakness and cowardice that can build up on a man's soul, emerging transformed as the giant warrior Ten Foot. With new found powers, and an unwavering faith in his destiny, Ten Foot ultimately meets the villainous Khar-Tan in a climactic battle to decide the fate of the people of Arrowhead…

Ten Foot's story is a testament to the power of unwavering faith and to the importance of our striving to be the hero that Jesus Christ, the ultimate hero, calls us to become.

Thanks to Roger for sharing this legend. We'll look for the book later this year.

New Owners Make It All Possible

Through recent newsletters and maybe even in person, you've been introduced to our Executive Director Starr Teel (right). We'd like for you to meet the rest of the Camp Arrowhead owners: Dr. Scott Donaldson (left) and Jim and Judy Frady (middle).

Scott and his wife Amy moved to the Hendersonville area a few years ago with their boys Seth and Val and their daughter Celia. Scott completed his medical residency in New Orleans where he and Amy became passionate about youth work through their involvement with Desire Street Ministries. He loves four-wheeling around camp with his family and works hard to spread the word about Camp Arrowhead.

Jim and Judy Frady caught hold of Scott's passion for serving children through the camp experience and are the anchors of this team. They are entrepreneurs and free spirits with ventures around the world in numerous businesses. Through their compassion, generosity and business know-how, they have, among other things developed a farm program, including pork, beef, poultry and dairy at Emmanuel Orphanage in Honduras. They have provided substantial financial support for the Orphanage as well as being a major contributor for building a hospital in Honduras including land purchase.

The team has committed itself to maintaining the traditions and values that compose the Arrowhead story, and they have infused a great deal of time, resources and energy to ensure the success of our camp in the years ahead.

Jeremy & Elizabeth Gillespie

Camp has always been a great retreat and growing period for me. At camp, I was challenged to step up in life and define who I was going to be as a man in the world. My goal is to offer boys at Arrowhead the same challenge...to grow spiritually, socially, physically and mentally all the while learning that every action and decision defines your character. Boys need a place in which they can be who God made them; boys learning how to become a man. Elizabeth and I believe that camp is that place. ~ Jeremy

A big part of my high school and college summers was camp. I would spend the fall regretting the end of camp and the spring counting the days until I could go back! I learned that as soon as I drove up camp road, the petty distractions of life were insignificant. At camp I developed some of my most significant friendships (including my husband!) while developing confidence as I learned about my strengths. ~ Elizabeth

Jeremy is finishing grad school at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte this May, after which they will move to camp and will serve in a multitude of capacities.

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Ten Foot Legend introduced inside this issue.

We have a great summer ahead!

Family Camp: Fri. May 27 - Mon. May 30 FULL

Children of Promise: Mon. May 30 - Sat. June 4 FULL

Junior Camp: Sun. June 5 - Fri. June 10 (ages 6-10)

June Session: Sun. June 5 - Sat. June 25

July Session: Mon. June 27 - Sat. July 23

End of Summer Session: Mon. July 25 - Sat. August 6

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