

# WINTER

# HORIZONS

2009



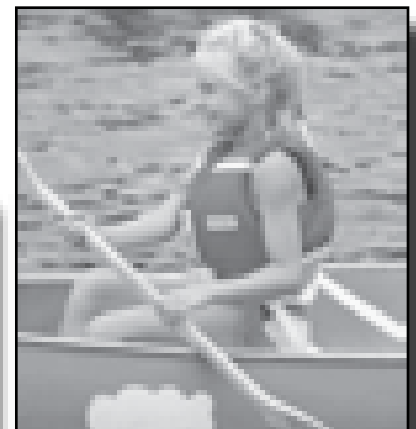
Greetings Horizons Family,

Last summer I asked the Horizons' community to ask themselves, "who are we, as a camp?" To help in the process, I began to think of the axioms that are part of the Aloha Foundation experience. Ideas like "we create our own fun," "there are many ways to be a man or woman," and "we create fine people" are all core ideas of the Aloha Camps. I believe they form the basis for a Horizons summer as well. Another concept that resonates for me is the saying, "leave a place better than you found it." The more I thought about this phrase, the more I realized that it has more than one definition. For many years, the saying made me think of a group using a campsite and cleaning it to look better than it did when they arrived. After thinking it over, however, I realized that this phrase also means that I should leave a place better than when I arrived.

The place I leave better than when I arrived can be a lunch table where I make conversation and learn about someone else's life, even if my first instinct is to simply refuel. It can be an activity period on a hot August day when I challenge myself to be energetic and enthusiastic. Leaving Horizons a better place at the end of a busy camp day can simply mean a conversation with someone whom I don't know very well, while in a line at a picnic. In each of these situations I have the opportunity to leave Horizons a better place. Of course, each summer is also an opportunity to leave camp better than when I arrived, but this happens only to the degree that I challenge myself to be the best person I can be in every situation; a challenge that invariably helps me grow as a counselor, an adult, an educator and a person.

Aloha,  
Danny

*Danny*





Hello to all!

Life is busy as always during the winter season but winter is a time to stop and think about all the good things we have. I feel very blessed to have a good job, a healthy family, a warm home, good relationships and a fun summer to look forward to with you! Often I will think about the fun times we have had at camp which makes me happy. I look forward to seeing you again this summer, ready to sing and play, try new things, and make new friends at Camp Horizons. See you this summer!

Anna



Greetings from Post Mills VT,

I am settled into my winter routine which includes working at Maple Leaf Children's Center. During the work week I see some of last year's campers. These campers often ask for stories and I usually tell them a camp story.

I am amazed at the wealth and variety of stories that just one summer at camp can create. There seems to be a story for almost any occasion or mood. There are cool stories like when our docks flooded or when we saw the eagle. There are quiet stories like helping a friend, or saying good-bye. There are fun stories like all-camp capture the flag or the overnight. There are even triumph stories like learning to swim or getting an archery rank.

So the next time you are asked to tell a story or are just telling yourself one, think of camp. I bet you will be able to find the perfect one. I can't wait to hear what new stories 2009 has in store for us.

Aloha,  
Anne Perry





Dear Horizons Friends,

In last year's newsletter we wrote about our favorite places at Horizons. It was easy to think of the many beautiful and memorable places on the Horizons campus: the waterfront on a sunny afternoon, the assembly hall packed with singing voices, the great meadow during an all-camp capture the flag game, or the pirate ship crawling with small "pirates." Yet, it's not the campus that makes Horizons such a special place. It's the people.

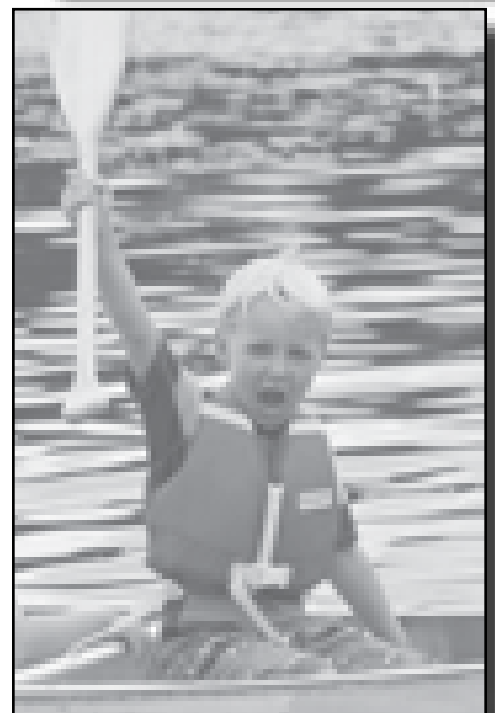
At Horizons we have built a deep sense of community by fostering strong, supportive relationships between campers and counselors of all ages. This community-building begins even before our first campers arrive. The pre-camp week includes opportunities for team-building challenges, silly games, and many discussions about how we can all support each other in becoming the community we want to be, a community where we trust each other, respect our differences, celebrate our individual strengths, and laugh a lot!

To enhance a sense of belonging and build meaningful relationships, our campers are divided into groups from the littlest "Chipmunks" to the oldest "Falcons." These units of campers and counselors play together, explore together, dine together, create together, and rest together. They take pride in decorating their cabin to transform it into their own unique clubhouse. They learn lessons in team dynamics as they work together to solve challenges or conflicts facing their group. As each new session begins, they learn how to welcome new friends into the group. Faced with these shared experiences, units grow from a group of friendly individuals at the beginning of the summer to a tight knit team of close friends by the end of the summer.

For the summer of 2009, I'm looking forward to being back in the Horizons community with all the people that make it such a special place!

Until then.....Aloha,

Tracey McFadden





Greetings campers and counselors,

It is great to be thinking of Horizons during the winter when the snow flies. This winter I can't help but think of the milestone that I will be reaching this upcoming summer. This will be my tenth summer! It is hard to believe that twelve years ago (I took two years off in between when my wife was pregnant), when Horizons was new, I was also relatively new.

Not only new to camp, but to the Upper Valley and to teaching in general, and now Horizons is such an important part of my life. In fact my family and I are looking at houses in the Fairlee area so that we can even be closer.

I also can't help but think of my son Elliot, and how last summer was his official first summer as a camper. Seeing him walking up the hill wearing his backpack along with all the other Chipmunks made me so proud of the loving and nurturing environment that Horizons has become. I can't wait to continue that tradition with my other sons as well.

I hope you all have a wonderful winter. See you in 2009!

Aloha,  
Todd Renninger



Greetings Horizons 2008!

Adventures are good for us all! And if they include a canoe or a mountain top, so much the better! I can't wait to see you all there next summer. Let's plan to dip our paddles in the water and head out to explore and see what we can find! Exploring is a great thing to do, even if you're not in a canoe! I hope winter has been fun for each of you, and I hope you have your eyes on Horizons 2009!

Tim Bucklin



# The Aloha Foundation Calendar for Summer 2009

## RESIDENT

<b><u>Full Season Dates:</u></b> Wednesday, June 24 to Wednesday, August 12	<b><u>Half Session Dates:</u></b> Wednesday, June 24 to Sunday, July 19 or Tuesday, July 21 to Wednesday, August 12
<b><u>Show Weekend:</u></b> July 18 & 19	

## ALOHA HIVE ELFIN PROGRAM - 2009

<b><u>Session Dates:</u></b> Tuesday, July 21 to Saturday, August 1
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## HORIZONS:

**Session 1:** June 29 to July 10

**Session 2:** July 13 to July 24

**Session 3:** July 27 to August 7



## SPREADING THE MESSAGE!

Would you like to help us spread the message of the Alohas? We are always looking for ways to interest families in the value of camping and in our quality programs for children. Even families with children not yet ready for camp can begin to think about including a summer at Aloha, Hive or Lanakila in their future. If you know of families who might be interested in knowing more, we can send you brochures or a video. Or perhaps you might be willing to gather interested families together; we would be happy to come with slides and stories. Please contact one of the directors or [Ellen\\_Bagley@alohafoundation.org](mailto:Ellen_Bagley@alohafoundation.org).

## 2008 Horizons Camper News



**Bessie Barnes (D02-08):** “Hey guys! I can’t wait to see you guys this summer! Ok, so I’m still on the Squaw Valley Ski Team & I practice every weekend in the winter, starting in December. On Mondays, I have hip-hop dance class, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, I have training and conditioning at Club Sport, on Wednesdays, I have my weekly harp lessons, and Friday’s my day off. Of course I also have LOTS of homework assignments every day. I’m still longing for sailing on Lake Fairlee and tipping over the Sunfish boat. Ah, good times, good times. Hope to see you guys soon! TTFN! (Ta ta for now).”



**Ned (D08) and Ellie Campbell (D07-08):** finished out the summer on the lake (across from the Horizons boat house) and really enjoyed the loons and sunsets but not so much the rain! Their new rescue dog, Maggie, loves Vermont as much as they do and spent lots of time making the blue jays and golden eaglets angry! Ned is busy with karate and Ellie joined a cross country team and is doing pottery work (hand-moulding) on the weekends. They have traveled to Florida and West Virginia this fall, both fun trips in their own ways. They miss the lake and hope a hard freeze this winter will miraculously kill off all the milfoil. See you next summer!



**Andy Kotz (D07-08):** “I’m in India! There is a Pizza Hut here, but I thought there would be only Indian food. Usually we eat Indian food. I like a lot of the food. My favorite is chapati bread. We went to Mysore Palace and we rode on a camel! We watched a parade and saw lots of elephants wearing gold decorations and at the end, there was the humble elephant. It carried the howdah, which is a sort of saddle/carriage (with a roof) that is made of gold. I got some really good movies. I’ll see you next summer at Horizons!”

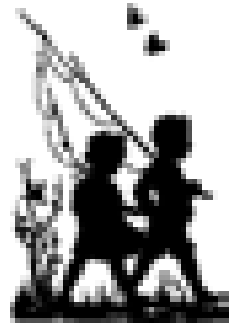


**Peter Michelson (D08):** a 2008 Chipmunk, has been busy like a beaver this fall. He loves first grade, and is back in piano lessons, playing with both hands! Peter’s second season of soccer was lots of fun, but his favorite thing was going to New York City with Mom for Grandma’s birthday.

# Aloha Grandchildren 2008



**49 OF HORIZONS' 2008  
CAMPERS & COUNSELORS ARE  
"ALOHA GRANDCHILDREN"**



**FIFTH GENERATION: COUNSELORS:** Stephen Hall (David and Janet Palmer Hall, Kathryn Hulbert, Carol Gulick, Mother and Father Gulick).

**FOURTH GENERATION: CAMPERS:** Owen Bucklin (Tim and Julia Thomas Bucklin, Edward and Julie Schaffler Bucklin, Virginia Perry). **COUNSELORS:** Kye Ameden (Win and Sally Smith Ameden, Harold Smith, Muriel Lee).

**THIRD GENERATION: CAMPERS:** Chelsey and Morgan Dexter (Amy Chesley, Andy Petersen), Philip Katz (Paul Katz, Phyllis Beck), Alex and Rose Katz-Berger (Laura Katz, Phyllis Beck), Annabel and Michael Schick (Paul Katz, Laura Katz, Phyllis Beck). **COUNSELORS:** Timothy Bucklin (Edward and Julie Schaffler Bucklin, Virginia Perry), Emily Katz (Paul Katz, Phyllis Beck).

**SECOND GENERATION: CAMPERS:** Abigail and Katherine Brennan (Christina Morris), Jonathan Brennan (Marge Brennan), Alexandria and Tanner Coffin (Ray Coffin), Julia Denny (Joe Denny), Olivia DuPere (Barbara DuPere), Morgan Gardner (Zhuoman Gardner), Donna and Wyatt Guillette (Rebecca Guillette), Katherine Holdaway (Simon Holdaway), Briland and William Laycock (Jeannette Barres), Sean Maddock (Priscilla Maddock), Caleb and Devyn Nelson (Geoff Mallett), Daniel Orem (Phyllis Eddy), Corey Ouellette (Ellen Bagley), Elliot Renninger (Jill and Todd Renninger), Cooper and Dylan Rick (Trish and Caleb Rick), Karina Rubin (Grace Naughton), Ryan Sullivan (Michael and Maureen Mackay Sullivan), Carolyn Ten Eyck (Anne Gulliver), Christopher and Emma Wells (Wendy Simpson), Johannes Williams (Marie Thurber), Alexander Woodmansee (Jennifer Woodmansee), Willa Yonkman (Amanda Wade). **COUNSELORS:** Lindsey Carter (Ric Sleeper), Isaiah Fariel (Bridget Fariel and Amy Nickerson), Christopher Kerr (Danny and Julia McNaughten Kerr), Kelsey McFadden (Tracey McFadden), Anne Perry (Nancy Fowler and Ronald Perry), Tim Sleeper (Ric Sleeper), Devin and Patrick Sullivan (Michael and Maureen Mackay Sullivan).



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