



# THE ALUMNI CHRONICLES

LAKE OF THE WOODS AND GREENWOODS CAMPS

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Dear LWC & GWC Alumni,

We are thrilled to have such a strong alumni network and want you to continue to feel part of our camp family. We hope this newsletter helps you reconnect with camp friends, catch up on the latest news from your home away from home, and relive your camp memories.



Our 81st season was deeply rooted in our camp's traditions. Campers spent a day at the Warren Sand Dunes, played numerous games of Capture the Flag, built fires for cabin cookouts, burned the rope during Color Days and Olympic Days, and kept the Mess Hall rocking all summer long with their spirited cheering.

We continue to add new programs and activity offerings to stay current with today's children. Here are some of the recent and future additions to our camp program:

- Camp to College trips for 10th grade campers to University of Michigan and University of Notre Dame
- Intercamp basketball game with YMCA Camp Eberhart
- 7th Grade Surprise Trips
- Creating camp couture in our new Fashion Design class
- Producing our second CD in our Twin Woods Recording studio – you can listen to the songs that were written, produced, and recorded by our campers here: <https://soundcloud.com/lwcgwc>

Keep us posted on the news in your life and help us stay connected! Submit any updates that you would like to see in our next issue to [alumni@lwcgwc.com](mailto:alumni@lwcgwc.com).

Warmly,

*Dayna & Dana*

## SAVE THE DATE! ALUMNI HAPPY HOUR

### Please Join Us...

Catch up with camp friends at our Alumni Happy Hour! There will be appetizers, a cash bar, and a chance to win awesome new LWC/GWC apparel!

**Thursday, January 7, 2016**

**5:30 - 8:30 PM**

Theory Bar

9 W. Hubbard Street, Chicago

To RSVP, email [RSVP@lwcgwc.com](mailto:RSVP@lwcgwc.com)

*\*\* Must be 21 years-old or older.*



## JOIN US AT FAMILY CAMP

**August 14-19, 2016**

Relive your days as a camper in Decatur during **Family Camp from August 14-19!** Experience the magic of camp with 6 days of fun-filled activities for you and your entire family. Spend quality time with your family while participating in your favorite traditions, programs, and activities -- waterskiing, Obstacle Relay, s'mores at the campfire, archery, and meals in the Mess Hall, to name just a few!

Bring your family or rent a cabin with your camp friends. Register now to secure a cabin! Please visit our website at [www.Lwcgwc.com](http://www.Lwcgwc.com) for more information.



## STAY CONNECTED WITH CAMP FRIENDS

If you haven't already, be sure to register with our Alumni Network on our website to reconnect and keep in touch with your camp friends! Update your contact information, share your favorite camp memories, and add any information you want to share with others. You will also have access to our Alumni Message Board. To register, visit [www.lwcgwc.com/alumni](http://www.lwcgwc.com/alumni).





# Alumni Wedding Updates

## JANA (KRITZ) AND ROSS KOHN

Congratulations to newlyweds **Jana (Kritz)** and **Ross Kohn!** The

happy couple was married September 5th, 2015. Their wedding party included seven LWC/GWC alumni, including their siblings **Judd Kohn** and **Hilary** and **Evan Kritz!**

Ross and Jana met in Circle during the summer of 2003. They became great friends and were always talking and hanging out with their camp friends during the school year. They grew to be best friends throughout college and after graduation. Ten years after they first met, in the summer of 2013, Jana decided it was finally time to let Ross take her out on a date!

Currently, the camp couple is living in Chicago. Ross is a commercial banker, and Jana is a speech language pathologist for children with Autism.

### **Favorite Camp Memories:**

Ross: "Winning Color Days as Red Team Captain in 2004."

Jana: "Leading the Purple Team as Captain in 2004."



## MANDI (MILLER) AND AIDAN BAKER

Congratulations to newlyweds **Mandi (Miller)** and **Aidan Baker!**

Mandi and Aidan married October 17th, 2017.

Mandi and Aidan met during his second year as a counselor and Mandi's 14th! They got engaged while living in New Zealand, where Aidan is originally from. Aidan had planned to take Mandi to her favorite restaurant for brunch. As they approached the restaurant, Aidan continued to walk around the building. Not knowing if there was a secret door, Mandi followed, only to be met by a HeliPro sign. Anyone that knows Mandi knows that she is not the best when it comes to heights, especially flying. After some convincing, they both jumped in and flew from Wellington to the Furneaux Lodge in the Marlborough Sounds for a romantic lunch and walk. While on the dock overlooking the sounds, Aidan proposed and the rest is history!

Currently, the camp couple is living in Chicago, looking to buy a house in the Northwest suburbs. Aidan is working for Barnett Capital and Mandi is working at Stevenson High School.

### **Favorite Camp Memories:**

Aidan: "Making long-lasting friendships and waking up at 4:00 AM for a ski."

Mandi: "Definitely the last night of camp. As a camper, it became was always singing at Wish Boat and watching the candles drift out. As I grew up, it became watching the campers and counselors interact at the final campfire. Seeing the impact each was leaving on the other and how meaningful and powerful the camp experience was/is to every camper and staff."



## CARRIE BENJAMIN

Congratulations to Lake of the Woods alum **Carrie Benjamin!**

Carrie married Matthew Rosebrook in Naples, FL on January 3, 2015. Carrie is currently living in Boston, MA. She was lucky enough to have some of her camp friends in attendance!



**Lauren Leviton, Carrie Benjamin, Gayle Effron, and Alexis Gewertz**

## IN MEMORY OF...

We are deeply saddened to share the news of the passing of **Maddy (Horwitz) Boccuzzi**. Those closest to Maddy know she was a caring, fun, energetic, and giving woman – and dedicated LWC alum. Family and friends hope to continue Maddy's fierce fight by doing more research in her name. Please consider making a donation in Maddy's memory to USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center to further the important research work of Dr. Michael Wong, who lovingly cared for Maddy during her fight. The Wong Research Laboratory's primary goal is to create novel treatments that will improve care for patients with Melanoma and advance science for a cure.

Click here (<https://giveto.usc.edu/?fundid=9251146056&appealcode=WN15WM011&buttongen=1&hidetop=1>) to make your donation. Be sure to click on the "Memorial or honorarium information" link and indicate your gift is in memory of Madeline Boccuzzi. If you wish to donate by check, make payable to USC Norris mail to:

USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, Attn: Lee McCabe, 1441 Eastlake Ave., Ste. 8302, Los Angeles, CA 90089-9181  
Please note "Maddy Boccuzzi Memorial Fund" on the memo line of the check.



*Maddy (right) with Alexis Gewertz*



# LWC/GWC ALUMNI Baby Updates

Our alumni families are growing! We'd like to introduce you to future Greenwoods campers below. Please email [carly@lwcgwc.com](mailto:carly@lwcgwc.com) with YOUR good news, so that you can be featured in a future issue of the Alumni Chronicles.

## LAUREN (GIACALONE) BALLARD

**Archer James Ballard**

**DOB: 10/10/2015**

Hometown: Lawrence, KS

Lauren's favorite camp memory: "Meeting my lifelong best friends."

Archer's future favorite camp: "Hopefully, Archer will take after his mom and love waterskiing!"



## CHASE WEIDEMAN-GRANT

**Errol Wayne Grant**

**DOB: 06/10/2015**

Hometown: Hollywood, CA

Chase's favorite camp memory: "It's a real toss up between being on the ODC and feasting on pizza bagels in the Mess Hall." Errol's future favorite camp activity: "I have a feeling it will involve eating pizza bagels in the Mess Hall, as well. The Apple didn't fall too far from the tree."



## LAUREN (TURKISHER) MCGRANE

**Dylan and Sloane McGrane**

**DOB: 09/02/2015**

Lauren's favorite camp memory: "Walking down to the waterfront for Color Days Opening Ceremony (Olympic Days/Indian Princess)."

Dylan and Sloane's future favorite camp activities: "They're water babies, so will love anything on the waterfront, but probably will take after their mom and love sailing best!"



## LESLEY TWEEDIE

**Oscar James Tweedie**

**DOB: 10/25/2015**

Lesley's favorite camp memory: "I loved everything about camp including waterskiing, arts and crafts, sailing, hanging out around the cabin, horseback riding, Olympic and Color Days, and more. I have great memories of campfires large and small and lots of singing."

I also remember just loving walking from activity to activity and being in a place where everyone was friendly and familiar." Oscar's future favorite camp activity: "I think Oscar will be a waterskiier like his mama. I hope he can play the guitar like his daddy and use that cool recording studio that we didn't have when I was a camper."



# ROOKIE CAMP *at* GREENWOODS *Summer 2016*

**Friday, July 8th - Sunday, July 10th**

Rookie Camp is a unique opportunity for **boys ages 6-10** to get a taste of overnight camp and see what it is all about. Boys spend 3 days and 2 nights living like real Greenwoods campers!



Rookie campers are placed in their own cabins with other Rookies around their age and our experienced counselors. The boys participate in a wide sampling of our regular camp activities, and have the opportunity to participate in great evening programs -- all while making new friends!



*Air-conditioned coach transportation is provided to and from Greenwoods from the Chicago area at no additional charge. Tuition: \$500, all inclusive.*



## 5th Annual Global Apparel Day!

Friday, March 4, 2016 is the date for our 5th Annual Global Apparel Day! We want to see our campers, staff, and alumni showing off their camp spirit all over the world!

Take a photo in your favorite camp gear and email it to [carly@lwcgwc.com](mailto:carly@lwcgwc.com) or post your photo to social media using #49045spirit. We will post it to our Facebook and Instagram pages to show our camp pride!



## 2016 CAMP DATES

### Lake of the Woods and Greenwoods (4 wks):

1st Session ..... June 20 - July 16  
2nd Session ..... July 18 - August 13

### The Glen for Girls (2 wks):

1st Session ..... June 20 - July 2  
2nd Session ..... July 18 - July 30

### The Grove for Boys (2 wks):

1st Session ..... July 5 - July 16  
2nd Session ..... August 1 - August 13

Family Camp ..... August 14 - August 19

## "LIKE" us on FACEBOOK



Stay connected with us on Facebook at Lake of the Woods and Greenwoods Camps. We are constantly adding photos and posting exciting news throughout the year! Also, visit our Alumni page and join the group!

[www.facebook.com/LWCGWC](http://www.facebook.com/LWCGWC)

## FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!

Follow us on Instagram and tag your camp photos #49045!

\*\*Submit your old camp photos to [carly@lwcgwc.com](mailto:carly@lwcgwc.com), and they can be featured as a #tbt on our Instagram pages!



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