



BEYOND THE MAST

HAIL AND FAREWELL TO PRENTICE STOUT

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Prentice K. Stout, founder of the Marine Biology Program at Camp Fuller, has retired. His association with camp began back in 1975 when he was employed by the URI Graduate School of Oceanography as a Marine Education Specialist and Senior Lecturer. At that time, he was seeking a field office that would be convenient for both teachers and students to go out on the water as well as having hands-on experiences on the shoreline. It was suggested that he contact the Y and take a look at Camp Fuller. He explored the boathouse at the camp, but found it unsuitable for year-round classes as it was not winterized. However, the location was perfect so he approached the funding agency at URI and asked permission to write a grant to procure funds for insulation and heat in the boathouse. His grant was approved and he had his field office.

From that time on, Prentice was a familiar figure at Camp Fuller. He volunteered to help in many different capacities. Recognizing his talent and expertise, our camp director asked if he would teach Marine Biology during the 2003 summer camp sessions. Prentice accepted with pleasure as Peter gave him no

restrictions. Thus began four years of "great fun" states Prentice. The most gratifying thing for Prentice was the excitement of the kids, their sense of wonder. He recalls one boy who refused to pick up "that ugly thing" that had been plucked from the sea, but his teacher insisted, and after learning all about it, the boy said, "that was awesome!". Prentice's students gained not only knowledge but great respect for all marine life. When lessons went well his young students could look forward to hugs and a quick run to Skip's Dock for ice cream. Many of his students have become surrogate grandchildren. He corresponds with about forty of them on a regular basis, remembering birthdays, and writing recommendations and references upon request.

The questions asked by children in his classes provided needed material for writing a book. That, plus research on the history of the pond, resulted in the 2006 publications of *A Place of Quiet Waters: The History and Natural History of Point Judith Pond, and the Harbor of Refuge*. One of Prentice's students did the illustrations for his book.

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LD News:

We have 2 spots available for boys in LD1 (June 22- July 19). If you are interested in registering, please contact the Camp Office at (401) 783-5359.



SUMMER 2007— WHAT A BLAST!

It was a fabulous summer to spend on Point Judith Pond. Campers from all across the world joined us this summer to celebrate 120 years of summer fun!

Approximately 1200 campers from over 800 families enrolled at YMCA Camp Fuller for the 2007 summer. Campers participated in popular daily activities, such as sailing, windsurfing, waterskiing, kayaking, sports, arts n' crafts and ropes.

Also campers enjoyed fun themed activities, including Pirates/Navy Day, LD Weekends, Country Olympics (Germany, Kazakhstan, Romania, and the winner, Hong Kong) plus James Bond hosted Sun Prod.

The summer would not have been a success if it wasn't for the hard work of our key staff. Our Program Directors, Scott Rasmussen and Steve Logue, organized the daily activities for campers to enjoy and maintained program equipment.

Folu Akindoyin, former female Division Leader, stepped up into the Head Counselor role, supervising our four division leaders (Niall Mackay, Ben Gaddes, Morgan Dorsey, Aline Brummer). Folu and her team of division leaders worked diligently on cabin assignments,



Camper Awards

Each summer several campers are recognized for their efforts above and beyond what is expected. These campers stand out as being helpful, kind, thoughtful and willing to put the extra effort forth to make camp great. The Camper Awards for 2007 go to:

Camper of the Year: Gabby Giessen
Sherman Camper of the Year: Julia Miller
Junior Camper of the Year: Austin Miller
Jungle Camper of the Year: Siggy Buchbinder
Senior Hill Camper of the Year: Mack Major
LD of the Year: Luke Fater
Sailor of the Year: Danny Swain

Congratulations!

camper issues and cabin or divisional evening activities.

Under the direction of Nell Etheredge and Brian Stuenkel, 57 campers participated in the Leadership Development Program this summer. Along with learning leadership skills and team building, each group planned and implemented a themed weekend for camp. This summer the weekends were Monopoly and Video Wars.

Our CITs were also busy this summer, learning the "ins and outs" of Camp Fuller; shadowing counselors, assisting in cabins and program areas and working on the community service project. With guidance from their CIT directors, Joe Altieri and Andrea Barrell, the CITs built a camping platform on Gardner Island for campers to use on cabin overnights and dedicated a garden around the anchor outside of the administration office. Their contributions reflected their passion and hard work for Camp Fuller. Thank you CITS!

Sam Adelman and Becca Buckler, our key sailing staff, ran a wonderful sailing program this summer filled with new, innovated activities for campers to learn new skills.

Millions of thanks to staff and volunteers who worked hard this summer to make it memorable. See you next Summer!

CAMPER'S RECAP

By Gabrielle Giessen, Camper of the Year 2007

I am not the most eloquent of writers, and it is hard to express in words how much I value Camp Fuller. Consequently, the task at hand will be rather difficult. I have been an avid goer to Camp Fuller ever since the tender age of 9 years old, when my parents dropped me off, teddy bear in hand, at the then infamous cabin 6a.

I have had many first, last and best experiences at camp. It is a place that I will cherish and there are countless experiences that have shaped me for my future endeavours. At camp, I have learned numerous life skills, and grown in infinite ways.

I miss waking up to company, learning how to play ultimate Frisbee and the fun and games field. I miss sailing and leisurely siestas. There are countless things I miss, but the greatest difficulty I find in leaving camp, is leaving the people. A friend told me once that knowing someone at camp for an hour is like knowing them for a day in real life. In my case I found this theory remains true. My Fuller friends are not just summer buddies, they are friends who I will treasure, and our friendships will extend far further than Point Judith.

And for this, I am forever indebted to Camp. I am so grateful that I have been lucky enough to find a place that I feel always welcome, and it is wonderful to always anticipate my years yet to come. Camp will always be a part of me, and impossible to forget.

ALUMNI REUNION 2008

By Anahid Avedesian

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 19th 2008 for a very special alumni reunion. Join your friends and family for a day of sailing, honoring alumni and celebrating music, as well as a traditional Fuller cookout.

The Legends of Camp Fuller Hall of Fame was established in July 2006 to honor alumni for their service and dedication to camp. Our inaugural inductee was Jeff Jacober. For the class of 2008, we are honoring Frederic H. Fuller and Joseph Frisella. The Legends of Camp Fuller was established to recognize key people who shaped the traditions of camp and to provide the history for future generations to understand Camp Fuller's past.

Every two years, we will nominate and induct alumni into the Legends of Camp Fuller Hall of Fame. In 1914, camp was named after Frederic H. Fuller after he helped obtain the land where camp is now located. Mr. Fuller was the president of the Providence YMCA for 24 years. His family also owned an iron and brass foundry, where bronze bells were made. Since the current bell at camp is not a Fuller bell, a member of the camp board, Martin Hanoian, agreed to research and locate one. His determination, passion and historical interest led to the finding of a Fuller bell. The bell was found at a church in Attleboro, MA. It took over six months to finalize the details and on June 29, 2007, the Fuller bell, weighing 483 pounds, was moved to camp.

Joseph Frisella, most noted for being the best "Peg Leg Pete" in camp's history, has been actively involved with Camp Fuller since his days as a camper. Serving as the Sailing Master in 1957, Joe created the idea of the "skippers compass". The wooden compasses, designed by camp's top sailors, can still be seen hanging on the boathouse walls. As a strong contributor of camp, Joe has provided years of professional service and has guided camp through numerous land management projects.

Inspired by the Woodstock music festival, Sun Productions (Sun Prod) became a tradition of celebrating music legends. Today, this annual event, still rich in tradition, inspires campers and staff members to create an outdoor music experience.

We look forward to seeing you to mark a day of fun and friendship. Bring your family, sailing skills and your musical talent. See you on July 19th.



On October 18, Prentice was honored at a dinner with co-workers. He was presented with a plaque naming the marine biology laboratory for him.

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Prentice has retired because he felt he had to "get back to the real world" and do his part to protect and sustain it. He knows he has enough knowledge in oceanography and environmental issues to help with serious problems ahead. His concentration will be on keeping the Salt Pond alive and well. He is a member of the Salt Pond Coalition and Union of Concerned Scientists. He recently lectured to a group of concerned citizens from Great Island and also did an on-water lecture to a large group of kayakers.

"I have a gift", says Prentice. "I can talk standing in tie and tails to 300 people or talk standing in mud to 15 people, and they will listen. For some reason I appeal to all ages. I have a good sense of humor and absolutely no ego. That is my gift." He plans to use that gift to enlighten others and enlist their help in solving environment problems now and in the future. We wish him success in all his endeavors, and bid him a fond farewell. Prentice, you will be sorely missed here at YMCA Camp Fuller.

2008 Camp Dates

First Timers Sessions (ages 7-11)- \$535
 June 22- June 28
 June 29- July 5
 One Week Bonus Session (ages 12-15)- \$535
 June 29-July 5
 Two Week Sessions (ages 7-15)- \$1060
 June 22- July 5
 July 6- July 19
 July 20- August 2
 August 3- August 16
 Four Week Special (7-15)-\$2050
 June 22- July 19
 July 20-August 16
 Leadership Development Program (7-15)- \$2080
 June 22-July 19
 July 20- August 16
 Specialty Camp- (pricing and ages varies to different camps- please call registrar)
 August 17-August 22

Any questions? Call the Camp Registrar at (401) 783 5359

Interested in being a CIT?

If you are 16-17 years old and interested in applying for the Counselor-In-Training Program (4 week program), please contact Jaime O'Connor at the camp office (401) 783-5359 or by email joconnor@gpymca.org. Applications will be available after November 1 and will consist of essay questions, work project proposal and reference forms.

We are looking for the applicant (not parents) to take the initiative so please call or email today.

Want to work at YMCA Camp Fuller?

We are looking for mature, experienced counselors for the 2008 Summer. Interested?

If you are 18 years or older, with experience working with children and would love to spend the summer at Camp Fuller, please download a new staff application form from our web site, www.ymcacampfuller.org (under Fuller Forms/Staff Forms). We ask that you fill out the application, including three reference forms, and send it in to Jaime O'Connor, Operations Director. In January, we will look at new staff applications and will contact you for an interview. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jaime O'Connor at (401) 783-5359 or by email at joconnor@gpymca.org.

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