



The Clock Tower Times

Alumni Newsletter

Echoes of the chimes of our time.

110 years

Dearest Camp Billings Alumni,

The Countdown to the Camp Billings 110th Anniversary Celebration is on! June 17-19 2016 is in....days (get the countdown app)!!!! We want to see you come home and initiate your loved ones to the best kept secret on earth.

All participants—either staying at camp or nearby MUST REGISTER BY MAY 15th TO ATTEND the CB reunion.

We need to be ready for the big event so please act **today** if you have not already registered! Please complete the registration form enclosed or visit our website www.campbillings.org to register online. If cost is a concern, please contact Elissa Malcolm elissa.malcolm@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Still unsure about whether you should attend? Our Board President Mike Lemme's letter reminds us how it is an opportunity to rekindle or maintain treasured friendships.

For my part, allow me to quote our dear old Uncle Ralph, who in his invitation to the "Jack's Alive...we're 85th reunion said "The intangible things that are often difficult to describe, but remembered for a lifetime, are a backbone of the Billings Spirit! We invite you to come spend time with us and you will remember our uniqueness!"

Looking forward to seeing you!

Jasmine St-Laurent
Alumni Committee Chairperson



Secret photo of Dad Hurd, founder and director of Camp Billings and Billuminati.

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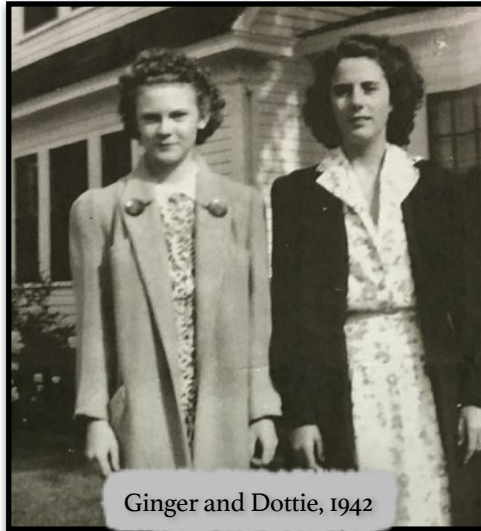
Greetings from the Board....

By Michael Lemme, Board President

"TWO BILLINGS ALUMNI REUNITED AFTER 75 YEARS"

The bonds that we have all formed with our camp friends last forever. Even after our time here ends either as a camper or as a counselor, the reunions we hold every 5 years give us another opportunity to rekindle our friendships and spend time together on our beautiful campus on Lake Fairlee. Try to reach out to some of your friends who you may have lost touch with. You'll be surprised how excited they'll be and you just might get them to come to the reunion!

Just a few months ago, my mother Virginia Nelson who went to Billings from 1938-1941 received a letter from her long lost friend Dottie Wood. They spent their first summer together in a tent on Junior Row and used to visit each other at my mother's home in New Hampshire and Dottie's home in Massachusetts, but somewhere along the way, they lost touch with each other. Dottie saw my mother's name in a recent Clock Tower Times article and here we are 75 years later and they are back in touch.... and just in time for their 90th Birthdays!!! Dottie even remembered that they were born only one month apart, Mom this March and



Ginger and Dottie, 1942

Dottie in February. Here we have two of our most Senior Alumni from the 1930' and 40's finding each other and I hope their story will motivate all of us to try and do the same!

Once you arrive at Billings, you'll be quite impressed with our brand new facilities! We have just completed the renovation of all of our bathrooms and showers on time and on budget. Your Board of Directors would like to thank all of our alumni who have donated to our "Dear John" Capital Campaign

that made this happen. It's been 10 years since we held our grand 100th Anniversary, and if you haven't been to camp since then you will be amazed at what you're in store for. We have made MAJOR improvements to camp's Program Areas and Infrastructure. We have renovated all of our oldest historic cottages, Sunnyside, the Guest House, Pinewood, and Weownit. We have built 2 new cabins on Girls Sr. Row, spun Cabin 1 around to face the lake complete with a lakeside front porch, and tripled the size of Uncle Ralph's Craft shop and installed a brand new

Ropes Challenge Course with a zip line that crosses the upper ball field! And to add to the excitement we have just expanded our campus with the recent purchase of Kozy Nook.

So mark your calendars and get ready to have a fun filled weekend at Camp Billings, your Dear Old Camp!

Have a great summer, and hope to see you at Camp Billings 110th Anniversary Weekend June 17-19 !!!

Your President and fellow Alumni,

Michael



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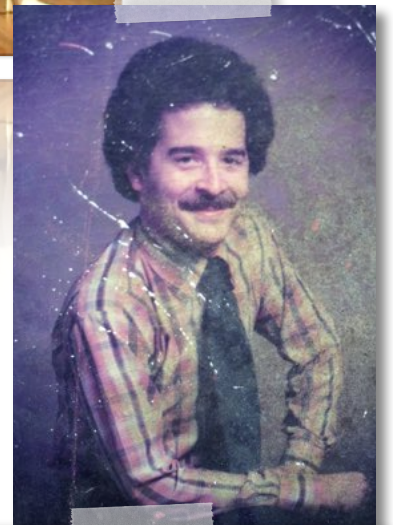
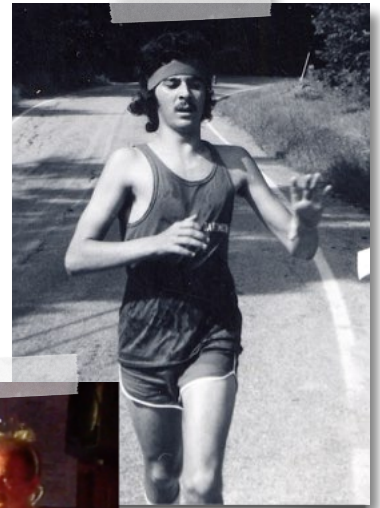
"To Everything There is a Season" was a hit song covered by a group called The Byrds in the mid-1960s. It was also known as "Turn, Turn, Turn" and originally was a biblical verse that spoke to the different times one experiences during the course of a life well spent. The past sixteen years has been my Billings season, a time that has been uniquely gratifying on a personal basis, and more importantly, one of continuity, continuous growth and great progress in establishing a sound future for our beloved Camp Billings.

Recently, I announced to our Board of Directors that my time as your Emperor and keeper of the flame is almost done. Thirty-one summers of my life have been spent avoiding getting into the frigid waters of Lake Fairlee. It is time for someone else to jump in head first, and guide our dear old camp through future generations of young people who are fortunate enough to call Camp Billings home.

My goodbye will be a lengthy one, as I want to give the Board of Directors time to identify and hire the BEST possible candidate(s) to lead Camp Billings into the future. I will continue as Director through the summer of 2018, working in concert during that last season with my chosen successor.

In the interim, I look forward to three majestic summers ahead, and the opportunity to say "thank you" to all the people I have had the privilege of working so closely with during the course of my benevolent dictatorship.

With love, Bob Green



Sean Collins and Tyler Gardner dressed for 90 degree weather making sure Bob gets enough water as he tries to win the Round The Lake Race with his newly repaired heart!

Watch out for information in the fall Clock Tower Times from the CB Director Search Committee headed by Carolyn Churchill.

THE TOP TEN REASONS WHY YOU MUST ATTEND THE BILLINGS 110TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

10. To introduce your spouse to your old camp flame and have that awkward moment.

9. To convince yourself that you'll be game enough to go skinny dipping on Saturday night.

8. To awkwardly shoot hoops with some 7 year old because you ran out of people you know.

7. To motivate yourself to lose those darn 10 lbs (Don't worry: this is the place where people accept you the way you are!)

5. To be there for Larry's 48th summer! (He's going to break the record)

6. To finally fulfill your destiny of marrying someone from camp.

4. To be too shy to ask what Kozy Nook is because it seems too late to ask at this point.

3. To find your name in one of the cabins where you stayed as camper or staff.

2. To **really** get your money's worth in the new bathrooms.

1. To remember what it's like to reunite with old friends and feel like no time has passed.



At the old Camp Billings Store...

Visit the Camp Billings Online Store or bring some pocket money to get your CB memorabilia at the reunion! www.campbillings.org

Pick up your reunion T-shirt upon arrival at the reunion!!



T-shirt front

T-shirt back

Billuminati T-shirt: \$10
Must be pre-ordered by
May15th!

If you already registered and forgot to order the T-shirt, please contact Sean Collins:

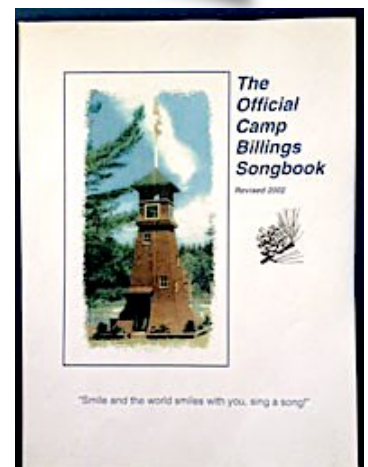
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The winner of the personally monogrammed sweatshirt is:

Jack Campbell!

Please contact Sean Collins at campbillingsstore@gmail.com to redeem your prize!

Billuminati Can Cozie 4\$
Classic CB T-shirts 10\$
Striped pompom Beanies 9\$
Large and mini CB pendants 3\$
Classic CB logo hoodies 30\$
Camp Billings Songbook 10\$
Camp Billings Coffee Mug 5\$
CB Classic Sweatshirt Blanket 32\$





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KEEPING THE SECRET ALIVE FOR 110 YEARS

It's time to pull out your Camp Billings t-shirts, dust off your trunk, and sign up for the

110th Reunion!

Former campers, former staff, parents of campers and long-time Billings supporters, you are all part of the family and we are calling you home! No matter how many years you've been away, it's time to sign up for the reunion. Come back to the place where you always belong! Here are the different ways to participate:

Stay At Camp:

For the most authentic camp experience, you will want to stay in one of the fine Billings cabins. Hear the gentle lullaby sounds of Lake Fairlee as you fall asleep in your bunk and wake early to the sound of the bugle. Spend the

entire weekend immersed in the sights and sounds and smells of summer at the camp we all love so well!

SOLD OUT

Stay Nearby:

If you have reached the point in your life where you desire a little more in the way of creature comforts, or if your young babies need a quiet place to sleep, you may make your own arrangements for overnight accommodations, while spending the rest of the weekend at Billings. This includes access to all reunion activities and meals except breakfast.

Saturday only:

Arrive any time after breakfast and stay through the campfire and fireworks, if you like. See scheduled activities above. The reunion ceremony will start at 4 pm. Lunch and dinner are included.

The Billuminati

Friday

- 2:00 - Arrivals: Check in to your cabin and enjoy open courts and the waterfront
- 3:30 - Basketball Challenge
- 5:00 - Cocktail Hour
- 6:00 - Dinner
- 7:00 - Camp Duties
- 8:00 - Special Billuminati Event: Initiation of Siam and the Ace Hypnotist
- 10:00 - Quiet Time

Saturday

- 6:00 - Yoga on the Clock Tower Lawn
- 6:45 - Run Around the Lake
- 8:00 - Breakfast
- 9:00 - Camp Duties
- 9:30 - 11:45 Open programs: Tennis, Canoeing, Waterskiing, Paddle Boarding, Playaking, Pontoon Rides, Crafts, Latin Decoding, Ropes Course, Basketball, Archery, Snorkeling
- 10:30 - Junior Program on the Clock Tower Lawn
- 11:00 - Soccer Game on Rainshadow.
- 12:15 - Lunch
- 1:00 - Camp Duties
- 1:30 - All Camp and Generational Photos
- 2:00 - Open Programs and Lawn Games
- 3:00 - Free swim
- 4:00 - Reunion Ceremony under the tent
- 5:30 - Cocktails
- 6:00 - Dinner
- 7:30 - Final Camp Fire, Jack's Alive, Candlelit Triangle and Fireworks.
- 10:00 - Quiet Time

Sunday

- 8:00 - Breakfast
- 9:00 - Camp Duties
- 9:45 - Chapel
- 11:00 - Checkout, clean up.
- 12:00 - Lunch
- 1:00 - Sad goodbyes on the Clock Tower Lawn



PLEASE READ THESE IMPORTANT MESSAGES



When you arrive at camp, please go to the check-in table to pick up your registration package which will include your bracelet. This will give you access to all the meals and programs planned for the reunion. This is also where you will collect your pre-ordered Billuminati T-Shirt.

Please do not bring any glass containers.

Camp Billings is smoke-free!

All children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

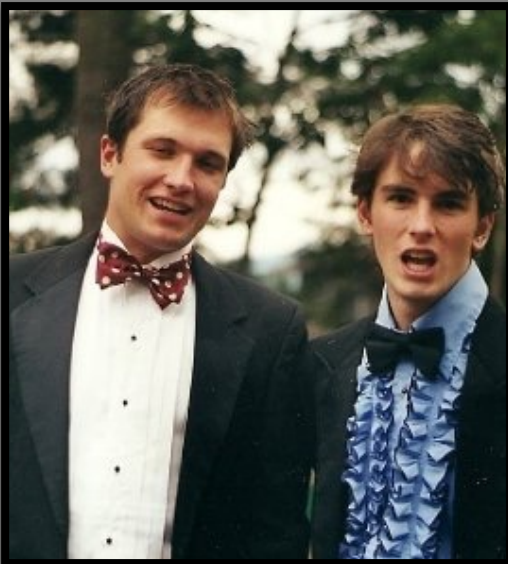
For those registered to stay at camp:

Cabin assignments will be given upon arrival at camp. We will do our best to accommodate requests.

Families with children – We will accommodate most families with children on Girls Senior Row. Keep in mind that there will be some noise at night with fireworks on Saturday and old friends catching up.

Alumni who are coming with no kids and no obligations - Please be mindful that noise travels on the lake and that we care about the comfort of all the reunion participants. We also want to maintain good relations with our neighbors.

Due to sanitary and space concerns, there will ironically be NO CAMPING at CB during the reunion. At the time of printing, staying at camp was SOLD OUT as an option. Please consult the list of nearby accommodations to take part in the festivities.



We need the open space to play! Please carpool or get dropped off if you can avoid having a car at camp. Overflow parking and shuttles will be arranged nearby.

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Local Lodging and Accommodations:

Autumn Breeze Motor Lodge, North Woodstock, 603-745-8549, (****), \$99
Baymont Inn & Suites, West Lebanon, NH 603-298-8888, (***), \$117
 Group rate - April, \$89.99, baymont55@gmail.com
Bradford Motel, Bradford, VT 802-222-4467 (***), \$195
Carriage Motel, Woodstock, NH 603-745-2416 (****), \$87
Comfort Inn, White River Junction, VT 802-295-3051 (***), \$118
Coppertoppe Inn & Retreat Center, Hebron, NH 603-744-3636 (****), \$199
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Fairfield Inn & Suites, White River Jct, 802-291-9911 (***), \$184
Fireside Inn & Suites, West Lebanon, NH 603-298-5900 (****), \$180
Franconia Inn, Franconia, NH 603-823-5542 (****), \$179
Hampton Inn, White River Jct, 802-296-2800, (***), \$199
Hanover Inn Dartmouth, Hanover, NH 603-643-4300 (****), \$360
Hollow Inn and Motel, Barre, VT 802-479-9313 (***), \$99
Holiday Inn Express & Suites, White River Junction, 802-299-2700, (****), \$175
Hotel Coolidge, White River Junction, VT 802-295-3118 (***), \$149
Inn at Clearwater Pond, Quechee, VT 802-295-0606 (****), \$195
Jack O'Latern Resort, Woodstock, NH 603-745-8121 (***), \$90
Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT 802-333-4311 (****), \$149
Norwich Inn, Norwich, VT 802-649-1143 (****), \$239
Quality Inn Barre/ Montpelier, Barre, VT 802-476-6678 (****), \$111
Quality Inn at Quechee Gorge, Quechee, VT 802-295-7600 (****), \$130
Residence Inn, Hanover Lebanon, NH 603-643-4511 (****), \$169
Shaker Farm Bed & Breakfast, Enfield, NH 603-632-7664, (****), \$135
Shaker Hill Bed & Breakfast, Enfield, NH 603-632-7664, (****), \$135
Six South St. Hotel, Hanover, NH 603-643-0600 (***), \$250
Sunset Motor Inn, West Lebanon, NH 603-298-8721 (***), \$109
Super 8, White River Junction, VT 802-295-7577, (***), \$72
The Lyme Inn, Lyme, NH 603-795-4824 (****), \$209
The Parker House Inn, Quechee, VT 802-295-6077, (****), \$245
The Quechee Inn at Marshland Farm, Quechee, VT 802-295-3133, (***), \$130
The Wilderness Inn Bed & Breakfast, North Woodstock, VT 888-777-7813, (****), \$90
The Woodstock Inn & Resort, Woodstock, VT 800-448-7900 (****), \$440
Trumbell House Bed & Breakfast, Hanover, NH 800-651-5141 (****), \$220
White River Inn & Suites, White River Jct, VT, 802-295-3015 (***), \$119

Make a playlist! Capture the sounds of the **top 10 songs played during your time at camp** and have them play at our various events. Please contact jasminestlaurent@yahoo.com to sign up!

If you want to perform a skit, a song or read a mushy message at the Alumni Campfire on **Saturday night**, please email caseyhuling@gmail.com unless already mentioned on your registration form.

There will not be a camp nurse on staff during the reunion. If you are a nurse, EMT or doctor attending the reunion, please identify yourself at the registration table.



The registration fees are collected solely to cover the costs of hosting the reunion and if there are any excess proceeds, they will be donated to Camp Billings. If the rates represent a problem for you, please do not hesitate to contact Elissa Malcolm at

(603) 682-1452 or elissa.malcolm@gmail.com

to make special arrangements. All requests will be handled confidentially. We don't want anyone to miss out. due to expense.

We need volunteer **photographers!!!** Please contact: jasminestlaurent@yahoo.com

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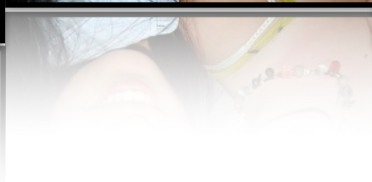
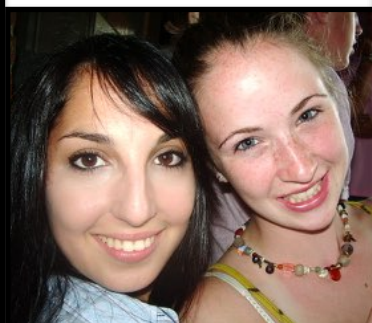
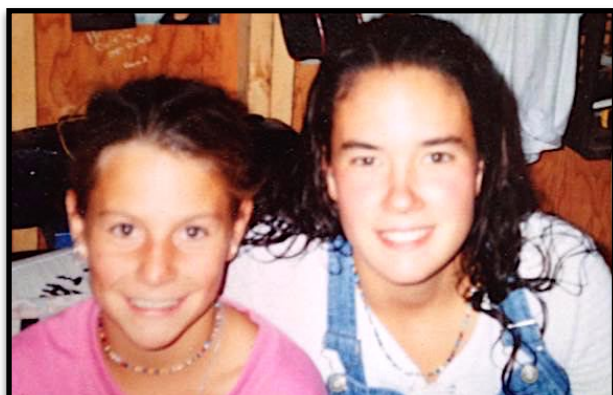
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Here is Billy
Douglas with the Blue
Team: Winners of the
1972 Color War!

