

# ALLEGHANY RATTLER

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## Disney's Favorites Host Banquet

### ★ GRAYS CLAIM 2015 BANNER ★

Under the direction of Bonnie, the Magical Disney Kingdom paraded to Alleghany as host of the 2015 Banquet. Counselors dressed as their favorite Disney movie characters and were stationed all over the hill to the Dining Hall to greet the eager and wonder-struck campers as they climbed the steps.

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## *Disney's Favorites Host Banquet*

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A castle door entrance invited everyone inside where a scrumptious feast awaited. Disney décor was everywhere.

It was an amazing transformation made possible by many counselors, especially Maddie Wiklund, who worked tirelessly along Bonnie's side. Of course, a big thank you to Garrett and Matthew for helping with the heavy work outside.

If this truly was Bonnie's last year to direct Alleghany's final banquet, it was the best yet! Bravo!



## *CAAA Kicks Off Inaugural "Labor of Love" (aka LOL) Weekend in Early June*

Eager former Ghany girls met at Camp to help get things rolling for Mini Camp and the 2015 season. Beautification projects were on tap and completed successfully. There was also lots of river time, catchup time and campfire time to be enjoyed by all.

Perhaps LOL could also be LAUGH OUT LOUD, LITTLE OLD LADIES or LOTS OF LOVE!!! We do believe it equals all of the above.

It was a huge success and we hope more will join in next June. Kudos to BA for getting this weekend underway.



*(Not pictured: Gwen, Kitty and Cloud)*

# 2015 Department Awards



**ALLEGHANY SINGERS**

**SARAH BETH SPEARS**  
*Morgantown, WV*



**GREENBRIER MARY-FRANCESCA MOORE**  
**BANNER FOR SWIMMING**  
*Bethesda, MD*



**GOLDEN ARCHER**

**LAINE PRILLAMAN**  
*Glen Allen, VA*



**LOUISE "BOOMBA" PITT**  
**MEMORIAL AWARD FOR TENNIS**  
*Richmond, VA*



**ALLEGHANY CRAFTSMAN**

**CAITLIN FISHER**  
*Virginia Beach, VA*



**GAIL BRYSON CUPPS**  
**MEMORIAL AWARD FOR WILD WORLD**  
*Richmond, VA*



**ALLEGHANY PADDLE**

**PAIGE KORITZ**  
*Jacksonville, FL*



**HAZEL MINES**  
**GOLDEN HOPPER AWARD**



**ALLEGHANY DANCER**

**GRACE SCHUMACHER**  
*Maysville, KY*

FIRST TERM  
**ELLIE HARVIE**  
*Exmore, VA*  
SECOND TERM  
**NATALIE WADE**  
*Williamsburg, WV*



**REVELER AWARD FOR DRAMA**

**CAITLIN FISHER**  
*Virginia Beach, VA*  
**NATALIE WADE**  
*Williamsburg, WV*



**S. COOPER DAWSON, JR.**  
**SPORTSMANSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP AWARD**  
JUNIOR CAMP  
**ISABELLE KING**  
*Richmond, VA*  
SENIOR CAMP  
**ANNA FRIEND**  
*Richmond, VA*



**ALLEGHANY ALLSTAR FOR SPORTS AND FITNESS**

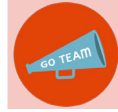
**JULIA SACHS**  
*Arlington, VA*

**EMILY EARLS**  
*Mechanicsville, VA*  
**CAROLINE HAYES**  
*Greensboro, NC*



**WILLIAM H. KEISTER AWARD FOR RIFLE**

**ELLA MCBEATH**  
*Bethesda, MD*



**BETH ANNE CLARK-THOMAS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COUNSELOR**



**ALLEGHANY SPOTTER FOR LEADERSHIP IN ROPES**

**ISABEL MAUCK**  
*Richmond, VA*



☆ JUNIOR CAMP SPIRIT ☆  
**Lindsey Byer**  
*St. Louis, MO*

☆ SENIOR CAMP SPIRIT ☆  
**Kennedy Toomey**  
*Phoenix, MD*

LEFT: SENIOR CAMP SPIRIT  
RIGHT: S. COOPER DAWSON, JR.  
SPORTSMANSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP  
AWARD for Senior Camp

*Always lots of  
smiling faces at Ghany!*



## *2015 Silver A Girls*

### **FIRST TERM**

**ERIN CLAYTON**

*Norfolk, VA*

**GRAYSON FIVEASH**

*Norfolk, VA*

**LILLY LEWIS**

*Lynchburg, VA*

### **SECOND TERM**

**CLAIR LACY**

*Fredericksburg, VA*

**DRU NISBETT**

*Toledo, OH*

**CHAPIN ROCKWELL**

*Alexandria, VA*

## *2015 Honor Girls*

### **FIRST TERM**

**LUCY DAVIS**

*Richmond, VA*

**CAITLIN FISHER**

*Virginia Beach, VA*

**HANNAH RILEY**

*Manila, Philippines*

**GRACE STROUP**

*Arlington, VA*

### **SECOND TERM**

**MADELEINE GAGNE**

*Norfolk, VA*

**ELLA McBEATH**

*Bethesda, MD*

**CAROLINE RAWLS**

*Camano Island, WA*



## *We Remember Sam*

- Handing out peppermint patties
- As BO\$\$ in the bad blood video
- Taking pictures around camp
- Making announcements at meals
- Sheriff Sam in the NCCC campfire
- Starting grace at meals
- Walking around to our activities
- Driving the girls to Greenbrier matches
- **But most of all we remember Sam as our loving father away from home**

# 2015 *Silver Bowl* *Recipients*



## LOUISE DANIEL KENT MEMORIAL AWARD FOR THE HAPPIEST JUNIOR CAMPER

First Term: **ELLA NOCERA** — *Asburn, VA*  
Second Term: **HANNAH ABELE** — *McLean, VA*

## SALLY JAYE AYDLETT HOLT MEMORIAL AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN JUNIOR CAMP

First Term: **AVA PIERSON** — *Charleston, WV*  
Second Term: **PEARL FRESCOLN** — *Crozet, VA*

## JUDITH GREGGIE SMITH MEMORIAL AWARD FOR THE FRIENDLIEST JUNIOR CAMPER

First Term: **CARRIE McBEATH** — *Bethesda, MD*  
Second Term: **CARRINGTON MILLER** — *Richmond, VA*

## MARY BALL BLACKWELL MEMORIAL AWARD FOR THE FRIENDLIEST SENIOR CAMPER

First Term: **TALLEY JOHNSTON** — *Charlottesville, VA*  
Second Term: **NATALIE WADE** — *Williamsburg, VA*

## CATHI HARDESTER MEMORIAL AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN SENIOR CAMP

First Term: **TARA MEISSNER** — *Keswick, VA*  
Second Term: **ELLIE HARVIE** — *Exmore, VA*

## LILY ROMANDO MEMORIAL AWARD FOR THE HAPPIEST SENIOR CAMPER

First Term: **GRACE SCHUMACHER** — *Maysville, KY*  
Second Term: **LILLY KANE** — *Charlottesville, VA*

### *Little Girls Learn From Big Girls*





**BLUE/GRAY 2015**  
**BLUES — 1,355**                      **GRAYS — 1,395** ☆

## *A Toast to the Blues*

- Dearest blues, you've been here from the start with Mary Stewart and Evans. You've always been in our hearts
- Although both meets didn't happen Y'all were there keepin us laughin
- Even though y'all crushed us in the Swim Meet You were still very sweet
- Paper pickups were always close But we still love you the most
- Even though some of our cheers were sung Y'all are still #1
- The cookout was loads of fun We're so sad this summer is done
- We love all of your cheers They're ringing in our ears
- Even though we are different teams You still make us beam!

All of our GRAY team love!





## *We Remember Senior Camp, Cookie, Maggie, and the Unit Heads*

- Cookie wearing monogrammed and Zeta EVERYTHING!
- Maggie having 59 kids, and still looking great!
- Open-mic night without a mic
- Having to avoid the mud and water everywhere
- Alex being a guest star in the Drama Show
- Olivia “singing” when she performed the Sound of Music
- Bridget cracking the whip—everywhere
- Unit 2 winning crab soccer
- Jessie always saying, “Wait, am I on Patrol?”
- Cookie “shooting off the 20”
- Maggie having a theme song of her life
- Senior Camp being the best home away from home, and having Cookie, Maggie, and the Unit Heads as our fun, caring, and loving aunts/sisters away from home.

## *We Remember Elizabeth*

- Having corn rows
- Doing cartwheels at Assembly
- Going down the slip-n-slide
- Rapping at meals
- Teaching us how to sing camp songs correctly
- Pretending to be a Unit Head in the Assembly skit
- Having a thirty-one bag for literally everything
- Doing the ice bucket challenge at lunch.
- But most of all, we remember Elizabeth as our loving, sweet, patient, goofy aunt away from home.

## *We Remember Bonnie*

- “Gooood morning Camp Alleghany!”
- Dropping Mason and Wyatt off at their class
- Waking Senior Camp up every morning with snooze alarm and Motown Mondays and Throwback Thursdays
- Leading church on Sundays
- Always telling us to bring rain gear to meals, NOT a hooded sweatshirt
- Doing the NCCC campfire
- Riding in the golf cart saying hello to everyone
- Teaching Arts & Crafts needlepoint
- Having tea with the 16s
- Helping out with Drama and the AWESOME costumes
- Making Banquet best ever!
- And especially being our mom away from home

## **CAMP ALLEGHANY**



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*TO UNITE, TO GIVE, TO ENRICH*

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## *We Remember Taylor*

- Lunchtime announcements
- “Rap Taylor Rap”
- Driving us to and from all of our field trips
- Being a great mom to Holly
- Always making activities fun for everyone
- Biking around camp
- Getting her annual serenade from her JCs
- But most of all we remember Taylor being our loving, enthusiastic, kind, funny big sister away from home



## *Another Fabulous Year of Magic Mini Mania*



## *A Granddaughter Goes to Camp*

Fifty-four years ago, I rode the barge across the Greenbrier River to Camp Alleghany. I was twelve years old. I had begged my parents to let me go to camp because a few of my neighborhood friends went there, and finally my parents gave in. The minute I got off the barge and headed toward the Apple Tree, I knew I had landed in a magical place. To this day, I love every inch of that camp (well...not the Old Johns), but everything else.

Flash forward to this summer of 2015. My eight-year-old granddaughter, Lucy, went to Mini Camp. She

spent the night with me recently, and we invited her friend, Mary Ellis to come over so the two of them could tell me about Mini Camp. Here is how the conversation went:

*Lucy—Granny, did you have a Pixie, and did you clean your tents for inspections every morning?*

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# A Granddaughter Goes to Camp

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*Mary Ellis—I never knew I liked barbecued chicken till I ate it at camp!*

*Lucy—Sam Dawson is the picture taker. His song is the coolest in camp. (She sings it for me and does the rap moves.)*

*Mary Ellis—I was scared to go down the giant slide in Junior Camp because I am afraid of heights, but halfway through the week, I just did it and loved it.*

*Lucy and Mary Ellis—BA is the most fun person in the world! She makes every mini camper feel happy.*

*Lucy and Mary Ellis—Kitty is soooooo nice. We love her.*

Both girls strongly asserted that THEIR counselors were the best. They both agreed they loved the following: Apple Tree, Store, rolling up tent flaps during Rest Hour so they could see each other because their tents were side-by-side, the food (Lucy says the beef-a-roni was delicious!), Free Swim, the J.C.'s (who cannot wear purple and have to say "urple" until their Initiation), the Play Hall, the Dining Hall, cooking S'Mores, the Show of Shows, and all of the counselors and staff. (They did not complain about one single soul!) The girls loved all of their activities, but both agreed canoeing was their fa-

vorite. There is that Greenbrier River, calling yet another generation to its charms. On and on the conversation went. What a treat for me to see the joy in their faces over their memories of the week.

Lucy and Mary Ellis have already signed up for next summer. To every counselor and every staff member, this grateful grandmother sends you the biggest thank you for each and every detail that went into making Mini Camp so outstanding. Sam, Elizabeth, BA, and Kitty—the list goes on and on. I am thankful for each one of you. I cannot imagine the hundreds of hours that go into the planning and hard work to create this masterpiece called Mini Camp. Thank you. To know that the Alleghany Spirit is alive now, just as it was when I was a camper, J.C., and counselor, makes me so proud of the counselors, staff, alumnae, and campers.

Lucy and I slept in the same room that night. The next morning when she woke up, I asked her what our plans were for the day. Without batting an eye, she

said she wanted to work on the hospital corners on our beds. We hopped out of bed and made hospital corners that were pretty nearly perfect. Now THAT lets me know Lucy is truly a "Ghany Girl."



*Lucy enjoys Mini Camp 2015*

## 2016 Dates

MINI-CAMP:	JUNE 19-25
FIRST TERM:	JUNE 26-JULY 16
SECOND TERM:	JULY 17-AUGUST 6
FAMILY CAMP:	AUGUST 7-AUGUST 14



## *Happy Children = Happy Parents Heartfelt Quotes From Ghany Moms and Dads*

*“My hope for my daughters is that they will grow into strong, independent, kind women. I want them to be leaders and to make a difference in the world. They are learning all these things at Alleghany.”*

*“Camp Alleghany is a treasure.”*

*“I think it must be some sort of enchanted island, a secret society for girls, full of songs, laughter, learning and love.”*

*“The greatest gift we have ever given our daughters (besides their brother, of course) are the years they have spent with their Alleghany family.”*

*“I believe Alleghany has had a huge impact on my daughter’s life. She is such a kind, thoughtful and confident young woman, and I know camp has contributed greatly to this. This is something you can’t put a price tag on.”*

*“She has a self assurance about her, that was not present prior to camp. And most importantly, she’s HAPPY. She had a WONDERFUL summer, and is so excited to return next year, to reconnect with new friends, and continue her growth into becoming the strong, empowered young woman I know Alleghany will help her to be.*