

CAMP ALLEGHANY



Camp Alleghany Alumni Association 2017 Annual Letter from the President

Greetings!

The Camp Alleghany Alumni Association (CAAA) had one of the most successful years to date in 2016! CAAA continues to grow, while remaining true to our mission. The CAAA Mission is *To support Camp Alleghany's mission by uniting, giving and enriching alumni, friends, and campers through loyalty and stewardship.* Throughout much of 2016, I looked to our mission statement to help guide our association in the decisions we made.

To Unite: In 2016, our membership grew to its highest level! At year end, we had 137 members in the CAAA. Thank you so much for your continued support of our alumni association. You, as members, have been our biggest fans by encouraging others to join and to get involved. We also brought alumni and friends together with our second L.O.L (Labor of Love) weekend in June. It's a great weekend of fellowship, with a little hard work and sweat to help camp look its best on Opening Day! I'm excited to announce that LOL weekend will continue in 2017. CAAA continued our traditions at Family Camp. Family Camp celebrated 50 years in 2016, and CAAA didn't disappoint with our continued involvement during this special week. An anniversary party was given, as well as other events throughout the week. CAAA is also continuing with our Winter Reunion. In 2017, we will be hosting such an event and for the third year, we hope this tradition continues to grow in participation.

To Give, To Enrich: CAAA asks its members and friends to give and to enrich in many ways...not just monetarily. Many people give with their time, talents and creative ideas which make CAAA even better for its members. We are always looking for volunteers to serve on open board positions and committees that help us in our mission. Each year we add new members to our board and we sadly say goodbye to others. I would like to personally thank Kitty Capito Farrar for her years of service to CAAA. As a founding board member, she has been a part of our organization from the beginning, and has helped CAAA grow into what we are today. Kitty will be missed but we know that she will still be involved with Alleghany in her many other roles. Thank you Kitty, for your time and dedication! I would like to announce that Debbie Tiemeyer Richmond and Sally Ryland Duane will be joining our already enthusiastic board. The remaining board members for 2017 are Pattie Ames, Taylor Kiland, Jed Kincaid, Whitney Kiper, Wynne Patrick, and Elizabeth Dawson Shreckhise. Rounding out our leadership team is Mary Rennie "MR" Rowe Litman, who will be serving as Chair of the Lantern Scholarship committee. I would like to thank you all for giving your time and talents to CAAA.

Alleghany saw the unimaginable this summer when a 1,000 year flood in June wreaked havoc on Greenbrier County and West Virginia as a whole. CAAA asked all of you to give so that we could enrich the summer of our beloved Alleghany with repair efforts and you didn't disappoint. On behalf of CAAA and Camp Alleghany, I would like to thank you for your generous contributions. We asked, and the Alleghany family kindly stepped in to help! The contributions went to helping replace all Term Counselors' belongings that were lost or damaged, as well as renting heavy machinery and power washers, plus purchasing clean up supplies. Your kind donations helped with the unexpected cost of cleanup to prepare camp to reopen a week later.

The giving and enriching of others continued throughout the remainder of 2016! CAAA sent 4 Lantern recipients to camp this summer with a total of \$6,000 in scholarship money. Once again, 2016 was a stellar

year in fund raising for our Lantern Scholarship with growing participation numbers, and a Board Matching gift campaign in the fall, we raised \$17.5K! This year was definitely an exciting time in the history of CAAA!

CAAA wrapped up the year being able to enrich two of Alleghany's programs with several enhancement projects that will be completed in the off season. The \$9,100 will be allocated towards 9 new rifles and the expansion of the scoring deck on the rifle range. The other program that will be receiving an enhancement is the Archery program with additional carbon arrows purchased. It is with great pride that we are able to help make these programs, together with Camp Alleghany, even better!

As our Association moves into the New Year, we hope that you will continue to join our efforts *to unite, to give, and to enrich!* I am once again honored and looking forward to serving you as your President. Please get involved in any way that you can serve. Please contact us at CAAA@campalleghany.com for comments, questions, or ideas! I look forward to hearing from you all!

Happy New Year!

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