

# Camp Pendalouan

Fall 2008

## SMOKE SIGNALS

### ALUMNI DAY - October 11, 2008

Expect great things and enjoy colorful leaves and memories at Pendalouan Alumni Day! View the new



online Alumni Network through our website for more details and to tell us you're coming.

Remember to update your profile on Alumni Network. Go to Alumni Network from [pendalouan.org/alumni](http://pendalouan.org/alumni).

### BILL BOYDEN SCHOLARSHIP

Kalin Franks, a 2<sup>nd</sup> year Sr Counselor and Columbia University –Chicago student was the recipient of this year's award. Emerging on top from a pool of outstanding staff, Kalin's infectious enthusiasm provided positive momentum to a successful summer season. The award was preceded with the usual tradition of Bruce sharing embarrassing stories surreptitiously gathered from Kalin's family and friends.



**EDDIE BOERSEMA'S** birthday was July 18. Bruce had a chance to join him at breakfast and presented him with a camper & staff signed birthday card and 2008 staff shirt.

**REMEMBER** to be watching our website for upcoming events and 2009 Summer schedule!

### OWASIPPE UPDATE

The Muskegon County Circuit Court ruled in favor of Blue Lake Township in the suit brought against them by The Chicago Boy Scouts Association. The suit was regarding the township's unwillingness to rezone the property for other than forest recreation-

institution use, i.e. marketable housing parcels. Since then, the Boy Scouts have appealed although without any further apparent action, and in addition have

made internal personnel changes and consequently several friendly overtures to Pendalouan and other area organizations. The upshot appears to be status quo while the Boy Scouts negotiate with Ben Smith –owner of the purchase option, the Owasippe Outdoor Education Center (OOEC) –local group with backing from The Trust for Public Land and yes, Pendalouan.

Although we are not meeting on a regular basis, the groups all know we are very interested in preserving the shoreline and adjoining properties at the west

end of Big Blue Lake. –being able to purchase or control shoreline around Turtle Bay to the Sand bar as well as building a Conference facility at Hiawatha Beach would be very much in Pendalouan's long-term interests.



### PROGRAMS

**ALUMNI DAY**  
October 11, 2008

**WOMENS ADVENTURE WEEKEND**  
September 26-28, 2008 for ages 21+

**HALLOWEEN CAMP**  
October 24-25, 2008 for grades K-8

**WINTER CAMP**  
Dec. 19-20, 2008 for grades K-8

**SPRING BREAK ESCAPE**  
April 6-10, 2009 for grades K-8

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**Smoke Signals Newsletter, Fall 2008**

**SUMMER 2008**

Lori Willson reports “a fantastic staff, serving more and more kids!” Our enrollment continued to increase from the prior year, but a challenging one as an additional 17% more kids attended with financial assistance. These kids and families would not be able to attend without the support we receive from The Muskegon Y’s Club and individual contributors to the Children First matching funds program. Following are excerpts from camper thank you letters:

Dear Donor, I love the new cabins & all the picnic(sic) tables. I like boating & the climbing wall & I made my goal on the wall. I wish I can come back!! Thank you sooo much.

Dear Doner, Im a kid and I enjoyed everything here and I made new friends. I would like to come back.

Dear Donor, thank you for helping support camp by donating money to buy things. Next year I will be a 5<sup>th</sup> year camper and a Thunderbird! I love camp. Thank you for making it a better place to be.

Dear Donor, Thank you so much for making camp asme (awesome). I really like the cabins and the climbing wall. Yesterday I made 20 feet wooo hooo! Thank you & go camp!

**“NEW” CABINS CONTINUE TO IMPRESS!**

Our two newest cabins built through contributions from John & Kathy Workman –Kiowa cabin and Gerhard “Gary” Olsen –Gogebic cabin rounded out their first summer season together. Parents of our youngest campers loved their kids having an indoor bathroom and such cool bunk beds! They are also a hit with weekend groups including church youth groups, and other programs.

**MORE NEW CABINS?**

Don and Nancy Crandall have committed to a complete makeover of Apache cabin, aka “A” cabin, aka Kiwanis cabin. When completed it will have new energy efficient walls and roof, an indoor bathroom, and a covered front deck. Right now it is the same old cabin with new plans waiting for approval from the State of Michigan.

