

Fall 2011 Newsletter- What Joe Knows

CAMP PIOMINGO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Piomingo has a rich history and the memories and feelings from time spent at camp are deeply rooted in the hearts and minds of the Piomingo Nation. It is important for all to remember the wonderful times spent at Piomingo as many of the experiences were life changing.

In an effort to recapture and reconnect with alumni, the Camp Piomingo Alumni Association has been formed. Thanks to Peggy Heustis, Linda O'NanTravis and Pete Kirven for leading the charge on this very important need for Piomingo.

To learn more about the goals of the Alumni Association click [here](#).

More planning, discussion, and research is taking place as we continue to move forward. If you would like to be involved please contact Peggy Heustis at peggyheustis@bellsouth.net

Piomingo 70's Crew Reunion weekend

On a beautiful fall weekend over 60 alumni staff and some campers reconnected as the gong rang in the background some for the first time in over 30 years. All had a wonderful time reminiscing over their wonderful camp memories. Everyone had the opportunity to do some of the things they did as staff or campers like sit and talk at the circle of benches, hike to North Point, or Van Buren, sing songs in the dining hall and at the campfire and look over old photos and watch camp movies. Much fun was also had at archery and sliding down the pipeline slide.

It was great to see so many people visit camp, some made the journey from Seattle, Tennessee and all the way from New York. Everyone enjoyed seeing camp icons like, Len Wilson, Shack, Anne Helm Galvin, Anne Trowbridge Weinburg (Turtle), Louie, Pete Kirven, Barb Hawley and many more. To see more great pics and the wonderful comments about the reunion weekend go to the [70's Crew Facebook](#) page.



We miss all our alumni friends and hope to see them back soon. Thanks to Peggy, Linda and Pete Kirven for planning such a wonderful time at Piomingo. Noonway

[Piomingo remembers](#)

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Greer family after the passing of Boyce Greer. Boyce, an alumni camper, and staff member who loved Piomingo spent many summers helping children to learn new things and experience the outdoors. He will be missed but never forgotten. [Read more](#) .

COMMUNITY

Family gives to Piomingo! -Thanks to the generosity of one of our camper family members a donation of \$3000 was sent to Piomingo to help us make improvements. This wonderful gift allowed us to purchase new archery equipment and also for the installation of a roller door and fence removal for a program area.

Local business supports Piomingo! -Each year we work hard to raise funds to help send children to camp. Thanks to a former board member Willie Spalding who helped secure a \$10,000 gift from UPS. We would like to thank UPS for their generosity and partnering with us to strengthen the foundations of our community by allowing us to provide experiences for children that create memories that last a lifetime.

Youth Character Award winner! – Each year youth from the community are nominated and recognized for special achievements that strengthen the community as a whole. This year Patrick Haertel, CIT in 2011 at Camp Piomingo has been chosen due to his outstanding efforts at school, Piomingo, and the implementation of a Piomingo history gathering website/tool that will forever retain the wonderful memories from camp. Congratulations Patrick!

STRENGTHENING FAMILY

Fall Family Camp 2011, a Great Success!!! September 24th to 25th, 2011

A very **Special Thanks** to the families and staff who attended the record-breaking 2011 fall family camp; 43 families, alumni (Peter and Eleanor Hawkins family, Lisa Hirsch and family, Ruth Oakes and family, just to name a few), 4 Piomingo board members, 9 summer camp staff and 3 volunteers participated in Saturday and Sunday's festivities. The activities included archery, pipeline slide, horseback riding for EQ families, climbing tower, high ropes, zip line, family crafts, a fun opening campfire ceremony with songs and S'mores, cheesecake social for the parents, gaga ball tournament for the kids, delicious meals prepared by the summer kitchen staff and "front yard" fun. Each family got to stay in their own cabin and some families even chose to stay in tents to have a true campout experience. We had great weather, great times and a great family experience, shared by ALL.

If you missed out on this great event, not to worry, **Spring Family Camp** is scheduled for Saturday May 19th to Sunday May 20th, 2012. Registration Now!

Parent/Child Fall Equestrian Camp. Ponies, parents, and children having fun while learning together at camp this fall. Twenty one parents and kids participated in the 2011 Parent/Child Fall Equestrian Weekend this September, the largest turnout ever! Families stayed in Cherokee and spent time down at the barn grooming together and sharing their new found equestrian knowledge. Everyone got a chance to practice their riding skills in the arenas before venturing out for a scenic and peaceful trail ride. The weekend was a great success and we hope to see everyone again May 19th and 20th for the 2012 Spring Parent/Child Equestrian Weekend. Don't delay, saddles will fill quickly!



[Summer Parent/Child Online survey](#)

Thanks to over 200 families that filled out the online parent/child survey this summer. We appreciate the feedback and take all suggestions seriously. Our goal is to improve each year and have as many campers return summer after summer. Your feedback is a critical tool in helping develop the short and long term planning each year. Congratulations to the Pennell Family, their name was drawn to win a free week of camp in 2012.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CAMP?

[Winter Camp 2011](#)

Each Holiday break, more than 50 campers and 15 summer camp staff enjoy the magic of Piomingo, but with a winter twist. From Friday Dec 16th to Sunday Dec 18th campers will enjoy the warmth of the dining hall fireplace, brisk winter wagon rides, craft time with hot cocoa, revisiting with their favorite summer camp counselors and much more. To learn more and register click [here](#)

[Earlybird 2012](#)

Helping you save for 2012! Register as an early bird and receive **2010** rates for summer 2012. Earlybird registration has begun!

- \$100 reserves you a bunk for 2012
- Pick your dates and programs in 2012
- Receive a t-shirt to give your camper(s) this holiday season to surprise them about going to camp.

To learn more click [here](#). Simply go [online](#) and or call our office at 1-800-411-5822.

[Camp Piomingo Calendar](#)

Keep up to date with things at camp. Check out our [camp calendar](#) to see upcoming events so you don't miss out on the fun. Also keep up to date with Piomingo at our facebook [page](#), be a friend today!