

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend:** October 13-14, 2007

**Open House for new campers: Sunday, April 15th 1:00—4:00 pm.** Please tell folks of this great opportunity to tour camp and help introduce our new campers to the “magic of Camp Toccoa”!

**Work Weekend May 19-20: Help us get Camp ready for the summer!**

Work for the day or stay the weekend for **FREE!** We plan to meet at the office at 9:30 am Saturday. Lunch will be provided. Those that are spending the night, dinner is on your own (cook out, use the Yoki kitchen, or head to town), breakfast Sunday will be included. How about a hike to flat rock and stories around the fire Saturday night?

Call the Camp office to reserve your spot! PLEASE HELP US PREPARE BY CONTACTING THE OFFICE SO WE KNOW HOW MANY TO COUNT ON FOR PROJECT PLANNING, MEALS, AND LODGING!!

## Toccoa Happenings

On March 17<sup>th</sup> Camp Fire celebrated its 97<sup>th</sup> birthday and we did it in style at Camp Toccoa with the Camp Fire Clubs in the Toccoa District. They learned about the history of Camp Fire and the Clubs seemed quite honored that they were the first Camp Fire members to visit Camp on its’ 80<sup>th</sup> year. We were all part of the growing history of our great Council and Camp.

Camp Toccoa is a great place to spend a weekend or week. Spring is beautiful here...why not plan some time to day hike or stay a few days and not miss out on this special time of year? Camp Toccoa is a great place for a family reunion, church outing, office retreat, or time to regain your own sanity and slow your life down. For information and reservations contact the Camp office at: 706-886-2457 or [camptoccoa@alltel.net](mailto:camptoccoa@alltel.net)

**Spring has sprung at Camp Toccoa: Remember this song?**

Worship God, hmm hmm

Seek Beauty

Give Service and Knowledge Pursue...

Be Trustworthy ever in all that you do...

Hold fast onto Health and your Work Glorify...

and you will Be Happy in the Law of Camp Fire...

## Take me Back to the Hills of Camp Toccoa:

It was Christmas Day 1993 (in July of course). All of us, both campers and staff, had lined up in our pajamas to raise the Flag. It was a balmy 92 degrees. We wiggled and whispered through Flag, not able to contain our excitement over seeing Santa Claus after breakfast. As usual, before we were dismissed by straightest line, there were announcements to, some would say, suffer through. Only this time was different. There was an unusual hum in the distance that we couldn't identify. Our director, David Mann, just grinned silently at the flag pole, not offering any explanation for the hum. The staff looked at each other with confusion. Would Santa arrive by air? Was this part of the plan? Then it happened...a squeal from the Omikse side...a break in the ranks as a little girl from Cabin Four saw the first piece of snow. She watched it hit the ground and then ran towards it, grabbing it and snatching it up. To our surprise, she ate it...it crunched. All of the sudden, the sky was filled with snow...popcorn snow! Pandemonium ensued! Breakfast no longer mattered. It was 92 degrees and snowing. Santa was on the way. It was just another magical day at Camp Toccoa!

Submitted by:

Elaine Brinkley, Camper 1983-1992, Staff 1993-2002



## Staff Spotlight: David Keigan

Born and raised in Braintree Maine, Dave graduated from Catawba College, in Salisbury, NC with a BA in Physical Education and Health. After camping his way across the USA, he ended up in southern California where he started his camping career as a Community Day Camp Director for the YMCA. Dave was the Camp Director of Pathfinder Ranch in Palm Springs, CA. As Director, he developed a year round Outdoor Education School. Dave's love of outdoor pursuits has led him to bike across country twice and snow and ice climb the Snow Creek ascent of San Jacinto Mountain in California. Dave has always been actively involved in his community and schools through Kiwanis and acting as Booster Club President and Site Council Chairman. Dave was hired as Camp Director of Camp Toccoa after serving as Director of Operations for the 2006 Camping season. He lives at Camp with his wife Terrie and youngest son Christian. Dave is looking forward to using his camping experience to carry on the traditions of Camp Toccoa and the Georgia Council. Next issue will spot light Abbey Walker.

Wo-He-Lo, Sue K. Edwards,

Camper Late 60's-early 70's— Director 1978-1981; 1994-2003