



# THE ALUMNI CHRONICLES

LAKE OF THE WOODS AND GREENWOODS CAMPS

## ALUMNI UPDATES

LWC/GWC Alumni have been busy over the past year, and we are thrilled to share some of their exciting news! Please e-mail shana@Lwcgwc.com with YOUR good news so that you can be featured in a future issue of the Alumni Chronicles.

### Baby Updates

#### LAUREN (BERG) GROSSMAN

Asher Eli Grossman  
DOB 9/04/2012  
Hometown: Deerfield, IL  
Lauren's favorite camp memory:  
"Color Days, GO BLUE!"  
Asher's favorite future camp activity  
will be... waterskiing!



#### BETH HUNTER

Samuel Ettore McDuffie  
DOB 8/5/2013  
Hometown: Portland, ME  
Beth's favorite camp memory:  
"Accidentally (and not so gracefully)  
falling into Turtle Bay on the first  
day of teaching canoe lessons, my  
first year as a counselor... covered  
in green lake slime and mud and  
completely embarrassed!"  
Samuel's favorite future camp activity  
will be... anything with boats; sailing,  
windsurfing, canoeing, rowing and  
fishing!

#### JUDD KOHN

Lucy Michelle Kohn  
DOB 8/07/2013  
Hometown: Chicago, IL  
Judd's favorite camp  
memory: "Winning Color  
Days 2006 as BLACK team  
advisor"  
Lucy's favorite future camp activity will  
be... waterskiing – because her dad was  
a waterski instructor for 5 years! She  
is already looking forward to making it  
around the lake on her first try.



#### LINDSAY (SEGENRICH) MELTZER

Lucas Meltzer  
DOB 7/10/213  
Hometown: Chicago, IL  
Lindsay's favorite camp memory:  
"So many to choose from, but I get the  
chills whenever I hear "Jack and Diane"  
on the radio and think back to the '98  
white team rocking out in the mess  
hall – unreal!"  
Lucas' favorite future camp activity will  
be... definitely waterskiing.



#### AMY (ATLAS) BANOFF

Caleb Alexander Banoff  
DOB 3/05/2013  
Hometown: Riverwoods, IL  
Amy's favorite camp memory:  
"Color Days song fest"  
Caleb's favorite future camp  
activity will be... "Is rest hour  
an activity? ☺ Swimming!"

#### TORI (OXLEY) OTSTOT

Cassidy Claire Otstot  
DOB 4/26/2013  
Hometown: Williamsburg, VA  
Tori's favorite camp memory:  
"Closing ceremonies for Olympic  
& Color Days. Every year, boys  
and girls, each session, this is  
the most powerful example  
of how camp can change  
someone's life."  
Cassidy's favorite future camp  
activity will be... outdoor living  
skills (her daddy is an Eagle  
Scout!).



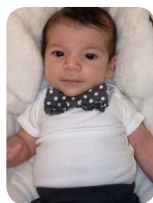
Asher Grossman



Samuel McDuffie



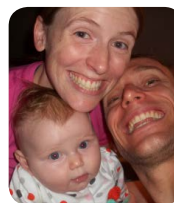
Lucy Kohn



Lucas Meltzer



Caleb Banoff



Cassidy Otstot

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**80th Anniversary Details for  
Summer 2014 are Inside this Issue!!!**



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## Wedding Updates

### LAUREN (TURKISHER) MCGRANE

Married 6/15/2013

Currently: Living in Cleveland, OH, working towards her MBA!

Lauren's favorite camp memory: "So many to choose from, but I love the memory of how it felt to be woken up to walk down to the waterfront from the girls' cabin area by torchlight in the 'middle of the night for Indian Princess/Olympic Days/Color Days... especially Color Days where I was BLUE TEAM CAPTAIN and ADVISOR of course!!"

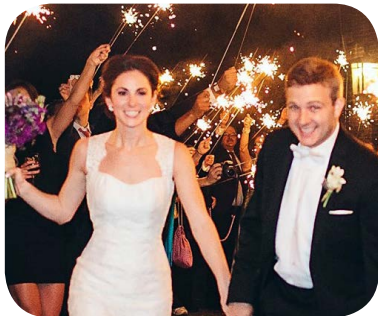


### SARAH (TURKISHER) TRAYLOR

Married 10/13/2013

Currently: Living outside of Boston, MA, working as a technology consultant in Digital Strategy & Product Management

Sarah's favorite camp memory: "I remember the feeling it gave me best, versus any one moment. It's unique because you feel safe and independent all at the same time. I loved walking down the dirt road to the ski dock in the mornings, going on runs down 47 1/2 Street, old school canteen (a cup of Mountain Dew and bag of popcorn), the mess hall, singing, arts & crafts, hanging out in the cabins making collages and playing stationary blackjack, got dolled up to go bowling, and so much more..."



### SANDIE (TOMCZYK) SIPPERLEY

Married on 3/06/2013

Currently: Living in Denver, CO, moving into a new house, and staying busy!

Sandie's favorite camp memory: "The first time I experienced Opening and Closing ceremonies for Color Days!"

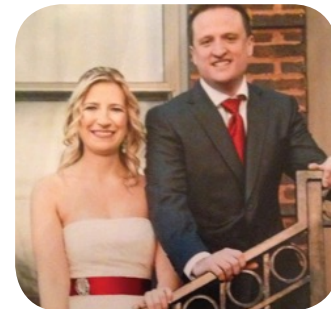


### STEPHANIE (CECIL) ZANGRILLI

Married on 3/16/2013

Currently: Living in Chicago, IL, working as a social worker with pregnant and parenting teen moms and their children

Stephanie's favorite camp memory: "A few of my all time favorites were the 4th of July, ice cream raids, pow wow, and CIT summer – probably one of the greatest summers of my life... I still sometimes dream that I'm at camp!"



### WILL DUNMIRE

Married on 10/5/2013

Currently: Living in Minneapolis, continuing his career in the camping industry by working full-time at Camp Lincoln-Lake Hubert, and traveling all over the world!

Will's favorite camp memory: "Camping in the teepee with the Mohawks my last summer as a counselor"



**SOCIAL MEDIA:** *Are you online? We want you to be part of our online camp community!*



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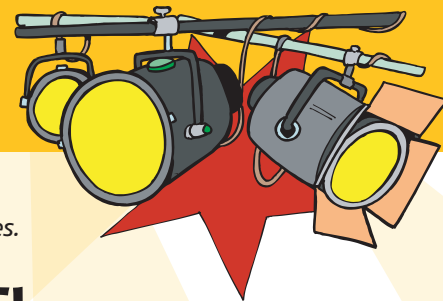
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## Alumni Spotlight...

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



We are so lucky to have such talented and successful alumni at LWC/GWC! Please e-mail [shana@Lwcgwc.com](mailto:shana@Lwcgwc.com) with YOUR update and we will include you in the next *Alumni Chronicles*.



## BRAD COLE

Singer and songwriter Brad Cole (Greenwoods Camper 1969 – 1970) is currently touring all over

the U.S., and after sending his daughter to LWC for four years, took some time to reminisce on his days at GWC...

### What are your favorite camp memories?

*"Color Days for sure, raiding the canteen, archery, sailing, being grouped around a little TV in the Mohawks' cabin to watch Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon"*

**How did camp help prepare you for the "real world"?** *"Did so many first time things; horses, archery.. kind of my first sense of 'me' and it felt good. Most importantly, the handful of friends that have stayed close after all these years."*

### Why do you think camp is important for children to experience today?

*"Get out of their regular environment, get a sense of self, opportunities to do new things, get a sense of non-academic, friendly competition... as I look back, I felt like I had all sorts of freedom, yet a structure that was cool. It was good to have little jobs and be part of something. I did not realize how protected and secure we were, and for some kids this will be their only shot at this same, communal, homey adventure."*

**Any advice for current/future campers at LWC/GWC?** *"Start early, do everything, if the girl flirts with you... smile and engage!"*

### \*\*Fun bonus story from Brad...

*"When I was 16 and just got my drivers' license, another ex-camper and I made our first 'road trip'... we lied to our parents about a fictional sleepover and drove up to Decatur, had our first beer at the M-40, and then camped out by the sailing dock. I think it was October and we froze! As far as we were concerned, Greenwoods was like the Emerald City."*



## DAVID HIMMEL

"You know that gut-wrenching feeling we all get when we start to miss our days at camp? Greenwoods Camp alumnus David Himmel (Greenwoods Camper 1990 – 1994, Staff Member 1996 – 2000) has the cure: a book about summer camp. Specifically, a book about our summer camp. It's called *A Camp Story: The History of Lake of the Woods and Greenwoods Camps* and if you've already read it, you can always read it again.

David was a camper from 1990-1994 and a counselor and sailing instructor from 1996-2000. Since then, a few things happened. He graduated from the University of Nevada Las Vegas, worked in radio for a few years as an on-air personality, bought a house, bought a car and bought a pair of shoes.

He moved back to Chicago in 2007. To keep the lights on and pay his monthly iPhone bill, David writes. On top of being an author, he is a playwright and an editor. David has written successful plays that have been produced on stages throughout Chicago at theaters like The Second City and Chicago Dramatists. He is the managing editor of *Chicago Health* magazine and was hired last year to edit the business book *What's the Worst that Could Happen*. David also writes advertising copy and works with businesses developing successful branding and marketing plans.

When he's away from his desk, he is occasionally a storyteller at The MOTH story slam or at other storytelling events where he does his best to make people laugh. He hasn't been booed off stage yet.

He's also lucky enough that he can return to camp several times each summer and read to our campers and staff from his book, something everyone seems to enjoy, especially David. It helps get rid of that gut-wrenching camp sickness he so often feels.

So, what's he up to now? He's writing the third annual holiday favorite *Christmas in Chicago*, a comedic musical review that skewers the year's news and pop culture events with original scenes, songs and a few spoofs of those old holiday classic tunes. *Chicago Theater Beat* called the show "a four star revue that knocks over the sacred cows and political correctness with panache and a healthy helping of the sardonic humor that is Chicago. [The writing] pulls out the stops and could teach the writers of SNL quite a bit about what is funny." David is also hard at work writing his next book—a novel this time.

Additionally, he serves as the president of the Gilda's Club Chicago associate board, which is preparing for the big event of the year, Night of a Thousand Noogies on Oct. 19th featuring Chicago celebs and The Second City. He is also a regular supporter of SCOPE Midwest.

David lives in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood with his girlfriend Katie and their dog Eddie. He'll teach Katie to sail as soon as she gets over her motion and seasickness. Meanwhile, Eddie is teaching him to fetch. And yes, that is a 19-year-old David on that episode about camp on *This American Life*, which you can hear on NPR.

*Christmas in Chicago* plays December 13–22 at The Alley Stage at Profiles Theatre. You can buy *A Camp Story* at any bookstore as well as online at Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.com. You can also check out David's website at [Himmellnk.com](http://Himmellnk.com), which might encourage him to update it more frequently."

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### MARCI SPERLING

"The summer of 1978 began a friendship that has only grown stronger over time. That summer, for the first time ever, Erica and I were in Bryn Mawr cabin together. I was put in a cabin with a bunch of new people, and not happy to be there – they were not happy for me to be joining their group. In a matter of days it all changed! Erica and I went from strangers to lifelong friends. We were inseparable that summer even though we wound up being Color Day captains for opposing teams!

The years moved on. We always lived in different states, went to different colleges, studied abroad in different countries, and went to different law schools, but our friendship remained strong – we were even bridesmaids in each other's weddings! Last spring, Erica and her children flew from California to Chicago for 48 hours to attend my daughter's bat mitzvah.

Fast forward 35 years from that first summer together at camp to 2013; Erica and I both turned 50 this year, and were looking for a way to celebrate. We decided to celebrate together where our friendship began – Lake of the Woods Camp! Erica (and her daughter Hayley) and myself (and my kids Sara & Seth) went to Family Camp this past summer. It was the most amazing, wonderful week full of reminiscing and creating new memories at LWC. The week culminated when Erica and I were co-captains for the blue team and won the obstacle relay by "burning that rope"!"



*Marci and Erica in Bryn Mawr cabin in 1978 (left) and at Family Camp in 2014 (top)!*



## SCOPE NEWS

Many of you may know that LWC & GWC support SCOPE, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide children in need the edge to succeed in life through the summer camp experience. We accomplish this by funding camperships at not-for-profit resident camps where children benefit from a positive, safe and healthy environment. It is through SCOPE that these kids get to experience the magic of camp that we all love – friends, campfires, the lake and more! We are so proud that our very own Dayna Hardin and Dana Kite are the initial founders of SCOPE-Midwest!

### SCOPE Swim-A-Thon

This summer was our FOURTH annual SCOPE swim-a-thon! In total, 354 campers participated in our 2013 event, swimming a total of 11,280 laps! That's over 140 miles!!!! Through online donations from our wonderful camp families and friends, we raised \$6681.00, which enables SCOPE to send 13 children to participating camps all over the Midwest!



SCOPE Midwest is camping under the city lights and inviting you to...

## SCOPE in the City

Join other young professionals with a passion for summer camp for a fun-filled evening to benefit the kids of SCOPE Midwest!

When: **Thursday, November 7, 2013**  
from 6:00-9:00 pm

Where: **The Tap Room at Stout Barrel House and Galley**  
at 642 N. Clark St., Chicago, Illinois

Cost: \$40 includes beer/wine package and appetizers

Event Co-Chairs: Rachel Geller & Shana Dorn

For more information on SCOPE and how to get involved, please visit [www.scopeusa.org](http://www.scopeusa.org)

### SAVE THE DATE for SCOPE IN THE CITY

SCOPE-Midwest is excited to announce a new fall event for all of our Chicago-area alumni; **SCOPE in the City!** Join us for fun, happy hour event in the city at **STOUT BARREL HOUSE AND GALLEY** on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2013**. To register, go to: <https://support.scopeusa.org/2013-scope-in-the-city-young-professionals-event>





# Save the Dates!

## Celebrating Lake of the Woods and Greenwoods Camps' 80th Summer!!

*We are celebrating our 80th anniversary with  
these two exciting alumni events:*

### ALUMNI COCKTAIL PARTY

Chicago, IL

Friday, July 18th, 2014

### A DAY AT CAMP

Decatur, MI\*

Saturday, July 19th, 2014



**THE FINE PRINT:** In order to attend either event, alumni must be a minimum of 21 years of age.

\* Optional transportation is provided from the northern Chicago suburbs for the Saturday, July 19th event.

**Questions? Call Shana at (847) 242-0009 or email [shana@Lwcgwc.com](mailto:shana@Lwcgwc.com).**

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## FAMILY CAMP

Relive your days as a camper in Decatur during our annual FAMILY CAMP week! Experience the magic of LWC/GWC with your favorite traditions, camp programs, and activities; water-skiing, Obstacle Relay, campfires, archery, meals in the mess hall,

Bring your family to share the amazing camp experience, or rent a cabin with all of your old camp friends – what a way to celebrate our 80th summer!!

Please visit our website at [www.Lwcgwc.com](http://www.Lwcgwc.com) for more information on FAMILY CAMP 2014. We would love to have you there! ☺

## WHAT'S NEW AT LWC/GWC

We pride ourselves on traditions and rich history, and continue to build on that with new, exiting programs and activities. Below are some of the recent (and future!) additions to our camp program:

- Music Studio – keyboard & voice classes
- Fitness Pavilion – personal fitness, aerobics, yoga pilates classes
- Gymnastic Pavilion
- Cooking Studio
- Paddle-boarding

