



# Camp Equinunk & Blue Ridge



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## THE WINTER BUZZER



### Equinunk Blue Ridge Reunion Huge Success...

FEBRUARY 3 - It was great seeing everyone at the Reunion in January. More than 500 members of our camp family attended, the largest turnout ever and everyone had a fabulous time.

Although the winter weather has been extremely cold at camp, our indoor projects are continuing on schedule and many of our campers, parents and staff are heating up the phone lines... Checking in, touching base and just calling to say hello. Kevin Daly and Lori Scheck, our Equinunk and Blue Ridge Head Counselors, have completed an amazing program for 2004 with great special events and activities.



Special thanks go to Mitch Garfinkel and Caralyne for helping to put this Buzzer together and to Seth Kerschner, Amy Scheck and Stephanie Hoorwitz for their great articles. Anyone interested in working on the Spring Buzzer should contact Caralyne at [campebr@optonline.net](mailto:campebr@optonline.net)

### Parents Corner

Please make note of two very important enclosures in this mailing.

-2004 Camper Medical Form

-2004 Camp Uniform and Clothing List

The medical forms must be completed by the parents and pediatrician and returned to the camp office by May 20th, 2004.

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHILD'S CHECKUP APPOINTMENT NOW.**

Please adhere to the uniform and clothing list and you'll find the children will have sufficient clothing for the entire summer. We've added great items this year that were enthusiastically received at the January reunion.



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#### 2004 Important Dates:

2003 CE/CBR Digital Photo Album - mailed to you in Feb.

##### New Camper Parent Meeting

Monday, May 3rd, 2004

Laguardia Marriott

##### New Camper Picnic

Sunday, June 6th, 2004

##### Start of Camp

Monday, June 28th, 2004

##### Visiting Day

Saturday, July 17th, 2004

##### End of Camp

Monday, August 16th, 2004

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"Creating Memories That Last A Lifetime"

# *Looking Back...*

*By Stephanie Michelle Hoorwitz PC 2004*

As I look back on the summer of 2003, I can only imagine how amazing the summer of 2004 will be. Not just because the PC's of 2004 are going to be incredible, but also because when is a summer at Camp Blue Ridge not insane? Through the years I have learned that your summers spent at camp become more and more special and meaningful as the years progress. Each year they take on a new value and a different one for each camper. Every camper will grow as the summer goes by.

If I have learned one thing from my seven summers at Camp Blue Ridge, it's that you should treasure every moment of camp. This is something that everyone tells you every year to the point that it starts to sound old. However, it's true! You should let yourself get lost in this dream world, filled with campers' smiles and laughter. It's the only time you have 2 months out of the year to escape the world you occupy for 10 months and to live a fantasy.

Recently, I had a conversation with a camp friend. We recalled our earliest summers at camp. I was always the child who was crying and she was the happy-go-lucky camper that always laughed when she saw me because she couldn't understand my tears. Then she asked me a question, "If you had a chance to relive your first summers at camp, would you?" To answer her I didn't have to think for less than a second. Quickly, I said to her, "Are you kidding me!" I have always wished that I could go back in time and relive the summers I wasted crying, not because I hated camp, but because I wouldn't let myself love it. If I have made one mistake in my camping years it would be that I didn't live those first summers to their fullest. The best advice I could give to any new camper would be not to take the summer at camp for granted.

If you're like my camp friends and myself, you walk around camp the first week and a half saying at random times, "Are we really back in camp?" The first week of camp seems like a blur of feelings. While unpacking your trunk you think to yourself, last night I was with my family and my school friends, but for the next 7 weeks I am going to be home with my sisters. You anticipate the weeks to come and recall memories of past summers; like the time you lead at your first sing and the first time you won Color War.

As the summer comes to a close, you reminisce about the past weeks with your summer sisters as you start to cry. You watch the papers fly around campus and hear the cannons announcing the summer's best 4 days, Color War! When the war is over, you put on your favorite skirt and top and get ready to dance the night away with the Equi Boys. And finally on the last night, you bundle up and watch four burning numbers circle Union Lake, as you wipe away the tears and try to force a smile. You stay up all night, trying to make your last night at camp a memorable one, but you know no matter how long you stay awake, the next morning the buses are going to pull into the camp gates and you'll be going home in a few hours.

When I try to explain to my friends at home the things we do in camp, they laugh. Camp is something only your camp friends can appreciate; it can't be understood from the outside looking in. You have to live a Blue Ridge summer to comprehend what camp is all about. Although our parents may receive letters and watch the Video Yearbook with us after the greatest day of the winter, the Camp Blue Ridge and Equinunk Reunion, they can't even begin to realize what is so special about our spirited paradise.

We share a bond here at Blue Ridge. We share this tie, not just with the current campers, but with all the campers of the past and future. We are connected by traditions, legacies and songs that go as far back as our grandparents' camping days. We follow the Blue Ridge ways year after year, to preserve our camp for generations to come. Camp becomes so much of who we are. As my last summer as a camper comes closer I wonder what will happen in the following summers. However, I try not to dwell on this because I know one thing for sure, this summer as the PC's of 2004, "We're coming back!"

# The Staff Corner



## Staff Spotlight Shines On: The Grays

We all know what Sue and Kevin Gray do in the summer time (Sue is the Group Head for the Soph girls and Kevin is Group Head for the Soph boys) but what do they do in the winter? Following camp, the Grays travel a bit around the United States and then they are on a plane back to Europe. They run two hotels in a Ski Resort in the French Alps called Les Menuires.

Sue's hotel specializes in family groups and school parties and has 36 bedrooms and a staff of 25. Kev's hotel has 51 bedrooms, a busy slopeside restaurant and a staff of 45. Both hotels are on the piste so they can ski from their door.

Both Sue and Kevin ski and snowboard. Sue came in 2nd in the British Snowboarding Championship a few years ago and Kevin skied for England as a teenager. Nathan, their 3 year old son, first put on skis when he was 2 and can now comfortably ski the whole mountain. He has started nursery school and is learning to speak French.

This summer will be Kevin's 16th, Sue's 12th and Nathan's 4th at Blue Ridge and Equinunk and they can't wait to come back and see everyone. Kevin and Sue met at Camp in 1992 (Sue's first summer) and were married in the French Alps in May 1997.

## Summer Stargazing

Nick Leonardi, our new Ropes Tower supervisor and Astronomy guru for the Summer of 2004, comes to us from beautiful Southern California. Nick is an outdoor educationalist and camping professional with 5 summers of camping experience. He has a masters degree in teaching and works as an outdoor education specialist at Astrocamp in Idyllwild, CA. Nick will be the "Ropes and Scope Guy" at camp.

We've purchased some amazing astronomy equipment and Nick can't wait to teach you about the fantastic Blue Ridge and Equinunk sky.

The main highlight of the season is the Summer Triangle, which is three bright stars. They are Vega (in the constellation Lyra the Harp), Altair (in Aquila the Eagle), and Deneb (in Cygnus the Swan). Those three stars form the very easily visible triangle, and the constellations they are part of are easy to make out as well. In fact, Vega is the brightest star in the summer sky, and is the third brightest star we can see in the northern

hemisphere. Nick will point them out with a pretty cool green laser pointer that is made for night viewing. Nick will also supervise our new Ropes Tower, but more about that in the next Buzzer.

Nick recommends a definitive book that includes all the info above along with a bunch of other cool stuff, Chet Raymo's '365 Starry Nights' is an excellent choice. It's geared towards naked-eye and low-level telescope viewing, and is a font of information. It's an easy read, too, a great choice for any camper who is really interested in astronomy.

Nick wishes everyone a great year in school and looks forward to meeting you all this summer.



## New Year's Day 2004 At Union Lake

New Year's Day 2004 At Union Lake - Camp Equinunk and Camp Blue Ridge staff brought in the New Year visiting their summer home. They are actually standing on Union Lake which is frozen with more than 2 feet of ice.

From left to right: Adam B, Chris C., Adam P., Jessica W., Danny T.,  
Front: Kenny R., Amy L.



# Important Notes

## Share Your News!

### SEE YOUR NAME IN THE NEXT BUZZER

Each Buzzer, we will have a section which is basically written by YOU!!! Tell us what your favorite events were last summer, what you are looking forward to this summer, who you can't wait to see, who you had a sleepover with, what awards you've won, if you scored a goal in soccer and **ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING ELSE** you would like for us to print in the **Next Buzzer**. Just e-mail us at [camebr@optonline.net](mailto:camebr@optonline.net) or drop us a note at CE or CBR, PO Box 808, East Hampton, NY 11937.



*Belated congratulations go to Matt Wolff and his family who celebrated his bar mitzvah on September 20, 2003. Matt and his parents would like to thank those camp friends who were able to join him on this special occasion.*

## Attention All Alumni

Please send us the names and addresses of all alumni you know and what years they were at camp. We will invite them to register on our website and they too will be kept informed of camp events. Please e-mail information to Caralyne at [camebr@optonline.net](mailto:camebr@optonline.net)



## Musicians Needed



Can you play the guitar, keyboard, drums or any other instrument? Let us know so you can join our music program and be part of band nights, talent shows and "Putting On The Hits."

# From The Directors

We and our staff embrace the responsibility of providing a safe, healthy, wholesome, nurturing and educational experience for your children at camp. You trust us to be their "summer family" and help them grow in self-esteem and in making positive strides in group interactions and peer relations. Blue Ridge and Equinunk provide the perfect setting for the development of long term values including learning life skills that foster making friendships. Kevin Daly, our Equinunk Head Counselor reminds staff that "Campers have hundreds of interactions with one another in the bunk every day during the summer." Give and take interactions that occur at camp are natural for some children, yet others find conflict not simple to negotiate. Our staff is skilled and professional and most are "home grown" having spent their childhood summers in these same bunks and have a lifetime of experience in helping campers grow from childhood into young adults. Taking care of your children is our greatest responsibility and what we believe we do best.



Although we live in a world that often seems uncertain, the stability of the environment at Blue Ridge and Equinunk is something we can all count on. Our philosophy, traditions, structure, programs and routines are time-honored. You and your children have learned over the years that you can rely on them every summer. We're in the profession of "making memories that last a lifetime." The Best of Blue Ridge CD, that our girls received in the Fall, celebrates songs from years past and the 2003 Flip Album you'll be receiving in February welcomes an entire new generation of campers and staff that join a family and history that dates back to 1920. As we move forward to the summer of 2004 please call us at (631) 329-3239 or e-mail at [camebr@optonline.net](mailto:camebr@optonline.net) with any suggestions you may have that will help us and our campers enjoy the very best of the coming camp season. We always love hearing from our campers and families throughout the year.

Warmly,

*Sheryl and Richie*



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# CBR New Camper Edition

By Amy Scheck - PC '02

## A Typical "Amazing" Blue Ridge Day

Here is the daily schedule at Blue Ridge. Reveille, the bugle to wake the camp up, blows at 7:25 am. After Reveille, an announcement will come on to tell you what to wear. Before breakfast, the whole camp lines up at the flagpole when the first call for lineup bugle blows. At 8:00 we eat breakfast, followed by singing. By the way, we sing and cheer after every meal, and Lori, the head counselor, will make important announcements.

After breakfast comes cleanup. Everyone in the bunk has a job for the day such as sweeping or cleaning the porch of the bunk. At the end of cleanup, a bugle will blow for inspection, when the groupheads come to each bunk in their group to make sure they are clean. Next comes 1st activity, and 2nd activity. This could be a sport like basketball or tennis, or a hobby like crafts. Each group also has a swim in the morning. 11 year old Carly Tumen says that it would take her forever to name all of her favorite activities at camp, but she especially likes "the lake when I get to use a float, go on Mt. Fuji (the inflatable climbing mountain), or jump off of the tower." After that it's back to the bunks for letter writing. Everyone writes letters home. Then it's time for lunch! Lunch is around 12:30. At the end of lunch we sing and cheer, of course.

Right after lunch is over, rest hour begins. During rest hour you can relax in the bunk, go to other bunks to visit sisters, cousins, or friends. You can also sign up for special tennis and some days you will have special swim. When the bugle blows for the end of rest hour, each group is called up to the milk bar, a little building near the mess hall, for a snack. Usually there is fruit or ice cream, and there is juice.

After milk bar comes 3rd activity and 4th activity. Then, you will go swimming again. When those activities are over, you will have shower time and cleanup before dinner, and then inspection. The bugle will blow at 5:30 for first call for lineup, when the camp lines up at the flagpole and goes to dinner. At the end of dinner there is, you got it, singing.

Freeplay begins right after dinner and ends fifteen minutes before your evening activity starts. It's very similar to rest hour. Fifteen minutes before your evening activity, a bugle called recall blows telling you to go back to your bunk and get ready. Then, your evening activity will start when the lineup bugle blows. Every night is a different evening activity. 15 year old Jamie Grummer's favorite evening activity is tribes, weekly campfires where the camp is divided into 4 teams (tribes): White Mountain, Horned King Bird, Flying Eagle, and Sunrise. "Tribes are great because the whole camp is together, and there is so much tradition." Some nights are whole camp activities, others are just with your group.

After evening activity, a bugle called Tattoo blows, meaning that Taps is going to blow in 5 minutes. Time to get ready for bed! Finally, between 9:15 and 9:30 pm, Taps blows. Lights must go out in the bunks. Flashlights are allowed until your counselor tells you to turn them off.

GROUP NAME	GRADE IN SEPT. 2004
Lower Sophomores	Girls entering 3rd grade
Upper Sophomores	Girls entering 4th grade
Juniors	Girls entering 5th grade
Kadettes	Girls entering 6th grade
Inters	Girls entering 7th grade
Mediates	Girls entering 8th grade
Lower Seniors	Girls entering 9th grade
Upper Seniors (PC's)	Girls entering 10th grade
CA's	Girls entering 11th grade

## Blue Ridge Spirit Learn Some Blue Ridge Cheers

Singing and cheering is a huge part of going to Blue Ridge. Most of this is done in our mess hall, where campers stand on chairs and lead the songs for the camp. Each group has their own songs to lead and anybody that wants a chance to lead can have one. 12 year old Stephanie Dorfman's favorite times to cheer are "on the special event days and right before color war," but that doesn't stop her from cheering her loudest EVERY day! In the beginning of camp, you might wonder how you will learn all of these songs and cheers. Don't worry, by the end of the first week you will know all of them!

### Here is one to get you started:

*We are the greatest  
And so much more  
We are the new campers  
Of 2004!!!*

### Here are 2 other good Blue Ridge Cheers:

*We are Camp Blue Ridge and we live by a lake,  
And if you don't believe us, just watch us move and shake  
Say, boom, sha wanna wanna boom, sha bang bang boom,  
Sha wanna wanna watch us move and shake, uh!*

*Q: Hey Blue Ridge?*

*A: Hey what?*

*Q: Hey Blue Ridge?*

*A: Hey what?*

*Q: Hey let me hear your cheer on*

*A: No way!*

*Q: Let me hear you cheer on*

*A: Ok! We are number 1, we are number 1, hey,  
we are number 1, we are number 1!*

*We can't wait, only about 4 and a half  
months to go! Stay tuned for our next  
Buzzer, to tell you more great things about  
camp and answer some frequently asked  
questions!*



# CE New Camper Edition

By Seth Kerschner - Lower Inter Group Head '03

## A Day in the Life of an Equinunk Boy

Every day at Equinunk is packed with different kinds of sports, games and other fun activities. We wake up bright and early at 7:30 a.m. to the sound of reveille.

After waking up, campers and counselors line up around the flagpole. Lineups at the start and end of each day let the entire camp come together to discuss the day's events. Kevin Daly, the head counselor, stands on "The Rock" and gives all the Major League Baseball scores on the "Sports Wire" and then announces the morning activities for each age group. Campers and counselors respond with a loud "Yo!"

Following morning lineup, everyone heads to the mess hall for breakfast. "Breakfast is my favorite meal," says 13-year old Eddie Rosen, "because they serve cereal everyday."

Cheering is a central part of all meals at Equinunk. Campers and counselors cheer together to support Equinunk's teams or just to sing and scream for fun. Twelve-year-old Jack Kingsley explains that "cheering is really fun and if you are stressed out you can scream as loud as you want."

After breakfast, it's back to the bunks for cleanup and to get ready for the first of three morning activities. These activities range from sports like basketball to "hobbies" like climbing wall, cooking and woodworking. During one of the three activities, campers usually go to the lake for a variety of waterfront activities.

During activities campers receive instruction and compete in league games. Instruction comes primarily in "mini-camp" activities, when campers choose a sport of their choice in which they receive special instruction.

Ten-year old Alex "Waffle" Tofel says "mini-camp" is his favorite activity at camp because he enjoys receiving specialized instruction in sports.

Following morning activities, campers return to their bunks to write letters and wash up for lunch. After lunch, campers and counselors relax in their bunks during "rest hour." Following a snack of fruit or ice-cream at Equinunk's world-famous "milk bar," campers get ready for their three afternoon activities.

The sixth and final activity of the day ends at 5:00 p.m. with the "recall" bugle. At the end of the day, campers and counselors return to their bunks to shower and get ready for evening lineup. Dinner follows, of course with cheering, which is generally louder and more spirited than at other meals.

Every Thursday, campers and counselors eat outside at the weekly barbecue. Sixteen-year-old Ross Zuckerman says that the barbecue is his favorite meal because "we get hamburgers and soda, everyone, especially the younger campers, can't wait to get soda."

Campers then enjoy "freeplay," under counselor supervision, when they can participate in any activity of their choice without the structure of a group setting.

Evening activities conclude the Jam-packed daily schedule after which campers and counselors head back to the bunks to wash up and prepare for lights out, Tattoo and Taps.

### GROUP NAME

Freshman  
Lower Sophomores  
Upper Sophomores  
Juniors  
Cadets  
Lower Inter  
Upper Inter  
Lower Seniors  
Upper Seniors  
CIT's

### GRADE IN SEPT. 2004

Boys entering 2nd grade  
Boys entering 3rd grade  
Boys entering 4th grade  
Boys entering 5th grade  
Boys entering 6th grade  
Boys entering 7th grade  
Boys entering 8th grade  
Boys entering 9th grade  
Boys entering 10th grade  
Boys entering 11th grade

## '03 Wayne County Swim Champions



Equinunk's Swim Team won the 2003 Wayne County Swimming Championship. Equinunk and Blue Ridge campers are offered the opportunity to play on any of the camp's Wayne County intercamp teams in several sports. The tournament teams travel to compete against other camps in basketball, baseball, hockey, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, and other sports. CE and CBR's Wayne County tournament teams have a long tradition of excellence and great sportsmanship.

## Equinunk Spirit - Learn Some Cheers

*Q. Who are we?*

*A. Equinunk!*

*Q. What are we?*

*A. Number one!*

*Q. What will we always be?*

*A. Thee Camp*

*Equi, Equi, Equi!...Nunk, Nunk, Nunk!*

*Equi!...Nunk!*

*Equi!...Nunk!*

*Equi, Equi, Equi!...Nunk, Nunk, Nunk!*

