

# SPARKS

Summer 2017





**WE HAVE SO MANY GREAT THINGS TO TELL YOU  
ABOUT THIS SUMMER! IN THIS SPARKS ISSUE,  
YOU WILL FIND OUT ABOUT:**

- ☐ Our summer theme verse (hint: all you need is \_\_\_\_\_).
- ☐ Five new classes we will be offering this summer!
- ☐ Brand new updates all around camp (think extra shoe racks, new properties, and an updated toilet seat!)
- ☐ Fun quiz (what Carnival food are YOU?)
- ☐ Our 10th summer of No Trash at Junior!

# GREETINGS GREYSTONE GIRLS!



This is the last Sparks magazine for this season and it is always one of my favorites! In it you will get a glimpse into the people and the places that will make this summer our BEST SUMMER EVER. There is no way you can read this and not think that this is going to be the best summer of your life!

How do we know that this year will be the best? Because of the people! The campers and counselors that attend Greystone are all excited about making camp fun. They work hard to make the fun happen! Campers always work hard to make camp fun for themselves (choosing what classes to take, making new friends every day, doing new things). Counselors always work hard to make camp fun for others (teaching in a fun way, planning great group games to play in the cabin or on an overnight). This is a great combination: a LOT of people working hard to make camp fun! Everyone REALLY wants to be at Greystone and is REALLY excited to attend.

It is not easy to get into our camp. Campers usually spend months or even years on the Wait List, counselors have to be selected from a huge group of applicants. We work hard and pray every day that we will assemble the perfect group every year, and God grants us our prayer every year. The people that are part of our counselor and camper family are what make camp great... and every year seems to be better than the year before.

We love our camp, love our campers, and love our counselors. Thank you for deciding to come to camp; you will be so glad. This is going to be the Best Summer EVER!

**JIMBOY**

# OPENING DAY

We cannot wait until Opening Day! We have the best summer planned, and we know you are going to love every minute of it. The fun starts when you arrive on the first day of camp! Remember to wear comfortable shoes as you'll be walking up the Pageant Court to your cabin. Bring an umbrella, just in case. See you soon!



## OPENING DAY TIMELINE:

### 7:30 A.M. - GATES OPEN

You can arrive at camp any time after 7:30 a.m. We will tag your bags and let you know your cabin assignment when you arrive. Head to our Opening Day tent to grab some camp SWAG, meet some camp families, and get your questions answered.

### 8:30 A.M. - HEAD TO YOUR CABIN

Campers can head to their cabins at 8:30 a.m. We will have Group Leaders at the Opening Day tent who can help you find your cabin. Your counselor will meet you at your cabin.

### 8:30 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. UNPACK AND SETTLE IN

After finding your cabin, you can unpack, take any medicines to Pill Hill, visit our Greystone Store, stop by our Parent Reception on the Dining Hall porch, and visit the Office (if you have a question).

### 10:15 A.M. - PARENTS, HEAD HOME!

All parents need to leave by 10:15 a.m. Camp begins!



# OPENING DAY CHECKLIST

- ☐ Arrive through our staff entrance after 7:30 a.m. and we will have staff showing you where to park.
- ☐ Meet a Greystone Staff member at your car to find out your cabin assignment.
- ☐ Have your heavy bags tagged.
- ☐ Come find us at the Opening Day tent to grab some fun camp stickers.
- ☐ At 8:30 a.m., head to your cabin for the first time! Group Leaders will be available to help you find your cabin, if you are not sure where your cabin is located.
- ☐ Carry your loose items up to the cabin area.
- ☐ Walk in your cabin and meet your counselor!
- ☐ Find your bunk, receive your name-tag, and start unpacking your things.
- ☐ Introduce yourself to the girls in your cabin and meet your new friends.
- ☐ Drop off all medications in the Health Hut.
- ☐ Visit the Dining Hall porch for the Parent & Alumnae reception.
- ☐ Visit the Greystone Store to purchase some camp merchandise.
- ☐ (Parents!) Drop off pre-written letters in bins on the Office porch.
- ☐ Hug your parents goodbye!



# NEW THIS YEAR

## BUNKS:

Junior and August campers will have their beds assigned for them, making Opening Day a real breeze. When you arrive at your cabin on Opening Day, you will meet your counselor and then find your labeled bunk. It is so much fun to settle in to your new bed!

June and Main campers will choose their bunks when they arrive at their cabins on Opening Day morning. After walking up to your cabin, you'll meet your counselor and then pick out your bunk and begin to unpack (we don't allow any bunk saving).

## DECORATING:

You may only bring bedding items and photos to decorate your bunk this year. Bedding items include blankets, stuffed animals, personal sheets/comforters (if you choose to bring these), and pillows. As in years past, you cannot bring plug-in or battery operated string lights. Please do not bring extension cords (these are safety issues enforced by our fire marshal).



## PARENT RECEPTION

Parents, you are invited to a reception hosted by the Millers on the Dining Hall Porch on Opening Day. Please come and meet the Miller family while also tasting our wonderful scones. We look forward to seeing you!

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## PARENT & ALUMNAE RECEPTIONS

All Sessions • Opening Day  
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

## ALUMNAE RECEPTION

Alumnae, you are invited to the Alumnae table on the Dining Hall porch during the Parents Reception on Opening Day. We LOVE welcoming our Alumnae back to Greystone each summer! We want to honor you with special stickers and great giveaways, so bring your daughter by our table and snap a picture for the website; you might even run into some old camp friends from your years at Greystone!



Chocolate Chip  
scones

# FACILITY UPDATES

## THUNDERHEAD

This is the mountain you see when you look across Lake Edith. We bought it this year and have been renovating it for use this summer. Beautiful forestland, many miles of wide trails (perfect for horseback riding), several large pastures, a beautiful barn with hay loft for sleeping... all next to the scenic Green River (a trout river that flows into Lake Summit).

## BEAR MOUNTAIN

Our property 10 minutes from camp, where we have hiking trails and luxury overnights, has had both cabins freshly painted. You'll love the updates!

## GYM

Refinished floors, new lighting, new paint - looks great!

## DANCE ROOM

Refinished floor, new ceiling, new lights.

## FINE ARTS CENTER

Renovated main building, knitting, and ceramics.

## TENTALOWS AND CABINS

New shoe racks, new toilet seats (hurray!).





# NEW CLASSES FOR 2017!

GET PUMPED for what this new summer is going to bring! Program is getting some brand new additions that YOU suggested! When thinking about how to spice things up this Fall, it became obvious to us that we needed to get a pulse on what is "in" these days. This is where we got the idea for the **NEW CLASS CONTEST**. The results came in, we took it to a vote, and here you go! Drum-roll please....



## AERIAL YOGA ALL SESSIONS

Get ready to fly in the sky! We will be introducing this exciting new activity for all ages and all sessions. If you liked yoga class, you will most definitely love yoga hanging in the air!





## ENO SUMMER READING

### ALL SESSIONS

We know you love the ENOs...so why not combine summer reading with one of your favorite pastimes! Offered to all sessions and ages, you will be able to check those school requirements off the list while chillin' in one of our ENOs.



# NEW SUMMER CLASSES CONTINUED

## VIDEO CLASS

### ALL SESSIONS

Operating out of our lovely Photography studio, this class will be one you don't want to miss. Want to film a music video? Want to create a stop motion .GIF that you can share with your friends at home? You can do all of these things in our new video class! We can't wait!



# LIFE SKILLS CLASS

## MAIN CAMP ONLY

Offered exclusively to our Main campers, this highly requested class will teach you things like: how to change a tire, how to check your oil, how to build a fire, and SO much more!

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# SENIOR ARTS CLASS

## MAIN CAMP ONLY

Interested in leaving your mark at camp? This class will breathe new artistic life into areas of camp that have needed them the most. From painting to building – you will be able to see your creations for years to come!



# OUR 98TH SUMMER BY THE NUMBERS





**1881 CAMPERS**

**35 STATES**

**6 COUNTRIES**

(ENGLAND, GERMANY, MEXICO,  
SPAIN, QATAR, PUERTO RICO)

**71 ACTIVITIES**

**43 HORSES**

**52 CABINS**

**22 HEAD STAFF**

**14 CANDY SHOPPE  
OPTIONS**



# SUMMER THEME VERSE

Last summer, we loved looking at Galatians 5:22-23, focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit as our theme verse. This year, we are going to look closer at one particular Fruit of the Spirit: Love. We'll be using 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 as our theme verses:



**"LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND. IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST, IT IS NOT PROUD. IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS, IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING, IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED, IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS. LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. IT ALWAYS PROTECTS, ALWAYS TRUSTS, ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES. LOVE NEVER FAILS." - 1 COR. 13:4-8**



LOVE ♥





# SPECIAL PACKING INFORMATION

This summer, we have a few fun programs planned at some of our sessions, so pack accordingly! Also, we are doing our first service project through camp - check out what you'll need. We can't wait!





## ALL SESSIONS:

Bring old pairs of jeans! We are doing our first service project at camp by supporting Sole Hope, making shoes out of old jeans. Please bring any old jeans that you have - the more, the merrier!

## JUNE CAMP:

Old Lady Clothes (but no need for shoes - you'll need to be comfortable in tennis shoes!)

## MAIN CAMP:

Mexican Fiesta themed clothes

## JUNIOR & AUGUST CAMPS:

We have many fun programs planned for these sessions! Don't forget your Green & Gold clothes and some fun costumes.



# DON'T FORGET TO PACK

We asked on Instagram, and you answered! Don't forget these things:



CHACOS  
RAIN BOOTS  
EXTRA PAIR OF  
TENNIS SHOES  
COSTUMES  
EXTRA SET OF  
WHITES  
RAIN JACKET  
EXTRA DRESSES  
CRAZY CREEK  
WARM SOCKS  
WACKY T-SHIRTS  
FAN  
STATIONERY  
FUN PENS  
PLAYING CARDS  
SOFT BLANKET  
TAPE  
SUNSCREEN  
NAIL POLISH  
GOGGLES  
WATER BOTTLE



# TOP 5 THINGS TO BRING FOR REST HOUR

After lunch everyday we have a chance to go back to our cabins and rest up for the exciting afternoon and evening activities! You may fall asleep and take a nap, but in case you stay awake, you will want to pack some quiet activities for this “golden hour.”



## 1. LETTER WRITING SUPPLIES

Your counselor will pass out your mail at the beginning of Rest Hour. This is a great time to write to your family and friends and tell them all about your day at camp. Be sure to pack stationery, envelopes and pens. It helps to have pre-addressed, stamped envelopes in a ziplock bag so they don't stick together.

## 2. BOOK

This is a great time to get started on your school summer reading list. We also have lots of wonderful books available in the Greystone Library if you need an extra book.

## 3. ACTIVITY BOOKS

Sticker books, mad libs and coloring books are all fun!

## 4. CRAFTS

If you're crafty you may want to bring your knitting, friendship bracelets, or any other quiet, non-messy crafts.

## 5. JOURNAL

It's fun to bring a blank notebook to write in or draw pictures - a great way to remember your time at camp.

**INSIDER TIP:** Bring a plastic shoe box to hold all of your supplies. This will keep everything nice and neat on your bunk's shelf!



# 2017 SUMMER STAFF

Our staff this year is hard to beat! Hailing from California, New Zealand, The Dominican Republic, and even yours truly, good ole' Tuxedo, these counselors are eagerly anticipating all the fun ahead and are looking forward to meeting YOU!

Our counselors CAN'T WAIT for the summer! They are excited for...fellowship, adventure, meeting new and old friends, Greystone bread, hanging in the trees, being in "the bubble", growing in their walk with Jesus, Evening Programs, and above all meeting YOU!





# RANDOM FACTS

## SCHOOL WITH LARGEST NUMBER:

Furman (15)

## CAMPER YEARS UNDER THEIR BELT:

425 summers

## STAFF YEARS UNDER THEIR BELT:

233 summers

## OUR COUNSELORS LOVE:

Being outside, running, reading, music, karaoke, Bubble tea, Bob Ross, animals, yoga, coffee, movies, donuts, Frisbee, playing polo, concerts, DMCs, underwater basket weaving, nature documentaries, playing cello, queso, ENOs, graphology, rock climbing, road trips, Harry Potter, flower crowns, napping, knitting, amateur beat boxing, flying drones

## OUR STAFF AGREE:

That they LOVE to dance and sing, sometimes at the same time...but uniformly, not that well

## SOME HIDDEN TALENTS:

Sing the alphabet backwards, pull out a tooth on command, wiggle their nose, eat a whole platter of ham and cheese bagels, quote The Office, speak Russian, play the ukulele and organ, play the nose whistle, hold a hand stand for a very long time, freestyle rap, flip a foam cup inside out

# DEAR LAURA

Our June, Main, and August Director Laura Hollowell answers questions from our newest campers in our very own “Dear Laura” segment. Have a “Dear Laura” question? Email her! [laura@campgreystone.com](mailto:laura@campgreystone.com)



## DEAR LAURA, WHAT ARE YOUR BEST TIPS FOR MAKING MY SCHEDULE?

Junior Campers are pre-scheduled, but for everyone else, my best tips are: write a list of all the things you want to take before you come, get your counselor to help you, try new things, and always know, if your schedule doesn't suit you, you can change it!

## DEAR LAURA, WHAT COSTUMES SHOULD I BRING WITH ME?

Great question! You don't have to pack any; you are welcome to borrow costumes from our Costume Room. However, lots of girls bring something fun to wear in case we have a Decades Dance or for your cabin Lip Sync. And it's always great to have both a green and yellow shirt, so you are ready for Challenge Day!



## DEAR LAURA, WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE EVENING PROGRAM?

I have lots of favorites! I love watching each cabin perform their Lip Sync! It is amazing what y'all accomplish in just a day! I also love the Play Production and the Main Camp Watershow!



## DEAR LAURA, WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A CABIN REQUEST?

No worries! Lots of girls come without making a request! Making new friends is fun; just smile and ask questions to get to know each other. Before you know it, you'll have lots of camp friends!



## DEAR LAURA, WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART IN A BANQUET?

Years ago, Mary Poppins was the Banquet and I got to be a chimney sweep! We had so much fun learning the song and dance. I have also enjoyed being Ursula in The Little Mermaid 3 times over the years.



## DEAR LAURA, DOES GERVAIS COOK AT YOUR HOUSE?

I wish! I do almost all the cooking; sometimes, I'll make a camp dish like stroganoff. For a treat, Gervais will make pizza about twice a year!

## DEAR LAURA, I'M KIND OF PICKY IN WHAT I LIKE TO EAT; HOW WILL I FIND FOOD THAT I WILL LIKE?

We have the best food at camp! And there are so many choices at every meal; girls can find things that they enjoy. The counselor at your table can help you, and if you have food allergies, Gervais (our Kitchen Director) will take care of you.



# FIND YOUR GREYSTONE DIRECTOR PENPAL

Looking to get in the letter-writing habit before the summer? Follow our flow chart to find your very own Greystone Director Penpal! You can write any of these Directors by sending your letter to:

**21 CAMP GREYSTONE LANE • ZIRCONIA, NC • 28790**

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**WHICH SESSION ARE YOU ATTENDING?**



**JUNIOR CAMP**



**WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED FOR?**



**YOUR CABIN AND  
CABINMATES**



**KATIE MILLER GRANT**  
JUNIOR DIRECTOR



**APPLE CART AND  
NO TRASH**



**SMITH HOUTS**  
JUNIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



**YOUR COUNSELOR**



**KELLY PINKLEY**  
JUNIOR HEAD COUNSELOR



**YOUR SCHEDULE  
AND CLASSES**



**ALLI KILBY**  
JUNIOR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

**JUNE, MAIN, OR AUGUST CAMP**

**I CAN'T WAIT FOR...**

**CARNIVAL AND  
BREAKFAST CLUB**



**JIMBOY MILLER**  
OWNER & DIRECTOR

**YOUR CABIN AND  
APPLE CART**



**LAURA HOLLOWELL**  
JUNE, MAIN, AND AUGUST  
DIRECTOR

**DANCING, ICEE POPS,  
AND #CAMPSTYLE**



**MARGARET MILLER**  
OWNER & HEALTH DIRECTOR

**YOUR COUNSELOR**



**CATHERINE MILLER**  
HEAD COUNSELOR

**YOUR CAMP FRIENDS**



**CAROLINE GIRAUD**  
INTERN

**EVENING PROGRAMS  
AND GIVEAWAYS**



**SARAH BROWN**  
EVENTS & OUTREACH DIRECTOR

**BEST ACTIVITIES EVER!**



**ELLEN-ANNE SKELTON**  
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

# QUIZ: WHAT KIND OF CARNIVAL FOOD ARE YOU?

1. What is your favorite holiday to celebrate?
  - a. Thanksgiving
  - b. Christmas
  - c. 4th of July
  - d. Easter
2. What do you wear to Carnival?
  - a. A Bathing Suit and Tennis Shoes
  - b. Shorts and T-shirt
  - c. A Bathing Suit
  - d. Shorts and a Bathing Suit
3. During Rest Hour, you...
  - a. Pass notes to your cabin mates
  - b. Nap
  - c. Eh, whatever I'm in the mood for
  - d. Write letters to friends and family
4. Your favorite class at camp is
  - a. High Ropes/Adventure
  - b. Cooking
  - c. Waterpark
  - d. Anything Crafty
5. Your favorite Greystone Breakfast is:
  - a. Corned Beef Hash
  - b. Scrambled Eggs and Grits
  - c. Biscuits and Gravy
  - d. Pancakes
6. The one costume you must bring to camp:
  - a. Wig
  - b. Derby Hat
  - c. Wildlife Wednesday Shirt
  - d. Tutu
7. What is your favorite class at school?
  - a. PE
  - b. History/Social Studies
  - c. Science/Math
  - d. English/Literature
8. Your favorite sport to play:
  - a. Riding
  - b. Tennis
  - c. Basketball
  - d. I don't play any sports
9. What is your favorite color from this list?
  - a. Black
  - b. Blue
  - c. Green
  - d. Pink
10. Which shoes do you wear the most?
  - a. Chacos
  - b. Birkenstocks
  - c. Crocs
  - d. Tennis Shoes





#### **MOSTLY A'S: FUNNEL CAKE**

You're adventurous, outgoing, and courageous. There's never a dull moment in your day.

#### **MOSTLY B'S: POPCORN**

You are classic, honest. You look forward to camp's traditions summer after summer.

#### **MOSTLY C'S: CORN DOG**

You're sincere, always game for anything, and love to have a good time. Plus you enjoy good food!

#### **MOSTLY D'S: COTTON CANDY**

In addition to loving sweets, you are a sweetie yourself. You're always kind, thinking of others.

# CARNIVAL MAD LIBS

FILL IN YOUR ANSWERS TO ENJOY A CRAZY NIGHT AT CARNIVAL, MAD LIBS STYLE!

It was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ day at camp and carnival was about to begin!  
(adjective)

Jimboy brought out his best \_\_\_\_\_ and everyone \_\_\_\_\_. For  
(plural noun) (verb ending in -ed)

dinner, everyone ate \_\_\_\_\_ (animal). It was so \_\_\_\_\_ that I  
(adjective) (adjective)

ate \_\_\_\_\_ of them! Afterwards, everyone \_\_\_\_\_ towards the \_\_\_\_\_  
(number) (verb) (adjective)

rides and \_\_\_\_\_ foods. Everyone's favorite was the \_\_\_\_\_ (noun).  
(adjective) (adjective)

Even \_\_\_\_\_ got into the fun and was jumping \_\_\_\_\_ in the moon  
(director's name) (adverb)

bounce! When it was time for the dance contest, everyone \_\_\_\_\_ towards  
(verb ending in -ed)

the softball field. \_\_\_\_\_ was in the middle doing the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(friend's name) (adjective) (dance move)

Our cabin was so \_\_\_\_\_ when she won! She was so \_\_\_\_\_ that she  
(adjective) (adjective)

couldn't stop \_\_\_\_\_. It was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ night for everyone!  
(verb ending in -ing) (adjective)







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HAPPY  
PLACE

# JUNIOR CAMP: NO TRASH

Junior campers, you will hear me say NO TRASH a lot! We are working on year 10 of my not finding ANY trash in camp! I carry a red cooler with me, and if I find a piece of trash, I put it in my cooler, and I make a sad announcement at dinner. This has not happened in the past 9 years!! And believe me when I say I am always on the lookout for trash! I do not know of any other camps that can tie this record. Here we come... Year #10!!!

## SMITH HOUTS

Junior Camp Assistant Director



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