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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Last summer marked my 20th anniversary reunion with Camp Rising Sun. At moments, the length of years feel like a major milestone and at other moments feel like just the beginning of my relationship to LAJF. When I meet with alumni like Irwin Nydick who attended Camp in 1939 - 1942 and then gave of himself so fully throughout his life, my twenty years seem like a drop in the bucket.



This year marks the 40 year anniversary of Freddie's passing. In the time of my involvement, I have learned that the organization would not have continued to exist, were it not for the very dedicated individuals who assisted Freddie in his endeavors and who readily picked up the responsibilities after his passing.

In our 88 years as an organization and as a community of alumni, there have been those who stepped up and led. They showed up when they were needed at Camp, they served on the Board, they served on staff and led the organization as Executive Directors. Each of these leaders took their love of Camp and turned it into a bigger gift to the future.

For my own experience as a camper, I am personally grateful for those who stepped in, gave their weekends, their nights, their summers to make sure my generation could experience Camp Rising Sun. For everyone who attends in the next decade- we do this work for them. I give of myself fully to this organization in honor of those dedicated souls who came before me and of the promise of the young people who benefit in the future.

Thank you to those who walked before me, besides me and after me. We are Camp Rising Sun. In the following pages, please learn about our recent beneficiaries, our plans for the future and how alumni are living the Rising Sun values.

In gratitude,

Helene Mattera ('97, '98, '00, '01, '10 - '12, '15 - '18) LCSW
Executive Director, LAJF

Thank You

This spring we say goodbye to three outgoing board members, as their term on the Board of Directors is over. Join us in thanking, Damian Brennan ('87, '91 - '95, '02, '15 - '17), Nita Luis, and Patrick O'Malley ('80) for their service. We thank them for the hard work, engagement and passion they have given in their service as Board Members. Their dedication to the Camp Rising Sun mission has been appreciated.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Camp Rising Sun Community,

As another season of CRS is about to begin, I am also coming to grips with my new role as president of the LAJF Board. I wanted to share with you my view on the changes and progress we have made as a community.

When I think back to my first days at Camp in 1973, I remember an experience that left an indelible mark which remains with me 45 years later. In those days, we had the honor and privilege of knowing the founder who, at that time, was the primary source of funds, drove selection with an extensive travel schedule, and was a larger-than-life presence at Camp.

Most campers attended for the full two months, but many for four weeks or less; during those days, we swam in the Sawkill and there was not yet a Girls camp. It seems that changes have occurred since I first came to Camp in 1973.

Staying true to the mission of diversity, Camp has since expanded to include both boys and girls. We no longer swim in the the Sawkill, but in a swimming pool – but most importantly, the primary source of funding, the work that goes into selection and the general task of sustaining Camp Rising Sun has shifted to the community at large, after Freddie Jonas died in 1978 – 40 years ago this year.

As many of us have experienced up close, the shifts in our history such as losing the founder, opening Clinton, and closing Red Hook have brought its challenges; challenges that our community have risen to. Along the way, there have been some real successes in our collective efforts; some brave attempts at an open dialogue and the opportunity to reconnect with our core values. My goal will be to reconnect with each and every alumni as we build maximum momentum for the future of Camp Rising Sun!

However, I believe that we are better and stronger and more resilient as a community than we ever were before. With our current Strategic Plan in place, we are well-positioned to feel confident about the future of CRS. I am convinced that we can move faster as a community if we can continue to build on the positive momentum with healing the hurt and unifying our perspectives and energy towards common ends.

Although we may have work to do to achieve a unified community, I do see a community that has already stepped up to

the challenge of sustaining Camp Rising Sun into the next century – a goal I believe is within sight.

As described later in this Sundial, as we enter the second year of our current five-year plan, we have many accomplishments to take pride in as well and goals yet to reach. Our long-term goal of re-opening the Red Hook campus and operating two simultaneous seven-week seasons requires the commitment, time, talent and treasure of the entire community.

Your perspectives are an important part of our moving ahead as a community.

Please consider bringing your perspective to the conversation; Please write staff and/or myself at alumni@lajf.org with your thoughts on our plans and progress. We all need your engagement to achieve Sustainability. I also welcome you to participate in the upcoming Alumni Survey, either by responding or by lending your time and talent in drafting it.

For the hundreds in our community who are already contributing to our mission, please accept my deepest thanks for your role in sustaining Camp Rising Sun. Further, I would encourage you to stop for a moment and relish what you are helping create each summer at Camp Rising Sun! For those that have been on the sidelines for whatever reason, I would entreat you to consider rejoining the community in sustaining the experience we call Camp Rising Sun.

I think the astounding legacy of Camp Rising Sun was the impact it left in the community to inspire a desire to change our world for the better. As I look around, I see many examples of leadership and contribution in other diverse philanthropic endeavors. In the end, I believe that this is a distinguishing characteristic of our community that defines the value proposition of our work at the Foundation. This end is what inspired me to take on this new role on the LAJF Board.

In friendship,

Camper for life, Tim Conners ('73)

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CELEBRATING FREDDIE

"The future is what Freddie's life was all about."

- Bill Dubey ('40 - '42, '77 - '86)

In this 40th anniversary of our founder's passing, we pause to reflect on the work, the friendships and the incredible legacy left behind by George Jonas. Lovingly referred to as Freddie/Freddy (the spelling which causes quite the upset between alumni) or "the janitor" he was the one who inspired so many to learn and grow as individuals and together as a world community. He had a vision for a better world. Alumni from the 1930's speak of Freddie as a lifelong friend and some even as a father figure.

Freddie's legacy lives on today at Camp Rising Sun (CRS). Traditions are strong and are passed down each summer. On the early years, Irwin Nydick ('39, '41, '42, '44 - '46) reminisced about construction, now called project time, and squad-work, now called teamwork, singing, and Council. He remarked by the time he was a camper in 1938, the essence of Camp and it's traditions were fairly set in place. When he was a camper, they already felt a strong pressure to "live up to the glory years." Eighty years after Irwin's first summer, any alumnus stepping foot onto our campus today would recognize it as "CRS."

In the [Sundial issue of Winter 1979](#), Hugh McGough ('77, '78) described the memorial service as "a great family meeting," even though many had never met. Hundreds of alumni sat side by side, brought together by experience and this great man. In the [Winter 1978 issue of the Sundial](#), Bill Dubey ('40 - '42, '77 - '86), the Executive Director at the time, consoled alumni by explaining "Today is not an occasion for mourning, but a celebration of life." "It is the future that is of paramount importance. The future is what Freddy's life was all about." ■

Speaking for myself, however, in light of my experience of two years as Executive Director, I can honestly say that the ideas established by Freddy during the past 49 years will continue to nourish us. Our course is determined, and I am convinced that what we do has as much (if not more) validity and purpose now as it did in 1930.

- Bill Dubey, Sundial: Winter 1978



CAMP RISING SUN 2015



During the 87th season of Camp Rising Sun (CRS), 125 campers joined us from over 34 countries. CRS welcomed our first campers from Afghanistan and Tajikistan, and for the first time in several years, we welcomed campers and counselors from India, Iceland, Mississippi, Azerbaijan, Texas, and Egypt.

For the past three summers, CRS has been operating two back-to-back four-week sessions on the Clinton property. The decision to continue operating under the four-week model as part of the five-year strategic plan involved input from the alumni community, including a survey of alumni associations, individual alumni discussions, feedback from 2015 camper program evaluations, staff reports and input from LAJF staff.

We believe this program model best suits our needs in this moment of time, and camper survey results under the four-week model are remarkably similar to the results of camper surveys under the seven-week model. We invite you to visit and see for yourself.

Operating back-to-back four-week sessions challenges us to rethink how we accomplish our goals through innovation and intentional implementation of our well-established program model. The four-week model gave us a great opportunity to build a co-leadership model in which two sachems collaborate to lead each day. This collaboration provides incredibly meaningful growth in communication and interpersonal skills between sachems. The roles of Projects and Instructions sachems were added, giving campers great responsibility in managing important program areas. Campers and counselors are compelled to make the most out of every day at Camp, which is demonstrated through the high volume of additional Instructions, discussions, and activities coordinated on rest days and during self-structured time.

Weekly sachem-teams of 14 campers must learn valuable skills in delegating responsibilities and communicating progress back to the group when

coordinating not one, but two evening programs each week. Our talented staff, with support from the Program Committee, continue to evaluate and improve upon the delivery of the CRS curriculum.

Instructions:

Instructions are vital to both learning and leadership at CRS. Through organizing Instructions, campers practice leading and teaching their peers. Through attending a variety of diversified Instructions, campers expand their artistic and intellectual horizons and brainstorm ideas for how to apply these new skills after Camp ends. Below are two excerpts from the CRS Times camper publication:

Enrique (Spain) on Utopias

What's a Utopia? How is our Utopia? That's what we tried to decide yesterday during our Instruction time.

In defining our utopia, we imagined a society that would be able to auto-regulate resources, including health care, food, and education, so that they would be supplied to its population. Our example would not need an army, as it would not have conflicts. It would automate all physical labor, so no one would be restricted in choosing a job and everyone could develop their creativity.

All types of drugs would be legal but strictly regulated to preserve individual preference while preventing serious harm. We decided that, in our own ideal world, we would have a utopia based on tolerance and freedom. We imagined a society in which cooperation and common good prevail over particular interests; this would be achieved through strong education so that people would understand public activities as their own and care about them.

I think we can make this a possibility in the future. It will be difficult to get there, but not impossible; it can only happen if we start working



2017 Instruction Board:

- Origami and post-atomic Japan
- Cultural appropriation
- Public debate forum
- Women in science
- Indigenous South African games
- Arts: Guitar, creative writing, poetry, etc.
- Health research in society
- Dance: Gabri, ballroom, Chinese lion dance, hip hop, etc.
- Logic games
- Languages: French, Arabic, American Sign Language, etc.
- Intersectional feminism
- Invariants in mathematics
- Differences in dialects & cultures among Spanish-speaking countries
- Culture/ country presentations
- Sciences: Neuroscience, Astronomy, Astrology, etc.
- Sports: floorball, ultimate Frisbee, etc.
- and more

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now to respect each other, allow people to be free and make decisions for themselves, and care about our surroundings as much as we care about ourselves. If we stop dreaming and begin working on the future we desire, we can make our home a better place.

Bella (California) on her Poetry Instruction:

What are the basic "rules" of poetry? What defines a work of text as poetry? When I started writing poetry about two years ago, these were two of the bigger questions I had surrounding the craft. Because of how influential poetry is in my life, I want to share this with the campers and break down the idea that poetry is something that only "writers" can do.

I was unsure of how to teach poetry. As such a vast art form, it felt nearly impossible to tackle all that I wanted to in the 90 minutes. I was nervous that people would be bored, or unenthusiastic. I wanted to break the misconceptions that it is not fun or that there is a right or wrong way to write. I chose two poems from two of my favorite writers, Dean Young and Patricia K. Smith.

We started off reading a piece by Dean Young and then discussed what we thought the piece was about. Inspired by the poem, everyone wrote for ten minutes. Then we analyzed the next poem and I gave a rundown of literary terms and structures in poetry, such as the types of poems (haikus, sonnets, free verse, etc.) and talked about enjambment, and use of language. To finish it all off, we wrote in silence for 20 minutes, gave feedback on each other's work, and finally, we shared our work.

Campers told me that they had never thought about poetry before the Instruction and it changed their perception of what the craft is. As someone who can't imagine her life without poetry, it was great to hear that other people were beginning to explore their love for the art.

I also wasn't nervous while giving the Instruction, which was relieving because, other than school, I do not have much experience

teaching in a professional manner. Maybe you feel that poetry is difficult, or that you cannot write well, but please believe me when I say that anyone can, as there are very few rules to poetry.

What makes poetry unique is the writer's personal voice. Also, as a perk, after giving this instruction, I now have a group of people who I can lend my books to, and I am now less anxious about teaching things to others.

Would You Like to Visit Camp This Summer?

Alumni are encouraged to join us for a day at camp as a visiting instructor. In 2017, we welcomed visiting instructions from a variety of alumni and friends of CRS, including:

- Ajuna Kyaruzi (friend of CRS), discussing her journey from Tanzania to Google as a Site Reliability Engineer
- Yena Purmasir ('08, '09, '11, '15, '16) & Michael Sheldon ('10, '11, '14 - '16) with a Fiction & Poetry Crash Course
- Layla Treuhaft-Ali ('10) discussing Beyond the School-to-Prison Pipeline: Education for Social Justice
- Anam Mehta ('14) on Robotics and Robot Engineering Competitions
- Camay Barrett ('05, '11 - '14) on Untangling the Roots of Black Hair
- Johnny Ross ('10, '14, '15) on the Seven Habits of Highly Successful People
- Ritam Mehta ('11, '14 - '16) on the Basics of Improv Comedy

Visiting instructors provide campers with an opportunity to connect with the broader LAJF alumni community and get inspired by mentors who introduce them to different academic fields, career paths, useful professional skills, and unique interests they may pursue in the future. Visit the [LAJF website](#) to submit an instruction proposal for the upcoming summer.



2017 Project Highlights

- A new lean-to was built on tent hill to replace a broken tent,
- A sturdier ladder was designed for the stargazing tower,
- A see-saw was built next to the tire swing,
- A canoe storage rack was constructed near the waterfront,
- A gaga ball pit was added in the old baseball diamond,
- GPS was used to create an accurate trail map of the forests,
- Picnic tables were repaired and painted, and
- A song book is in the works to combine the old Red Hook and Clinton songbooks into a unified book for both sessions.



Project Time

Project time is a laboratory for the learning of leadership skills. Campers suggest projects which can improve the quality of life within the camp community. During the lifecycle of a project, campers try various approaches to leading their peers and receive regular feedback on their project management skills. The products of project time are visible and concrete, but the true objective is to provide multidimensional opportunities for learning, exercising, and refining leadership skills. Projects make a meaningful contribution to the community. The product may be a long-term contribution such as a piece of construction or have a seasonal impact such as gardening or helping in the kitchen.

One of the beautiful parts of project time is its ability to connect campers across seasons. Each season, campers find inspiration in projects from the past and find creative ways to improve upon past projects and design new projects that will benefit the campsite for more seasons to come. Additionally, projects have a way of connecting campers within a single season by providing opportunities for collaboration from one session to another. In the first session of 2017, a group of campers started building a new lean-to on tent hill that was completed in the second session by a different set of campers.

Camp Rising Sun – Live on the Air:

Our Facilities Manager, Cameron Rylance, doubles as a radio show Co-host with Chris Burns on the local Kingston Community Radio morning show. Campers from both sessions had an opportunity to visit the studio as special guests on the show. Below is a reflection on the experience from 1st year camper Dimitrios (Greece) and 2nd year camper Gustavo (Dominican Republic) that was featured in the CRS Times camper publication this past summer.

Dimitrios (Greece) & Gustavo (Dominican Republic)

During the radio show, we discussed how we learned about Camp and our home countries and lifestyle. Then, the radio show hosts asked us what we learn at Camp. One interesting answer was that at CRS, we learned that people from different countries have a wealth of similarities, and as a result the interaction between one another becomes easier. We then discussed food, and also how Camp is affecting our lives. In this discussion we were all very positive and energetic, saying that the food is great and that Camp has changed us for the better. Also, we saw Cameron from another perspective- one as a radio co-host. We all enjoyed talking on the radio and opening ourselves to the public.

1992 Time Capsule

Reflection from the 2017 Campers on the Time Capsule

Twenty-five years ago, the alumni of Camp Rising Sun came together to create a time capsule addressed to the 2017 Rising Sun campers. Cameron, the Facilities Manager, found the box in the attic of the main building when checking to see why the Wi-Fi wasn't working. "What are the odds?"

Faced with nothing but anticipation, the campers gathered around the outdoor stage in the evening and opened it together. From the outside, the box appeared to be decrepit. When we looked inside, we traveled back in time; it was filled with memories and history from the earlier decades of Camp, including a photograph, a forgery letter, and a CRS alumni letter. More than 106 items were found in total.

The majority of the items were office supplies from Vera Brophy, Freddie's last secretary. After she died, the staff packed up all of her and Freddie's supplies and put them into a time capsule to be opened in 2017. While opening them, many campers were amazed at the contents, especially those that had to do with the typewriter.



The photograph was another important find. As Campers, we had no idea who the people were, but later, with the help of Helene, the LAJF Executive Director, we named Freddie and the counselors of 1963, including recent board member Peter Fudge. We also found a CRS-alumni letter written by Freddie for future alumni campers, highlighting what he wanted CRS to be.

Another especially interesting and unexpected find was a letter confessing to a crime, which was written by a former camper. The letter admitted to forgery and eventually became part of a large case file.

In addition to the capsule that we opened, we also found another one addressed to the campers of 2017 from an unidentified year, as well as one opened in 2009. After much deliberation, we decided to leave the other time capsule addressed to 2017 for the campers of 2018. We are planning on leaving a letter to the campers of 2018. We are also making our own time capsule, which will be opened in 25 years. We hope that time capsules will continue as a CRS tradition. We look forward to seeing what both the future and past holds. We are grateful to have had such a rare opportunity.

Favorite Camp Moments

Cameron Cantine (New York)

One of my best experiences at Camp was singing at Council. Never in my life have I sung for an audience and it's really unlike anything else. I've played instruments in front of audiences and for auditions, but singing is much more personal and hard to do in my opinion. It was at the third Council, so by that point I had become very comfortable around everyone at Camp, but when everyone is silent and expecting you to start singing at such an important moment, it becomes much more emotional and intense than singing is at any other time. This was my first vocal performance and doing it in front of a crowd of people that had become my brothers over the course of the last weeks made it much easier. I felt so supported during and after and I feel much closer to everyone for it.

Daniela Perez (Ecuador)

My favorite moment was my first Wisdom Circle. I was able to be open and vulnerable. I realized that this was the perfect place to discover yourself and others. It made me so happy. Empowerment from women to women is so important. I learned to appreciate everything that surrounds and everything that is back at home. All the people, places and feelings. Lastly, I learned to take advantage of time because it really flies. ■



NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER



Leymah Gbowee (center) with CRS '17 Staff, Campers, and alumni. Inspired by Leymah's visit in 2017, the Louis August Jonas Foundation and the Gbowee's Peace Foundation started a working relationship exchanging experience and bringing young adults from Liberia to participate in our program at CRS.

By Alba Gavaliugov-Mendez ('14, '16 - '17), CRS 2017 World Affairs and Politics Counselor

In 2017, on invitation by David Ives ('89 - '00), Nobel Peace Prize winner *Leymah Gbowee* visited *Camp Rising Sun*. She sat down with the campers to talk about feminism, social justice activism and the importance of persistence in the fight for a better world.

Leymah Gbowee, the feminist; the social worker, the Liberian activist and Nobel Peace Laureate, traveled up the Hudson River to the green hills of Camp Rising Sun. She visited our program to disassemble prejudice, build hope, and rethink power with our young campers.

Organizing Women for a Peaceful Resolution of Conflict

Back in 2002, Gbowee reinvented the idea of conflict resolution and peacemaking by creating the Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace Movement. The movement was a multiethnic and polytheist coalition of women from all socioeconomic backgrounds, which managed to help end a 13-year long civil war in Liberia.

The Liberian conflict had resulted in more than 150,000 casualties. Thousands of child soldiers, and systematic sexual violence against women, made thousands of people refugees in the neighboring country of Ghana and had refrained the west African nation of Liberia from progressing and establishing democracy for over a decade.

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In 2002, the unlikely idea of a non-violent end to the war became reality when Gbowee, joined by other Liberian women, did the impossible. With only 10 US dollars in their pockets, they published their first media manifesto and started protesting. First there were dozens, then thousands, and soon they became the greatest all-female social movement in African history.

They began gathering in markets – the place where Charles Taylor, the dictatorial leader of the time, used to recruit children and bring them to the battlefield. The women were first ignored, then ridiculed, and then told to go home. But they did not leave. They protested silently and they went into a marital strike. Soon after, they were imprisoned, but they refused to be silenced until they were given the opportunity of speaking with Taylor. They finally managed to arrange a peace talk between the regime's government and the rebel forces that were in exile in Ghana. This finally culminated in peace-talks being held in Accra.



LEYMAH GBOWEE VISITS CRS

After six weeks of negotiations, peace-talks were on the verge of collapse and the women were afraid of going back to the seemingly never-ending state of insurgency. They were also aware of the potential deal and took charge by locking the men in a room until the peace-deal was finally signed. The peace of a country turned to be a women's deal; the hate and anger of the women of Liberia were transformed into a movement that manifested strength and hope, which culminated into the first female President elected in all of Africa.

Liberia, just like Nigeria or the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire with other women's social movements, or Rwanda with its Gacaca tribunals, are teaching the world a very important lesson on the possibility of reinventing and reinterpreting the practice of conflict resolution and the process of pacification, while pointing out that when women realize that they too have power, society can change for the better.

“acting small, locally, is what changes the world as a whole”

Inspiring Global Change by Local Action

In 2011, Leymah Gbowee received the Nobel Peace Prize for her relentless and brave struggle for pacification and democratization of Liberia, and for her efforts to empower local communities, and improve the rights of women and access to education of young girls in the country.

It would be an understatement to say that the words of Gbowee, an unapologetic and self-declared feminist, were inspirational. Rather, they were eye-opening, blunt, honest, and most importantly, empowering: "acting small, locally, is what changes the world as a whole," Gbowee told the campers.

Listening to Leymah's story of 'glocal' change was a once in a lifetime opportunity for our Camp community to learn about the strength and potential of collective action and of the power of peaceful political contestation. One would easily fall into the belief that a Nobel Peace Laureate would lose herself into idealistic and abstract statements of Utopian world paradigms and sweetened narrations. She shared with us stories about her beginnings as a resourceless young Liberian mother and social worker. Gbowee, the Nobel Peace Laureate, was completely



outshined by Leymah, the local activist and the global agent of change.

I believe, that for our campers, as for me, her visit and her words will not only remain a privileged memory of the summer of 2017 but will also be an unconscious reason behind our daily contributions to make the world that we have been given a better place. ■

“Leymah’s visit changed my outlook on the issues affecting our world today. It taught me the value of perseverance; in the words of Gbowee herself, “that even when life seems too difficult, you must stay put and keep focusing on your goals.”
— Lucas Tshokwe ('17), South Africa



RED HOOK CAMPUS



Introduction

The CRS Curriculum often includes opportunities for groups of campers to take overnight trips away from Camp, which provides many unique leadership opportunities. Overnight trips are a chance for campers to work together on a sustained basis, in an unfamiliar environment, to overcome physical and/or mental obstacles.



In 2017, these overnight trips took place on the Red Hook campus. Peer-led overnight trips on the Red Hook site allow for deeper team building in small group settings and connect campers to the history of the Rising Sun program. Utilizing the Red Hook site for these trips is also more cost effective and time efficient within the current four-week program model. With approval from the New York Health Department, campers are allowed to utilize the wilderness areas of the 160-acre property without ever stepping foot inside the buildings.

Astha Madan Grover, 2017 Alumna from India

The mosquito bites have faded away but the memories remain. The orange of the setting sky contrasting with the dark of the trees. Yellow butterflies on the grass. Pearls of laughter and squeals of joy. Overgrown trees and hidden waterfalls. Nine of us crammed into a tent meant for three, playing a card game. It required us to describe our favorite place. There were all sorts of answers from corners in NYC and Oakland to libraries and bedrooms, but I didn't have an answer then.

"In this environment I found time for internal reflection and felt very grateful for everything and everyone in my life."

Little did I know that I would stumble upon it soon. As we left the Red Hook campsite I realized that this was my favorite place in the world. It hit me slowly then all at once. I liked the little paths, the history and most of all the wide rustic expanse. I truly felt that I belonged to something old and important especially while seeing the old buildings, Freddie's house, the old council ring and the old theater. In this environment I found time for internal reflection and felt very grateful for everything and everyone in my life. I felt for the first time in a while that I was only thinking in the present not regretting the past or anticipating the future. ■



WILDERNESS TRIPS



Elio Nilsson, 2017 Alumnus from Sweden

When I was a kid, I traveled and hiked every day after school. I went to school at 8 am, went home, and hiked. Every single day. These travels, however, never left my tiny apartment in old town Stockholm, and often included mythical, and unreal, creatures. Going on a real hike, a real adventure, with amazing and really fun people was one of the greatest experiences at Camp. We started off with a 3-hour setup and packing spree, where the CRS staff explained how to light fires and set up our makeshift stoves in the wilderness.

We were all very excited. On a diet of semi-cooked couscous, we continued our survival, purifying water and keeping the fire going long into the night, singing songs and telling stories. In spite of everything we learned, the one thing that I treasured the most was how much better I got to know my fellow campers and how much fun we had together in the wild. ■

Raechel Hue, 2017 Alumna from New York

When I initially learned about the trip, I didn't know what to expect but the other girls seemed excited so their enthusiasm rubbed off on me. As we all stepped foot onto the Red Hook campus, our eyes darted from the left to the right absorbing all the sights and the smells that we could from this new area that we'd be staying in.

Though I quickly realized how accustomed I was to the New York lifestyle in which I used technology every day, and so thought that camping was probably not for me, I believe this trip taught me more about myself and my relationship with the other campers than anything else. ■





Wyatt Harte, 2017 Alumnus from Vermont

CRS had many unforgettable moments, but the ones that will stay with me the longest is the wilderness trip. During the second day of the trip, a deafening surge of thunder shook the bones of my body. Next came the sky opening, biblical rain that would not stop. Well into the rain, we realized we had all made a terrible mistake. We had forgotten to put tarps underneath our tents. I can't recall a more stressful time than that afternoon. The group was looking to me and Enrique (the other sachem) for the next steps, but we did not know what to do.

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After we determined we would seek shelter under the roof of the International Theater, a huge sigh of relief flew off me and Enrique, and our whole group was happy

The camping trip at CRS made me really stretch outside my comfort zone, and I realized after the trip that when a group of people goes on an adventure that makes them nervous and vulnerable, a new, strong relationship is formed between the group. There were people in my group, that I did not know well before the wilderness trip, but that I now, after sharing the experience of the wilderness trip, feel closer with than friends I have known for years at home. ■

Mohamed Shaaban, 2017 Alumnus from Egypt

The wilderness trip was such an amazing experience. For me, a teenager who lived in a big city all of his life, it was incredible to be in submerged in the nature of the Red Hook campus: Cold air, warm fire, and beautiful stars. Being on the wilderness trip also helped in developing my teamwork and communication skills. I worked with my team and we used the resources around us.

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We cut trees so we could make fire, tied the food to a tree so that no animal would take it and cooled fresh food using in a bag in the river. We had to distribute food so that we could eat well for the three days, as well as filter our own water from the creek. I didn't know how to do any of these things before - but all we had to count on were our own capabilities. During the trip I made strong friendships with other campers as we explored together and discussed different topics. Finally, it was a great opportunity to see the first campsite of Camp Rising Sun, and learn, first hand, about the history of CRS. ■



REFLECTIONS OF A BLACK SHEEP

2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the 1968 CRS season. In this feature, 1968 alumnus, Blaise Tobia reflects on the season Freddie allegedly declared a 'bête noire.'

My experiences at Camp Rising Sun have been a major influence on me throughout my life. I can recall that summer with surprising clarity and it was very different than any other that I've known. For me, as a child in a socially conservative Italian-American family, it was the first time I had ever been away from home on my own – even for one night. For me, as a New Yorker, it was the first time I'd ever really met, or shared a tent with people from across the Hudson, let alone from across the oceans. It was the first– and only– time that I was totally immersed in an experience that was expressly designed to teach me about the commonality of humanity.

I do recall my time at Camp Rising Sun as a somewhat tumultuous summer, with some episodes of open conflict and

loving me. Freddie, on the other hand, was not invested in me or the others as a father – but as a benefactor. And, I can imagine his distress as he began to fear that the entire summer of 1968 might be a huge waste of time and money.

To say that I can empathize, though, is not to say that there wasn't something very uncharacteristically unkind about the remedy. None of us could return for a second year; none of us could be a counselor. And, for some time, we were even unwelcome at alumni events. Despite this, several from the CRS 1968 cohort were eventually accepted onto committees and onto the board, and gave exceptional service. It is my impression that this thaw began after Freddie's death in 1978. Some of us saw a degree of irony in the fact that the perhaps most-touted CRS alumnus, Pete Seeger ('35), had been one of our inspirations as we embraced what we perceived to be heroic rebellion.



even anger. But, that was the "air" we all breathed in 1968, as a youthful rebellion against a war that we saw as unjust, and against social norms that we saw as outdated and backwards, reached a peak.

These conflicts were evident at my family dinner table, at my high school, and in the streets of New York City. The fact that they surfaced at camp was not the least bit unexpected. So, it was both surprising and disappointing for me when I learned that my entire camp cohort had been declared, uniquely among all camp cohorts, *personae non gratae*.

I distinctly remember quiet conversations with Freddie. He was a man very different than any I had known and, I think, in retrospect, that he was something of a grandfather figure to me. (I had never known either of my grandfathers.) I can also imagine, in retrospect, that I, like many of my campmates, must have cut quite a problematic figure for him – with the long unruly hair and deliberately unkempt clothes of a "wannabe" hippie.

I have come to regret the pain that these choices must have caused for my father, who managed nonetheless to continue

But, in 1968, the prevailing societal view was still that opposition to the war in Vietnam was unpatriotic. For an organization like the L. A. Jonas Foundation, that had weathered McCarthyism (which saw all forms of globalism and pacifism as essentially "communist"), there may have been a real fear that charges of being unpatriotic could again be brought against it.

In any case, this fiftieth anniversary seems to be a great opportunity to finish healing the rift and for the cohort of 1968 to become fully integrated into camp history and tradition. I look forward to seeing many of my campmates at the alumni gathering this summer. As far as I can tell, most are still alive, and more or less well (with some exceptions, like my friend, schoolmate and campmate Bruce van Boeckel, who went on to become an admired community physician and died of cancer far too young).

We can never go back for those missed second-year and counselor experiences, but we can get beyond the "asterisk" that has often accompanied our year in various camp histories. ■

MAKING AN IMPACT

Making an Impact Because of Camp Rising Sun

By Gerianne Pennings (Clinton '08; Stendis '09, '12, '16), Board member: Dutch Alumni Association

We were driving through the villages of Northern Uganda after a meeting in one of the refugee settlements when a colleague asked me what the best time in my life was. After giving it some thought, my answer was "Anytime I have been making an impact because of Camp Rising Sun." While I had to explain to my colleague more about what CRS means, you might wonder why I was driving through the villages of Northern Uganda and how that relates to the impact that CRS has had on me.

“Leadership in steering new development requires long-term thinking, patience, and self-reliance. This is my way of applying the values learned at Camp Rising Sun in my daily life.”

It all started with an email from the HR department in January 2017 asking if I was willing to go to an interview the following week. After interviewing, I decided leave my job at the time, and become a trainee for ZOA¹.

So what does ZOA Uganda² do? In Amudat, we work with the Pokot tribe. Illiteracy rates are the highest in the country and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) as well as early forced marriages are still common practice. In Acholi, our program has a focus on development. More than a decade ago, Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) dominated this area. Our key focus in this area is to provide a sustainable solution for the many land conflicts between neighbors and families. Besides Amudat and Acholi, we work in the refugee settlements of West Nile, near the border between the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan. More than 2 million South Sudanese refugees were forced to leave their homes and over 1 million refugees have now settled in Uganda. The influx of refugees started in 2013 and peaked after the summer of 2016. At its highest points, thousands of refugees would enter the country daily. Since January 2016, an average of 34,672 refugees have entered Uganda each month. The majority are women and children.

As a program advisor, I get to work on all the projects across the three program areas. My main focus is on Monitoring and Evaluation. In humanitarian and development work, this means the continuous assessment of progress and impact of our projects. I am now leading an organizational shift from doing surveys with pen and paper to utilizing a digital data collection system. An interesting organizational development that I get to take the lead in.

Leadership in steering new development requires long-term thinking, patience, and self-reliance. This is my way of applying the values learned at Camp Rising Sun in my daily life. I am expanding my intellectual horizons through this challenging task. When I get to give a South Sudanese refugee or a well-respected member of the Ugandan host community a tablet and teach them how to collect information, then come back to them with the data analyses, it sparks enthusiasm and inspires them, both as beneficiaries and as trainers in the project to serve their community.



Living together is not always easy. Even though the laws on migration in Uganda are among the most progressive in the world, it remains crucial to have a strong focus on our common humanity to foster a peaceful and sustainable living environment. There are difficult questions that I have to tackle every day in my work, in writing new project proposals or reporting to donors. But the trouble is justified: when I get to go the field and see the faces of children that now get to go to school, when I meet teenage girls that get to finish school because of a menstrual cup, or when I see young people with a disability flourish as trainers and a true source of inspiration in their community, and when I see families negotiate peace to benefit future generations.

“I truly believe that CRS only really starts once we leave the hills of our campgrounds.”

It really isn't much of a surprise that I feel so much at home with an international organization that provides relief to people affected by conflict or natural disasters. Contributing to a new perspective of hope in which people work together for a promising future in dignity and mutual trust. Working together towards the recovery of their livelihoods.

This year marks my 10th anniversary as a CRS alumna. I truly believe that CRS only really starts once we leave the hills of our campgrounds. In the beginning, I struggled with how to apply Camp values and how to measure my impact with all that I received in those Camp summers. Now I know that I measure in hope. Now I know that when I see hope again in someone's eyes, be it a colleague, a family member, or a refugee, a little bit of the CRS spirit carries on. ■

¹www.zoa-international.com

²www.ugandarefugees.org

TOILET BOWL TARGETS

Toilet Bowl Targets: From Sachem of the Willy to Young Entrepreneur

By Marwan Refaat (2014 Alumnus from Egypt)

While not the most conventional of learning opportunities, I found my sense of purpose in the communal bathroom at Camp Rising Sun. Every time I stepped into this *unique* bathroom, I was welcomed with an acute smell; on good days masked by a somewhat dizzying dose of Axe body-spray. The floor always felt a bit too wet and shower knobs and door handles a bit too sticky. The abundance of broken locks in bathroom stalls made me appreciate the luxury of privacy. "The Willy," as we so charmingly called it, was a place of many facets.

We were only a week into the two-month long summer program when the condition of "The Willy" became insufferably unbearable. Though maintaining the bathroom was our collective responsibility, it fell victim to a tragedy of the commons that I was determined to fix.

Armed with a Sharpie, I marched into the battlefield, reached into the toilet bowl and drew a target, hoping that my comrades would put more effort into ensuring that they didn't "miss." The next morning, I was delighted to see that the porcelain lid was – for the most part – clean. The battle ended in a decisive victory, but the war against "The Willy" had only just begun.

“The experience of addressing a communal problem at a summer camp was my first successful attempt at overcoming a diffusion of responsibility.”

Fully convinced that the same force of nature that destroyed "The Willy" could restore it, I set off to gather the manpower needed to establish a foothold. Employing great tact and persuasion, I drafted a dozen brave individuals to join me in the crusade. Wielding mops, plungers and urinal cakes, our squadron set off to expunge every square inch of filth – unclogging every toilet! Working together, with great determinacy and plenty of elbow grease, at last we were victorious!

The experience of addressing a communal problem at a summer camp was my first successful attempt at overcoming a diffusion of responsibility. I have since pursued projects in education, food, and health-care, areas in which altering people's collective behavior is a chronic challenge.

My days of 'combat' in "The Willy" ingrained an entrepreneurial spirit within me. I take pride in tackling seemingly impossible challenges and find a sense of purpose in creating visible change that impacts my community.

Recruiting others to join the ranks allowed me to practice my communication skills, as it was only by sharing a far-fetched vision convincingly that I was able to persuade others to join the battle.



“I learned that entrepreneurs set small targets and work their way towards accomplishing larger goals. My targets just happened to be on the inside of toilet bowls.”

Walking in every morning with a different sanitation product taught me the importance of taking initiative, volunteering to plunge the toilet taught me to take pride in all that I do and close-quarters combat taught me how to work with a team to accomplish a common goal. "The Willy" taught me to lead by example and to serve a greater good even if it means getting my hands (*very*) dirty.

Most importantly, I learned that entrepreneurs set small targets and work their way towards accomplishing larger goals. My targets just happened to be on the inside of toilet bowls.

Since Camp Rising Sun, I have built:

- Tabakhy.com: an online platform that connects chefs with individuals hosting private dining events,
- Ordino: a Facebook chatbot that uses artificial intelligence to deliver customized reminders to over 100,000 students worldwide, and
- VocalEyes: a mobile app that has identified millions of objects for 20,000 visually impaired people in 35 different languages.

The fact that over a quarter-million people have interacted with software I built is indescribably rewarding. ■

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2018



Join us for the 2018 summer Alumni Reunion on July 20 - 22. Registration is now open! From July 20th to July 22nd, we welcome all alumni and friends to Camp Rising Sun for the annual Alumni Weekend. Join us for singing, dining, projects, council and the annual trip to Holy Cow ice-cream!

Bring the whole family for a mini CRS experience. Counselors will lead activities especially for children so you can enjoy free time.

Celebrating a reunion? Or are you a student?

Alumni celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 45th, 50th and 60th reunion can attend the reunion free of charge. Students are offered free attendance, in exchange for volunteering to help out for 3 hours during the reunion. When registering, use the code REUNION18 or STUD2018 for complimentary admission.

Committee members receive a 20% discount. If you are a committee member, please use the code COMM2018 when registering your attendance!

No one will be turned away if they cannot afford the reunion registration. Please email Mads Nissen at mnissen@lajf.org for more information. Are you unable to participate in the reunion but still wish to join the celebration? You can make a donation at www.lajf.org/support-us.

Ticket options include: Saturday Day Pass, Whole Weekend, or Whole Weekend all-inclusive (sleeping on Tent Hill). Shuttle service will be provided from the Rhinebeck Motel and the Beekman Arms Properties.

Program

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Arrival/ check-in	Summer Board meeting / Pool, sauna, canoing, other activities	Breakfast
Cocktail hour and camper-art gallery viewing	Libby and Mandy Day Luncheon	Trip to local vineyard or Rhinebeck farmer's market
Dinner	Projects & Instructions	Ice cream at Holy Cow
Board-games and mingling	Dinner	Departure
	Alumni Council	

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Reunion years

The following years are being celebrated during the Alumni Weekend. The representatives for each reunion year are:

5 Year (2013): Connor Ausman and Anam Mehta

10 Year (2008): Dan Roh, Yena Purmasir, Miriam Niemeijer, Eva Amessé and Zack Kaplan

15 Year (2003): Tony Lusian

20 Year (1998): Michael Saratovsky

25 Year (1993): Christina Busso

30 Year (1988): Hooman Yaghoobzadeh

40 Year (1978): Steve Cohen, Jonathan Gross, and Anthony Richter

45 Year (1973): Tim Connors

50 Year (1968): Blaise Tobia

60 Year (1958): Steen Sauerberg

If you went to Camp in one of the listed years and would like to join us in organizing your reunion feel free to reach out! You can either contact the representative from your year, or contact us at alumni@lajf.org.

If you are celebrating a reunion but are unable to participate in the Alumni Weekend, please consider sending an update for the Yearbook. You can send your update to alumni@lajf.org or to your reunion representative!

Register online at
www.lajf.org/events

Donate to Reunion
<http://bit.ly/CRS2018>



ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

The George E. Jonas (GEJ) Scholarship

Are you currently an undergraduate or graduate student in the USA, or will be in the next school year? Apply for the George E. Jonas (GEJ) Scholarship! The scholarship fund is dedicated to the memory of George E. (“Freddie”) Jonas. Thanks to the generosity of the Georges Lurcy Trust and CRS alumni and friends, the scholarship is available for all alumni of Camp Rising Sun, including former summer staff. The Scholarship selection committee values intellectual ability, character and future promise of fostering the values of Camp Rising Sun. For more information, check out our website at www.lajf.org/gej-scholarships.



“As a recipient of the GEJ scholarship, I understand with far greater clarity how LAJF generously supports and encourages us not only as campers but also as young adults. This scholarship is helping me to complete my postgraduate student teaching through my undergraduate institution, Washington and Lee University.”

- Alison Mason ('11, '12), 2017 GEJ Scholarship Recipient



“LAJF’s generosity since Camp and onto receiving this scholarship has always encouraged me to help others and give back to the community. For these reasons I am incredibly grateful for the support I receive from the CRS community and am very lucky to be part of it.”

- Getzamany Correa ('13), 2017 GEJ Scholarship Recipient

The Fellowship Program



The Fellowship is an opportunity to learn about the nonprofit field while executing a project that will further the work of LAJF. Launched in the summer of 2015, Fellow projects have included re-design of www.lajf.org, Vigil Letter outreach, drafting of a Camp Director's Handbook and creating a Youtube Video channel for CRS. We love to hear about what our applicants are passionate about to build an experience that they will truly enjoy. Fellows are compensated for their work and must be alumni of at least 18 years of age. If you are interested, you can find more information on our website www.lajf.org/fellowship-at-lajf/.

“My time as a Fellow at LAJF was quite the learning experience! What I learned, I applied to similar nonprofit organizations such as Camp Kesem. Because of my time as a fellow I was asked to join the fundraising committee for Camp Kesem.”

- Amit Singh ('12, '16, '17)

Recent fellows include:

- Ritam Mehta ('11, '14 - '16)
- Amit Singh ('12, '16, '17)
- Sonia Wargacka ('10, '16, '17)

Legacy Camper Program

Do you want to give your child or grandchild a chance of the same wonderful experience you had at CRS? Our Legacy Camper Program is an opportunity to do so! Legacy campers can join the CRS community for one or two weeks during the summer, and take part in all Camp activities and experiences. Legacy campers are an important part of our community that helps to strengthen intergenerational ties. You can email us at apply@lajf.org or call +1 (212) 686-1930 with questions.

“I was a camper at CRS in '81 and '82. I am a proud parent of a legacy camper who attended in 2016 & 2017. As a parent, and especially the parent of a girl, I am so very happy and feel so very blessed to have had the CRS experience and to watch my daughter have a similar, but truly unique CRS experience all to her own. The specific activities and location of Camp have changed, but the CRS values, teachings and spirit is just as strong as I remember it. Thank you, CRS, on behalf of myself and my daughter. How How.”

- Marc Filerman ('81, '82)



ENT OPPORTUNITIES

Do you want to join a Committee?

Alumni take an active part in shaping LAJF and Camp Rising Sun through their participation in Committees. Each committee meets multiple times a year, and being part of them is a great way to give back to the community. Our current committees include committees on Alumni Relations, Auditing, Building and Grounds, Finance and Investment, Fundraising, GEJ Scholarship, Health and Safety, Program, Selection Policy and Strategic Planning. If you would like to join a committee, email us at contact@lajf.org and we will put you in touch with the chair of that committee.

"I was a camper at CRS in 1958-59, and now, almost 50 years later, I'm still engaged with the Foundation, serving as Chair of the George E. Jonas Scholarship Committee. As the years have passed, I've increasingly realized and valued the uniqueness of the CRS mission. I feel fortunate and privileged to have found a way to continue to contribute, to give back as an acknowledgment of the lasting impact that CRS has made on me."

- David Levine ('58, '59), Former Chair of the G.E.J. Scholarship Committee



Camp Rising Sun College Student Network (CRS CSN)

At LAJF we are interested in being a resource and a network for our alumni for life. One of the ways we do this is by facilitating connections between alumni across our vast community spanning decades in time and thousands of miles in distance. [The Camp Rising Sun College Student Network \(CRS CSN\)](#) is an initiative to connect college students with other college students, and with Alumni working, or interested in, the U.S. College System. Sharing experience on topics such as financial aid, curriculum, studying abroad and other college related topics is the core of the network. If you are currently a college student or looking to apply for U.S. colleges, or if you are a professional in the field, we welcome you to join the network and share your experience!

CRS Alumni as an International Professional Network

Join the "[Alumni of Camp Rising Sun](#)" [group on LinkedIn](#). The group is the ideal place to share internship and other job opportunities. If you or your company are hiring, let the CRS community know! If you are looking for new opportunities, don't be shy - introduce yourself and reach out.

Attend our events

We welcome you to our upcoming events. View details online at www.lajf.org/events. Here's what we have lined up this spring:

Volunteer Weekend 2018 (date changed to June 2) Join us and help get Camp ready for the campers on Saturday, June 2, from 10:00 AM 5:00 PM! Set up tents, chat with other alumni and enjoy a beautiful Spring weekend in Rhinebeck.

Annual CRS Reunion (July 20 - 22) From July 20th to July 22nd, we welcome all alumni and friends to Camp Rising Sun for the annual Alumni Weekend. Join us for singing, dining, projects, council and a trip to Holy Cow ice-cream!

Chinese Alumni Association: 2017 in Review



2017 was an amazing year for the Chinese Alumni Association (CRSCAA). We had our first organized fundraising campaign ever and saw so much support and love from our alumni.

Our fundraising goal was to cover expenses needed for one camper to attend CRS, which came out to be \$6,400. We received strong support from Mr. Tim Wong ('78, '79 alumnus, and current LAJF Treasurer), a long-time friend of the CRSCAA. Tim encouraged our efforts by agreeing to match every dollar donated, to help us reach and exceed our goals.

The fundraising campaign kicked off in early August 2017 and continued until September 30th, the last day of the LAJF fiscal year. We utilized the WeChat messaging app where our alumni keep in touch with each other, the [CRSCAA official website](#), as well as the country-specific fundraising page the Foundation has set up, to track our daily progress.

We raised over \$6,000, which was 95% of our goal, including the matching grant. We were extremely proud of the results. In addition, the campaign brought the community closer and renewed our emotional connection with CRS on a personal level. ■



Some personal notes sent by our donors during the campaign:

"Let's get the ball rolling for the next generation of campers!"

"Though my parents helped with this donation, I look forward to making my own first donation as soon as possible."

"CRS has been one of my fondest memories, and it continues to influence the way I think and how I see the world. Best wishes for LAJF, alumni, and future campers."

"GO CRS! ♥"

"Best wishes for all the staff members of LAJF. Special thanks go to Rick."

ASSOCIATIONS

Join your Local Alumni Association

Many regions and countries have a local alumni association that arrange social gatherings, select campers and fundraise to support Camp. For a list of all alumni associations, or to find and contact your association, visit the [Alumni Network section](#) of our website. Contact us at nmissen@lajf.org to learn how to set up an alumni association in your region!



Alumni Association Locations:

China, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Japan, Korean, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States: California, Colorado, Washington DC, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, New York, New England, South Carolina

CRS ALUMNI DATABASE

Database features

Besides the ability to find alumni from all camp years, the database has a number of useful functions for you to stay in touch.

The database allows you to:

- Check your donation history
- Update your contact information:
 - To receive news from LAJF
 - For other alumni to reach you
- Register for LAJF Events
- Search through our 6,000 Alumni worldwide!

Get up-to-date, stay connected

In July 2017, our new Alumni Database, www.lajf.org/crsearch, went live. We rolled out a new and improved version of an alumni directory, tested by a dedicated group of alumni, for you to stay in touch with the Camp Rising Sun community! Every day, alumni use the database to connect with the CRS community. Recent examples include:

- A recent graduate–alumna looking for contacts in a specific professional field for career advice,
- A 1958 alumnus looking to get back in touch with fellow camp-mates,
- A young European alumna looking for CRS alumni at US universities, to help with advice on college procedures, and
- A 1973 alumnus traveling Europe and looking to connect with CRS-friends along the travels.

What can you do on the database website?

Besides the ability to find alumni from all camp years, the database has a number of useful functions for you to stay in touch. The database allows you to update your contact information to receive news from LAJF and for other alumni to be able to reach you, register for LAJF Events, search through our 6,000 alumni worldwide, and check your donation history.

If you do not receive our monthly newsletter, we do not have your email address, or your notification preferences have changed. Contact us at alumni@lajf.org with your questions.

Alumni Directory

One of the key functions of our new database is the Alumni Directory. As a user, the Alumni Directory lets you search through our 6,000 alumni by their name, occupation, year at camp, attended school, geographical area, and more. By keeping your address updated in the database, you can aid alumni who might be looking for you! Have you lost touch with a dear camp friend? Have you moved to a new location, and are you looking for a local network? Are you looking for CRS parents in your area who share Camp values? Or are you looking for advice on a career choice? The Alumni Directory is your way of getting in touch with our community!

How to log in

To log in to the database, go to www.lajf.org/crsearch (the site is case sensitive). To log in, use the Login Name and Password that was sent to you via email in July, 2017. You can retrieve your login information by pressing "Forgot Password" and entering your email address. If you are unable to access the database, reach out to us at alumni@lajf.org and we will assist you further! We might not have your updated email address on file, which would mean that you have not received a login at all.



Welcome to the improved CRSearch
LAJF is proud to announce the launch of our new and improved Alumni Database. This database is meant to connect you with the 6,000+ alumni from the 1958-2017 Camp Rising Sun.
Using the Alumni Database, you can search for alumni by name, year at camp, occupation, geographical area, and more. You can also update your contact information to receive news from LAJF and for other alumni to be able to reach you.
By using the Alumni Database, you agree to use the system for the purpose of staying in touch with your fellow campers and to help us improve our services to you.

Account Login

OR, SIGN IN WITH

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Remember me for 2 weeks.

Log In

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Secured by [Digiwave](#)
also by [eSentry](#)

Sign in with Facebook

Sign in with Twitter

HOST PRIVATE EVENTS AT CRS



Camp Rising Sun is available for private rentals, including retreats, conferences, school trips, and weddings.

Rentals are available during the Camp's off-season, starting in September until May.

Rental details vary based on the needs of your event (single, overnight, or multi-day). Rental insurance is required.

Camp Rising Sun is a welcoming and inspirational place. We wish to welcome you and your group to enjoy its natural beauty and make memories.

For more information, email us at business@lajf.org.



NAOMI GLEIT: FACEBOOK'S SERVICE

Over the past 14 years, Facebook has evolved from an online student directory to the largest social network in the world, and Camp Rising Sun alumna Naomi Gleit ('98, '02) has been a part of that transformative journey nearly every step of the way.

Naomi tracked Facebook's evolution from the beginning. As a senior at Stanford University in 2004, majoring in Science Technology and Sociology, Naomi was an early user of the network and even wrote her senior thesis about the newly launched site.

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After several months of cold calls, emails, and in-person visits to the Facebook office to solicit a position, Naomi was offered a job as a marketing associate. Thirteen years later, Naomi is Facebook's Vice-President of Social Good and its longest-serving employee after CEO Mark Zuckerberg.

We sat down with Naomi to learn more about her leadership journey at Facebook and hear how her experiences at Camp Rising Sun continue to impact her efforts to bring people together through social media to benefit communities worldwide.

"Camp was the first time I met people from all over the world," Naomi says. "It instilled in me a global perspective. CRS is a microcosm and Facebook is a macrocosm. One thing we learned at Camp is we are all different; we are from all over the world but there are some basic values we all share. Facebook focuses on our shared values and what people have in common."

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Naomi was first selected to attend Camp Rising Sun in 1998 while attending Stuyvesant High School in New York City. Naomi returned to Camp as a summer staff member in 2002.

"At Camp, we talk about satchems- a servant leader. I am driven by serving the world community and our mission is to make the world more open and connected. This is what drives



me. I always had a service and mission orientation. I see the work I do at Facebook as being service. This is my life's work to make my contribution to the world."

Bringing Project Time Online

In 2015, Mark Zuckerberg approached Naomi for help creating a new platform for Facebook to *do more* and build a tool that would have a positive social impact on the world. They created a team Naomi would lead in building new Facebook products that support nonprofits and other charitable groups as well as connecting users with issues of interest.

In her new role, Naomi found inspiration in the amazing ways people were using Facebook for good, leading her to ask her team, *how can we make these efforts easier for our users?* This desire to use Facebook for good led to the creation of the donation button in response to the technical fundraising difficulties resulting from the Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) Ice Bucket Challenge. The campaign went viral on social media in 2014 and raised over \$80M for ALS research in the United States alone. When Naomi learned that the ALS fundraisers were not able to accept international donations and had difficulties processing the large quantity of payments, her team created the donation button to streamline the online charitable giving process.

Since its inception, the one-click donate button has been used to raise money for nonprofit causes around the world. The button streamlines giving, from acts as small as birthday fundraisers by individual users to the largest donation

WANT LEADER FOR SOCIAL GOOD

campaign on Facebook to date, One Love Manchester, following the bombing in Manchester at an Ariana Grande concert in 2017. On Giving Tuesday 2017, Facebook facilitated \$45M in donations for nonprofits through such donation tools.

Another major initiative of the Social Good team is the Safety Check feature, which is activated during a disaster to allow Facebook users to quickly inform friends and family that they are safe, check on friends and family in the affected area, and share what users know about those that might be affected. Naomi was a part of the team that brought Safety Check to scale within Facebook, inspired by the ways that family and friends used social media to connect. In the wake of the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami, a team of engineers in Tokyo created a disaster message board to streamline communication for users in the wake of emergencies. Naomi's team brought this project to scale, issuing its first major deployment in 2015 in the wake of the April 2015 Nepal earthquake. Over the years, Safety Check has evolved to allow community-activated Safety Checks as well. Since its launch in 2014, Safety Checks have been initiated over 1,000 times.

"We want the world to come together when people need help, and that's very Rising Sun."

In the spirit of Camp Rising Sun, part of Naomi's mission as VP of Social Good is to not only connect individuals from communities around the world but to provide ways to help individuals to rebuild and improve their communities for the future. To Naomi, launching Safety Check was just step one in a larger mission to provide support to communities affected by disaster events. "We want the world to come together when people need help, and that is very Rising Sun," said Naomi in reference to a recent Facebook initiative, Community Help. "In addition to using Facebook to let people know they're safe after a disaster event, people will also be able to use Facebook to get the information and help they need to stay safe and rebuild."

In November, Facebook announced that it is launching an updated [Community Health API](#) to give disaster response organizations access to data from public Community Help posts that can put important information about the needs of



those affected by crises into the hands of organizations working directly to address those needs.

"It's like Camp Rising Sun online."

A New Kind of Campfire

At Facebook, as at Camp Rising Sun, it's all about community. Naomi sees many similarities between CRS and the way Facebook places value on its relationships. "I have gotten so much out of my CRS relationships," Naomi told us, but not everyone has access to programs like Camp Rising Sun. Naomi wants to bring people together online who would not have access to these relationships elsewhere. "It's like Camp Rising Sun online."

Naomi's team continues to work with non-profits who already have established mentoring programs to add an online element. In the upcoming year, Facebook will launch a new Mentorship and Support product where mentees and mentors can interact directly as they progress through guided programs; the Blood donations feature has already expanded into Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan; charitable campaigns with no fees will become available in four new regions; and a \$50 million annual fund will help communities recover from disasters.

Social Good projects like these are paramount to the growth of the entire organization. For the first time ever, Facebook changed its mission in 2017 to focus on giving people the power to build community and bring the world closer together. Naomi will continue to be a servant leader in that mission, supporting the global community and bringing the world closer together.

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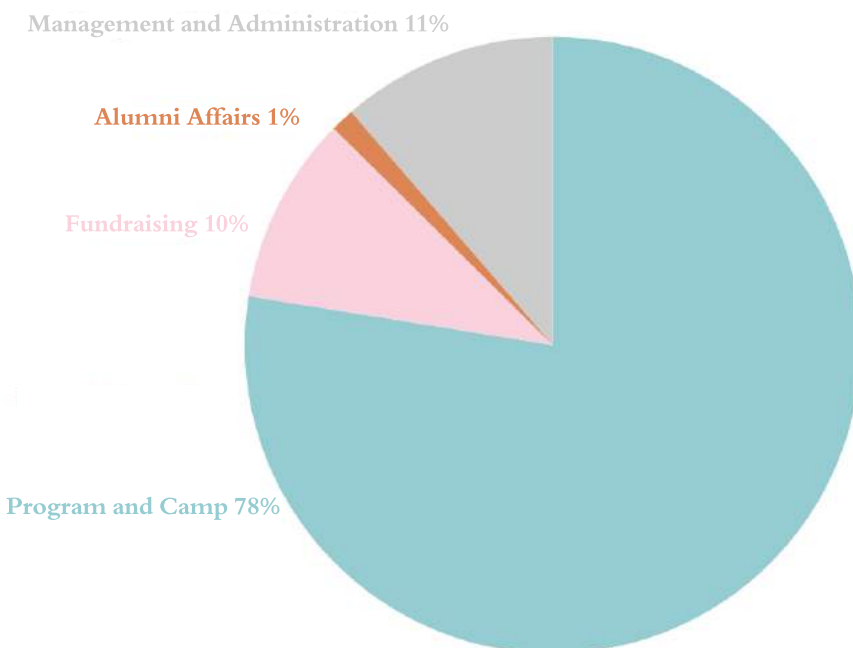


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Expense Area	Amount spent
Total	\$1,166,107
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1930's

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David Solomon Hacker
George Ted Wright

1940's

Franklyn Amos Boothroyd
James O. Burri
Murray Gerstenhaber
Robert Gittleman
Eugene Halpert
James Hudson
David Leveson
Edward Lewison
Arthur Mattuck
Robert McCarthy
John Moe
Gustav Papanek
Norman Robbins
Emanuel Savas

1950's

John W. Armstrong
William B. Dubey
Michael A. Engber
Eugene Eoyang
Martin Feldman
Peter Fudge
Olivier Gillet
Michael D. Green
Ezra E. H. Griffith
Mark A. Hardy
Michael Hart
Thorbjorn Heiman
Dyke D. Henderson
Stephen D. Hoffman
Ralph A. Lehman
David B. Levine
Foo Guey Louie
Frank Mainzer
David Mirsky
Kenjiro Nagasaka

Matthew Nimetz
Richard P. Oertel
Ryuzo Ogata
John E. Randall
John Reiner
Maurice Richter
Joel Rodney
Philip Rogal
Kenneth Rosenthal
Stephen Schreiber
Michael Sherman
Steven Shirk
Martin Shulman
Solomon Sidney Solomon
George W. Souls
Fred E. Stafford
William Teter
William Vetter

1960's

Chris Angus
Richard Baron
William Bonvillian
Christopher Connell
Peter Finkelstein
Henry Hansen
Alec Hastings
Steven C. Horii
Marc Korashan
Richard Luis
Vittorio Maestro
Kjetil Melby
Kelly O'Neal
David Ostwald
Michael Pressman
John Sanders
Carl Schoenberger
Richard Simon
Jerry Stanke
Michael Stringer
Ronald Sverdlove
Blaise Tobia

Charles Wardlaw
Kenneth West

1970's

Todd Barnett
Jay Beckoff
Thomas Berger
Francisco Bonilla
Joseph Carrese
Tommy Cobb
Steven A. Cohen
Bradley Cohen
Tim D. Connors
Thomas Corcoran
Theodore Cross
Stephen Cunningham
Christopher Dietemann
Steven Domine
Jay Gammell
Jonathan Gross
Torben Hansen
Gus Haracopos
Colin Hart
Jon Juergensen
Branko Krmpotic
James Nielson
Mathew Peters
Steven C. Peterson
Tony Pfaff
Shrikant Ramamurthy
Marcin Rybczynski
Joshua I. Schwartz
Paul Schwartz
Mickey Seabrook
Douglas Sgarro
Ray Soderholm
Franklin Spencer
Tom Spurge
Glenn Steenblik
David Strand
Michael Sullivan
Tim Wong



1980's

Cindy Abramson
 Arthur Anthony
 Dimosthenis Archontidis
 Damian Brennan
 Robert Burridge
 Pete Comas
 Christopher Croot
 John Curtis
 Stefano DeZerega
 Michael Edwards
 Gideon Evans
 Marc Filerman
 Andrea Fontemaggi
 Peter Giacone
 Guillermo Gonzalez-Talavan
 Ihsan Hurcan
 Andre Khillawan
 Nicolas Laplace
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 Hai Ling
 Jay Manzo
 Emanuel McKenzie
 Larry Norden
 Patrick O'Malley
 Benedetto Orsini
 Charles Passy
 Robert Pedrero
 Joseph Riddle
 Cedric Rivers
 Jason Rosenfield
 Andrew Schmitz
 Robert Schwarcz
 Noel Selegzi
 Steven Siskind
 Katrina Smith
 Benjamin Smith
 Fredrick Wagner

Volker Wahl
 Jeff Wieneke
 James Womack
 Hooman Yaghoobzadeh
 Hootan Yaghoobzadeh
 Andrew Yim
 Andrew Zombek

1990's

Kevin Ables
 Mike Anderson
 Catherine Bays
 Allison Block-Chavez
 Kristin Bortnem
 Dayna Browne
 Christina Busso
 Cord Campbell
 Sean Campbell
 Rachel Canter
 Jack Cheung
 William Delfs
 Michelle Durand
 Ian Eisenberg
 Elizabeth Franke
 Joe Gallegos
 Naomi Gleit
 Jamal Greene
 Ariana Hellerman
 Steven Ho
 David Ives
 Andrew Jurek
 Nicolle K. Hamilton
 Ganesh Karunakaran
 Keijiro Kawakami
 Julie Kim
 Joseph Ko
 Mary LaRue Murphy
 Carrie Levine

Yao Li
 Qing Ling
 Lisa Logan
 Carl Manelo
 Mariella Martinez
 Orian Marx
 Helene Mattera
 John Mattera
 Kristen Nichols-Cooper
 Emmet O'Hanlon
 Jeff Orłowski
 Lisha Perez
 Satya Peterson
 Els Petit
 Dan Pierpont
 Rene Pierpont
 Praveen Rangnath
 Evgeny Raschevsky
 John Reilly
 Jon Robertson
 Michael Saratovsky
 Bryan Sherman
 Jeff Siegel
 Maya Song
 Paula Souverijn-Eisenberg
 Rachel Stern
 Sylvia Suarez
 Kathryn Swanson
 Thomas van den Akker
 Sughosh Venkatesh
 AnnMarie Walton
 Donna Weiss
 Michelle Willis
 Feng Xue

2000's

Iqbal Ahmed
 Leah Amesse

Annisa Anandatia
Yuri Anderson
Hannah Ashar
Gabor Balazs Fazekas
Chenlan Bao
Slavena Bardarova
Chelsea Beyrand
James Bridgeman
Katherina Brummel
Ruitao Cheng
Mifta Chowdhury
Jane Culkin
Nate Earnest
Ilias Giechaskiel
Ming Gong
Krista Grell
David Grogan
Marisa Hall
Kanoka Hayashi
Lise Hedegaard Kallesoe
Orsolya Imre
Fatema Jannat
Zack Kaplan
Olga Karagiari
Joseph Kim
Inna Kuvich
Megan Lui
Anthony Lusian
Erin McGuire
Ruta Mikiskaite
Marta Misiulaityte
Eric Nguyen
Mads Nissen
Allison Nye O'Donnell
Orlando Olier
Tomasz Otlowski

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Gerianne Pennings
Max Perez Leon
Vasileios Prassas
Yena Purmasir
Faiyam Rahman
Renu Ramesh
Matt Rauschke
Bianco Rey
Daniel Roh
Cameron Rylance
Michael Scharfstein
Janessa Schilmoeller
Sophie Schor
Evan Schwartz
Jonathan Schwarz
Baolu Shen
Sandesh Shettar
Danil Subkhankulov
Grace Wang
Betty Xiong
Joyce Yu
Kate Yuan
Steven Yuniver
Ziheng Zhou

2010's

Edward Ahn
Megan Argetsinger
Georgios Axarlis
Tracy Bai
Jasmine Bar
Maor Ben Zion
Ian Benjamin
Halina Bennet
Michael Blazanin

Elisabeth Boerresen
Line Bojarski
Milena Bolanos
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Soren Bugtong
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Louis Dreyfus
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Cardon Furry
Miles Garcia
Michel Giraud
Kaleo Goldstein-Coloretti
Gabriella Gomez
Gustavo Guerrero
Wyatt Harte
Aynur Hasanzadeh
Lise Hedegaard Kallesoe
Shane Hendrickson
Jacob Kiel
Jaehyun Kim
Landon King
Mawali Knight
Amy Lamb
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Zipei Liu
Sofia Logan
Christian Mérida-Sparling
Sjoerd Maas
Christopher Matias
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Alessio Sacco
Jose Salgado
Yuki Sekimori
Mohamed Shaaban
Jason Shao
Ahmad Shobaki
Haylee Sovell
Erin Thornton
Noud van Dam
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HuiChen Wang
Naeem Williams
Jiayi Yao
Charles Zhao
Qiyue Zhou

Parents

Neha Bar
Terence Benson
Marica Berry
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Gary & Paula Christensen
Larry & Ann Claycomb
Bennett Cook & Mary Ellen Carroll
Natalie de Lange
Kalle Diarra
Herlin Donohue
Fernan & Noeme Flores
Frederic & Armelle Grellier
Lara Henderson
Priya & Rajive Jain
Nancy & Skip Kazaba
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The Martineau Family
Gary Montrose
Irene Oleksiw
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Claude & Nancy Ritman
George Sheldon & Mary Stolenger
Andrew Tone
Diane Vigliarolo
Michelle Wallendal
Fish Wang
Martin & Caroline Werst
Michael Wischmeyer

Friends

Susan Albrecht
Richard Blue
Jacqueline Brenner
Michael & Kristina Connors
Steve Connors
Donna Cutting
Toby Dybbs
Margaret Forbes
Christine Elfalan
Alan Garfield
Marni Gittleman
Ellen Glatstein
Morton Goldfein

Greenfeld Family
Weiber Greiser
Barbara Green
Frank Griffith
Savannah Hawke
Ruth & Elliott Joseph
Meyer & Pnina Kattan
James Lawrence
Stephen Leacock
Ed Lyons
Stephen Monk
The Pare Family
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Phyliss & Richard Roberts
Cameron Rylance
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Sandy Wong
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Michael Saratovsky
Jon Werberg
Leo Werberg

Eric Ngyuen

Jacqueline Brenner

Cailan Rowland

Erin Scott

Sarah Uttermann- Merritt

Ed Lyons

Joyce Yu & Ross Cahoon's Wedding

Leah Amesse
Anna Chang
Megan Domine Argetsinger
Fatema Jannat
Amy Lamb
Shama Rahman

CRS 2005

Kate Xiaoxiao Yuan

CRS 2008

Lisa (Qiya) Li

CRS 2016

Karin Styrmoe

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Julie Beecher
The Buggs Family
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Rabeca Smith
Tootie Tatum
Alice Tobin
Marion Thompson
Min Xiao
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Fred Linton

David Krizanc

Robert McCrea

The McCrea Family

Bob Mellins

Meyer & Pnina Kattan

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Charly Tiernan

Weber Greiser

Crescent M. Varrone

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YEAR-ONE UPDATE ON THE F

Five-Year Plan Introduction

In October 2016, after soliciting feedback from the broader alumni community, the Strategic Planning Committee presented its five-year strategic plan to the Board of Directors.

The plan constitutes a white paper for the course of the Foundation in the next five years, and an analysis of what developments are necessary in order to reopen and successfully operate the Red Hook Campus. The primary objectives of the plan are to continue to fulfill the mission of CRS, through offering 60 boys and 60 girls a four-week full-scholarship program at the Clinton site in Rhinebeck, while simultaneously increasing fundraising and developing a culture of alumni engagement, to lay the foundation for CRS sustainability into the next century.

“The ultimate goal is to reach a level of financial stability that will allow the opening and operation of the Red Hook campus and two simultaneous seven-week seasons of CRS. The strategic plan details essential steps needed for success.”

The ultimate goal is to reach a level of financial stability that will allow the opening and operation of the Red Hook campus, and two simultaneous seven-week seasons of CRS. The strategic plan details essential steps needed for success. To reach the goal of reopening the Red Hook campus, the report outlines that we will need to decrease the portfolio draw to 4.8%, increase annual fundraising to \$1 - \$1.1 million, and design and execute a successful capital campaign to cover the costs of necessary renovations and maintenance of the Red Hook campus.



The new roof on ED Hall (February 2018).

The Strategic Plan summary:

- Five-year plan to attain financial stability (October 2016 - 2021)
- Reduce draw on investment portfolio
- Increase alumni engagement
- Return to two simultaneous seven-week programs
- Re-open Red Hook

The plan further includes a request for the Building and Grounds Committee to complete and present an overview of needed renovations and maintenance of both the Red Hook and the Clinton campuses. The strategic plan also includes a request for the Program Committee to consider and analyze different models of delivering the CRS program – all information needed to make decisions that will help sustain Camp Rising Sun and the Louis August Jonas Foundation into the next century.

Now that we are one year into a five-year plan, how did our expectations measure up to reality? More specifically, how is the plan playing out in key areas? Read on...

Fundraising

In the 2016 - 2017 fiscal year, contributions increased by 20% to \$562,000 – a marked improvement, but short of the goal of \$650,000. But since we fell short of the fundraising goal for year one, the initial plan aimed to raise \$725,800 in 2017 - 2018, we will continue to work towards the goal of \$650,000. We are currently on target to reach that goal with more than \$325,000 already raised by the end of our second quarter. New measures, including several long-term initiatives, were created and implemented in the past year. Most notably, received planned gifts are being directed to the investment portfolio, rather than applied to the current year's budget. LAJF staff also have retrieved a wealth screening service, providing detailed information on our database that will help design and target fundraising campaigns more effectively. It is difficult to quantify the effect of such measures in the short run of a year, but information from the first year gives valuable insights into needed next steps for increasing fundraising.

Year-one Fundraising updates:

- In the 2016-2017 Fiscal year fundraising increased 20% to \$562,000
- Fundraising was still short of the initial goal of \$650,000
- New long-term initiatives are expected to increase fundraising for the coming years

FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Building and Grounds

As mentioned, the five-year plan requests that the Building and Grounds Committee provide an overview of needed renovations on the two campsites. At the end of the 2016 - 2017 fiscal year, a five-year engineering plan for possible renovations and improvements for the Clinton campus was completed and presented.

Clinton Campus

Though the Clinton Campus is generally agreed to be in very good shape, the suggested changes and updates would allow for improved programming during the season and for better use of the site by alumni and others in the off-season. In addition, the changes would better allow for renting out the Clinton campus for e.g., corporate events, weddings or private retreats—something that Foundation staff has been working on realizing in the past year. Renovations to the Main Building are underway to improve bathroom facilities and the dining hall.

Renovations on the Red Hook campus

In the early spring of 2018, renovations were done to the roof and chimney of Emily Dickinson Hall. The entire roofing was replaced to prevent further sliding, and the masonry on the chimney was repaired and improved. The roofing of the Old House porch was also repaired. The roofers found no structural damage to the frame or rafters of the roof, as had been feared. Both roofs now have ice shield on the entire surface under the new roofing, to further prevent leaking. We continue to monitor the property weekly and observe for potential hazards such as pest control, tree trimming and removal.

Finance and Investment

At the winter board meeting, the Finance and Investment Committee reported that with the 2016 - 2017 fiscal year, the Foundation had balanced its budget three years in a row. Moreover, this was achieved with a portfolio draw of 5.2%, well below the projected 6.6% in the plan. The portfolio itself increased from \$9.4 to \$10.6 million. Market gains, reduced overhead expenses and recovery from previous Lehman investments that had initially been written off years ago all contributed to the increase. In keeping with the majority of industry prognosticators, it was noted that the recent market successes are not representative of a new normal, and that lower market returns are likely for the next few years.



Renovation Plans for Clinton campus:

- Enlarging the dining hall and creating better air flow
- Improving toilet and shower facilities
- Installing a wheelchair-accessible bathroom
- Creating more indoor sleeping space usable for summer staff and off-season events
- Separating the west-wing with partitions and new doorways



Financial Insights:

- For the third year in a row, the Foundation presented a balanced budget
- Fiscal year 2016–2017 resulted in a 5.2% portfolio draw, well below the projected 6.6%
- Portfolio increase to \$10.6 Million from \$9.4 million over 18 months

Program Updates

In 2017, we conducted the third year with consecutive four-week sessions. More than 120 campers from over 30 different countries participated in what was widely viewed as a successful summer. As indicated by the pre- and post survey conducted for more than seven years, CRS continues to have a large impact on the lives of young promising leaders from across the globe. Running two consecutive four-week seasons poses great challenges. Summer staff are at Camp for approximately 11 weeks, which can result in some overlap with staff members' school or other employment schedules. Though flexibility and creativity has helped overcome any larger challenges in staffing, burnout and the continued attraction of talented counselors and support staff must continuously be addressed with the longer span of the season.

To better utilize the Red Hook property, and to give campers a deeper experience in relation to the history of Camp Rising Sun, in 2017 campers went on a three-day camping trip to the Red Hook Campus, in lieu of the hiking trips to the Catskills. To read more about the wilderness trips, see pages 12 - 14 where campers tell their stories!

The five-year plan includes a request for the Program Committee to develop and evaluate a broad range of sustainable alternative models of delivering the CRS program. Continuing to optimize and assess our program is a vital part of building a sustainable future for CRS, and the Program Committee's analysis of the various program models yields better understanding of the challenges and opportunities that our current financial struggles are posing for our program.

The Program Committee presented an analysis of 6 different program models, including two simultaneous 7-week programs, should the fundraising goals of the 5-year Strategic Plan be met. The Program Committee continued to emphasize the curricular components that support the sustainability of programming at Camp Rising Sun while brainstorming ways to keep our program competitive, innovative, and successful in the 21st century.

It was mentioned that ongoing critical analysis and discussion of the merits and demerits of different models for the Camp Rising Sun program led to a better, firmer understanding of current areas of success as well as improvement. ■

**View the full Five-Year Strategic Plan document
online at <http://bit.ly/CRS-5YSP>**



Program Update:

- Two four-week sessions
- Use of Red Hook campus for overnight camping
- Program Committee researching broad range of sustainable program models



CRS 2018 WORLD REUNION: ISRAEL

Once again, it is time for the world wide Camp Rising Sun community to reunite! Enjoy a weekend full of camp-spirit and old camp-friends.

From September 13-16, 2018, the Israeli Alumni Association invites you to the World Reunion, in the Neve Shalom - Oasis of Peace - Wahat al-Salam, located between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Israel.

Register online at crsisrael.wixsite.com/crsisraelreunion

Contact Klil Karmon at klilkarmon@gmail.com with your questions or for more information.

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LAJF extends our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of these community members.

Robert Gatje: CRS 1942-1944

Distinguished alumni Robert Gatje passed away at the age of 90 on April 1, 2018, after suffering from a stroke. He was a world-famous architect who worked with Richard Meier, among others. He continuously looked for opportunities to give back to the community. For instance, he served in the United States Corps of Engineers ('46 - '47), as well as on the board of several organizations in the New York area, including Trustee of the New York Hall of Science ('83 - '95). One of his hallmark achievements was writing the book "Great Public Squares, An Architect's Selection", which sets international standards for urban space. He is survived by three daughters, his sister, three beloved grandsons, and partner Susan Witter.

Dan Glaubiger: CRS 1955

Dan Glaubiger died on June 30, 2017, in San Francisco, California. Dan was the retired Chairman of the Department of Radiation Oncology at California Pacific Medical Center, a department he designed and helped create. Dan graduated from Harvard, received a PhD from the University of California Berkeley, and an M.D. from the University of California San Francisco.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Merel, his son James, his daughter Susan, his son-in-law Jonathan, his nine week old granddaughter Jordyn, his brother George, sister-in-law Karen, and nephews, Ethan, David and Samuel.

John Litsios: CRS 1935-1938

John Litsios passed away on March 11th 2018 in Stratford, Connecticut. He was a camper in 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1938 and then Camp Director in 1946. A regular visitor to the Camps well into his eighties, he delighted in telling the Campers "this is how we did it in the thirties" before launching into spirited renditions of old Camp songs.

He was on the LAJF Board for many years and served on many committees including Building and Grounds. More recently he served on the Members Advisory Council and named an Emeritus Member of the MAC due to his inability to participate on the Council.

"John Litsios' eye saw into the heart of things. His heart reached out to things of the heart. He was kind, generous and a warm and steady guide to all fortunate to have known him. He was a stalwart family man to those named Litsios and to the greater, world-wide family of CRS. If you punched in "giving" on the keyboard it came out Litsios."- Seth Frank ('48, '49)

His warmth, his kindness, and his open-hearted generosity of spirit are an enduring legacy. John is remembered as a gracious man with a long-term commitment to Rising Sun and everything it stood for. We will all miss him.



ALUMNI: IN MEMORIAM

Donor Lion: CRS 1937-1941

Donor Lion had a distinguished career in foreign diplomacy with United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Among many accomplishments, Donor facilitated the development of literacy and education programs in Brazil and was the USAID Director in Jamaica, Guyana, Pakistan and Peru. Donor and his family called the Washington, DC area home. Donor's wife Linda recalls that "Mr. Jonas personally stood up for Donor and served as a guarantor of sorts to help him obtain the New York Harvard Club scholarship to attend Harvard." This past fall, before Donor's passing, Linda read to her husband Rick Richter's annual letter on Camp. It brought back many fond memories

Asbjorn Lunde: CRS 1941

Asbjorn Lunde died on September 30, 2017. Born on Staten Island July 17, 1927. Resident of New York City and Hillsdale, NY. BA Columbia, 1947, LLB Columbia 1949. Mr. Lunde was a passionate art collector, opera enthusiast, philanthropist and attorney. Through the Asbjorn Lunde Foundation he supported practice, research, exhibition, and publication in the fine arts and music. As an attorney he had practiced since 1949. His brother Karl predeceased him in 2009.

Dale Springer: CRS 1973

Dale Springer attended Camp Rising Sun in 1973. He passed away on December 12th, 2017. Dale was a great supporter of CRS and remained involved in the Minnesota Alumni Association activities. Dale attended camp with Tim Conners in 1973. Dale often talked about how summer camp impacted him and his outlook on life.

Dale faced the debilitating consequences of diabetes including blindness at age 25, two kidney transplants, a pancreas transplant, and leg amputations below the knee. His brother John commented that his "never give up" attitude was molded at Camp Rising Sun. This attitude paid off as Dale resided alone in his home in Cannon Falls. His property included a shop where he owned and operated his own auto mechanic shop.

Dale distinguished himself as a model of perseverance in his community and at his church. We will miss Dale and extend our condolences to his family.



Frank J. Zaza: CRS 1941-1943

Frank Zaza died January 9th 2018 in Arlington, VA where he resided since February 1968. Born 4 March 1928 in Manhattan in the City of New York, the son of Frank J. Zaza and his wife Catherine F. Noone.

He was employed by the Dept. of the Army 1956-1968 at Raritan Arsenal in New Jersey and Letterkenny Army Depot in Pennsylvania. From 1968 to 1984, in Washington D.C. and Arlington, he was employed by the Department of the Navy, supporting Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarines.

He married Barbara Anne Shaver of Irvington, N. J., in that Town in 1962 and had with her three children; Robert Noone Zaza of Rio Rancho, NM, Sara Reed Zaza Kline of Fairfax Co., VA, and the late William Shaver Zaza of Arlington.

1940's

Bruce Douglas '41-'43 Bruce Douglas, is actively serving as Professor of Health and Aging at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health. He is the oldest active faculty member at UIC.



Bob Gittleman '45 The Boston Symphony Association of Volunteers presented Bob Gittleman '45 with its Carrie L. Peace SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERING AWARD. Bob was honored for his many years of dedicated service. In his acceptance remarks, he credited his time at Camp Rising Sun with instilling in him his life value of “giving back” to family, community, country and to our precious earth. His focus has been on supporting efforts to heighten young people's artistic sensibility. To that end, he and his wife Stephanie, have supported funds (within our Camp Rising Sun endowment) by establishing the Gittleman Fund for the Arts. Pictured are Stephanie & Bob together with daughters Emi and Marni at the award presentation. Bob is looking forward to celebrating his 75th camp reunion in just a few years.

David Hacker '39, '40 David turned 92 in spring 2017. He is still in relatively good physical shape, and has been interviewed on TV on clean coal and its prospects. He is painting, studying Italian and recently finished a course on the American Revolution at Northwestern University. Everything is still ok.

1950's

John Armstrong '59 Steve Hoffman ('56, '60)-whose family picked me up at Idlewild and who I haven't seen since camp-expressed CRS leadership well: "If there's something that needs to be done, do it. People will follow." Currently spending most of my time in Vermont, doing CRS leadership on the Wallingfort Energy Committee, skiing a lot and rebuilding a home. All 3 involve decisions. Many decisions.



Jørgen Kampp '52, '56 Now a retired medical doctor, Jørgen spends his time with singing, writing, physical training and social life.

David Mirsky '50, '51 David is still working in the community child psychology field "despite the hundreds of electronic records and the malignant insurance industry." He said a sad goodbye to Paolo Marusisio '50, at his home in Como, Italy in 2016.

Maurice Richter '50-'53 I will be 88 in May. I am writing my memoirs and revising my CRS camp history. Recently, with a cousin in Chicago, I published a book about the history of my father's family. I visit Camp every summer and give instructions there on the U.S. college system and on History of CRS.



Sol Solomon '51 Dr. Sol Solomon was recently featured in an article by the US Department of Veterans Affairs for his service. As an "Air Force veteran, [he] has been associated with VA for nearly half a century. He now serves as chief of endocrinology and metabolism at the Memphis VA Medical Center and as an emeritus professor of endocrinology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. His focus has largely been on the study of diabetes. At age 81, he's approaching the end of his career. But he believes he has time left and hopes to carry on voluntarily by counseling young doctors and physician scientists at the VA and at the University of Tennessee."

1960's

William B. Bonvillian '63, '64 Now serving as a lecturer at MIT and directing a project on workforce education. My book on advanced manufacturing came out from MIT Press in January 2018.

Rick Luis, '61 Rick Luis is with Noah Hurley '16. Noah's North St. Paul high school band was asked to be Colgate's pep band for the Women's Hockey Frozen Four.



Rick '61 and Nita Luis MN & UT Board members meet in NY or on the other side of the world? It was such a pleasant coincidence for Rick '61 & Nita Luis to be in Melbourne the same day

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and attending the same matches at the Australian Open as fellow LAJF Board member Joe Riddle '89! It was great to meet Joe's brother and have him meet Rick's brother and his partner. What a wonderful opportunity to discuss the LAJF activities and renew our friendship in an international setting - even if it was 108 degrees!



Carl Schoenberger '66, '67 I just finished my third year practicing Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine in Russellville, Arkansas. This followed 32 years of medical practice in Maryland. The new position has proven extremely rewarding, as I am the only lung specialist in a 50-mile radius, and receive lots of positive feedback from the patients. It has also been a great experience for Michelle and myself not only to see a new part of the US, but to have a chance to

experience a cultural milieu very different from that of the East Coast. After all, getting to know people with different backgrounds and viewpoints is what CRS was all about. As our children and grandchildren all live in Manhattan, we do get to travel there often--maintaining a foothold in two very different worlds. Still working on LAJF committees, and doing what I can to support the work of the foundation. How-how to the current foundation staff and board for all their efforts!

Scott Tucker '65. What ever happened to the Gang of '65? It was a great summer and learning experience.



Juan Uranga '65 Retired in July after serving as an attorney for farmworkers in Salinas Valley, California for over 40 years.

Lars Rønnev '68 I retired from my teaching position in January 2017, after working all my life since I was 12. Interesting feeling after all these years. I have three children and six grandchildren. I spend my time maintaining our houses, all wooden: Our house here in Aarhus, and two cottages at two different beaches, one shared with my sister. I sing in a choir, follow lectures and study circles, presently on Albania and Macedonia. Also, I jog and work out every week (well, almost!) to keep my back in shape. And since the acquisition of an e-bike, I bike much more than before. Aarhus is a rather hilly town.



1970's

Norberto Barba '79 Norberto directed the pilot to "Mayans MC", the highly anticipated spin-off of "Sons of Anarchy". He will serve as Executive Producer/Director of the series, currently in production of it's first season. It will premiere on September 4th on FX.

1980's

Damian Brennan '87, '91-'95, '02, '15-'17 Sau-Ying and I recently celebrated our 12th anniversary together. This has been a year of significant change for us and the next will see many changes as well. The plan is for us to relocate to Pittsburgh in April or May where I will be taking a job helping to start up a new steel mill. It's a new city for both of us and I would love to get in touch with alumni in the area. 2017 marked my 30th CRS anniversary as well. I enjoyed catching up with several people from 1987 at the reunion events. I offer my special thanks to Hooman Yaghoobzadeh and Rob Schwarcz for helping to put it all together. In April, Tim Conners will be taking over as the President of the LAJF and I couldn't be more thrilled. I'm looking forward to working with Tim and Helene as they lead our cherished organization into a sustainable future.

Tim Conners '73 Traveling with work I was able to head to Germany this past fall. I was able to catch my good friend Tom Berger available for a visit over the weekend, and my trip coincidentally overlapped with a yearly reunion in the Dutch association.

With a group of German alumni, we headed to Rotterdam, Holland, and so suddenly I was spending a weekend with a whole alumni association! The day was filled with a full day of events. Socializing, dining, instructions, and discussions on LAJF future kept everyone engaged throughout the day. What a surprise! From a weekend with Tom to a visit with ~40 alumni, I've got to say it was the kind of surprise I hope I get to repeat soon! Over the year, I was also able to visit with and catch up with alumni in Philadelphia, Boston, Austin, and made a number of new alumni friends on trips to New York.

All 1973er's: I got a chance to visit with Peter Pope in London. He looks great and is doing well!!! The spirit lives on even 44.5 years after the summer we spent together!! I hope my travels give me an opportunity to see other 1973er's SOON!!

Stefano DeZerega CRS '85, Pacific Rim International Camp '86 Living with his wife Johanna Hartwig and sons Nico (13) & Asa (11) in the Bernal Heights neighborhood of San Francisco. Buying and Selling houses for the past 12 years at Zephyr Real Estate. Currently serving as a board member of Pie Ranch and thrilled to be expecting a baby girl in May.

Lenore LaSalandra Graham, '89 - '90 Lenore lives in Redondo Beach, CA with her wonderful husband Michael of 17 years and has 2 amazing daughters, Giovanna (10 yrs old; competitive gymnastics and team soccer) and Luciana (5 yrs old; gymnastics, soccer, and ballet). Lenore serves as Global Market Manager for Aircraft Engines for HBD Industries.

David Herault '89 Just moved from one building to the one behind. The good thing is there is a spare room now, so welcome in Paris!

freelancing for a few marketing clients and working on a long-unfinished novel. Gregg and Joe enjoy their free time, spending as much of it as possible in the beautiful national parks in and around their home in Salt Lake City, Utah. If you're ever in the area, you're invited to swing by.



Hooman Yaghoobzadeh '87, '88 Hooman is a practicing cardiologist and internist at Weill Cornell Medical Center. He is married with two boys, the oldest of which will be going to camp this year for 2 weeks. He is serving his first year on the LAJF Board and lives in Edgemont, Westchester, less than three houses away from Robert Schwartz, 87, 88.

Line Lundfald '89, '94

I am a Project Coordinator for NanoLund at Lund University in Sweden. I work mostly operational with management support and making sure that the decisions of the executive group are carried out, but I also collect information and provide input for the executive group and the board of directors to make informed decisions. I also work with communication and monitoring politics and policies affecting our research or funding possibilities. I love my job because it is challenging, has a high degree of freedom, and because new problems come up all the time so even if I have been here for 9 years I keep developing both professionally and personally. I also highly appreciate the team spirit and collaborating with colleagues.



1990's

Duarte Geraldino '93 Duarte is a journalist who studies global migration patterns, and his work recently led him to give a TED Talk, "What We're Missing in the Debate about Immigration."

Ariana Hellerman '96, '97, '04 Met up with Aleksandra (Ola) Banach ('97) during a work trip to Warsaw. It was the first time they had seen each other in 20 years and they picked up right where they left off.

Janelle Iglesias '96, '97, '01-'03, '06 Outside of collaborating with her sister Lisa as the art duo, 'Las Hermanas Iglesias,' Janelle practices sculpture and drawing in her new studio in Southern California.

Pat O'Malley '80 I recently took a new job as Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at the Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, MD, and I continue to see patients in Internal Medicine at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

Joseph Riddle '88, '95, '97 Joseph is serving as the Alumni Relations Committee Chair. He recently met up with Rick Richter ('50 - '53) in Rick's hometown in upstate New York and wrote about their meet-up in the LAJF blog. Back in 2003, when Joseph and his husband Gregg Schultz bought their first home together, they made a goal of living "small," with the hope that they could retire by age 45. Gregg beat their goal by a year, and Joseph just barely made it. He stepped down from his role as CMO of software startup, Tracking First, in January. He's now



Aaron "AJ" Jenkins '96, '97 Hello CRS! I'm Aaron "AJ" aka Biscuit, from Washington, DC. I love my CRS family and am glad Helene suggested more alumni write. CRS was a changing point in my life, introducing me to the world to helping me unlock my potential in leadership and in life. I missed my 20 year reunion for an important reason: to attend the wedding of Su'ad Jarbawi ('96, '97) along with Yolande Wilson ('95, '96). I want to keep in better touch with people from my years and meet more fellow CRSers. I took my CRS training into the world to run a non profit program for Black and Jewish HS youth. Most recently, I worked for President Barack Obama. CRS is more than life long friendships (Dayna, Jeremy C. Quadri, Maya Song, Jahaan, Aviad, Rob Pugh, Ariana, Janelle, Jon Cartagena, all of the boys, girls & counselors in 1996 and 1997, Veronique, Miliana, Chris Sewell, Barry, Ganesh, Andre, Shavaun, Zelle...). CRS a reminder of the responsibility we possess to make positive difference in whatever part of the world we reside. If you visit Washington, DC, look me up!





Carl Manalo '95, '96, '11 Carl is currently in his 4th year as a Principal at Queens High School for Information, Research, & Technology at the Far Rockaway Campus. He recently received tenure and travels every

vacation to visit his camp brothers and sisters. "Although only an evening, this moment filled my heart with so much joy and renewed spirit. Please, if you can - make time out of your busy schedule and connect with your brothers and sisters. Love my '95-'96 folks! with Eli Bromberg, Zoe So, Ariana Hellerman, Alana Salcer and Cindy Samuels."

Ganesh Karunakaran '97 is a trader at Citigroup, where he has worked since returning from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on Fulbright scholarship. He has a beautiful son, Mateo, who was born in 2016.

Mariella Martinez '92, '93 I have been accepted into the 2018 Juvenile Training Immersion Program Summer Academy. The program is hosted by Georgetown Law's Juvenile Justice Clinic and the National Juvenile Defense Center. So it looks like I will be in Washington DC for a little bit in June and would love to connect with some alumni if possible!

Jennifer Montalvo '98 is Managing Director running FICC for Sheffield Haworth. She lives in NYC and is looking forward to attending the summer 20 year reunion.



Kate McCormick '99 Is the 2018 inaugural FRONTLINE/Investigative Reporting Workshop Fellow. She is finishing her master's degree at George Washington University and works with writer-producer Rick Young and his FRONTLINE team based at American University (AU). She also writes for FRONTLINE's digital platforms, and will contribute to upcoming Workshop projects. As a previous IRW intern, McCormick was a researcher on the May 2017 FRONTLINE program, "Poverty, Politics and Profit," about the nation's affordable housing crisis.

She also worked with The Washington Post's investigative team, traveling to Wichita, Kansas, to report for the Post's Fatal Force series on police shootings, and worked on a story on evictions in the District of Columbia that led to changes in the city's eviction policies. McCormick has previous experience in documentaries, narrative film, commercials and newspapers, most recently in rural Franklin County, Maine, for the Waterville Morning Sentinel, where she reported on local communities' attempts to revive their small towns in the face of paper-mill closures and migration to urban centers. "We're thrilled to have Kate join the team here at AU," Young said, "and to deepen the ties between FRONTLINE, the Workshop and the next generation of investigative filmmakers."

Lisha Perez '99, '00 I continue to work in marketing at Dove, and am celebrating a recent promotion. I am also planning a big move. My boyfriend David and I are relocating to Toronto this summer. I am in touch with Abhijeet Nain and Luca Nagy to talk about all things Canada, and welcome any Rising Sun connections as we get acclimated to our new digs up north!



Jackie Ramos '91, '92 A new empty nester (legacy camper Sophie Rose Gonzalez '14, '15) moved back to the good 'ole boogie down Bronx. Went to Europe in Dec. for the 1st time - had an amazing time reconnecting with some of my good friends from Camp Rising Sun. While in Paris, France, I met up with Clemintine "Clem" Hardy and her gorgeous family. Clem was an amazing tour guide showing me all around Paris including the Moulin Rouge and Sacré-Cœur. She was also a gracious host to me and my friend having brunch at her home in Paris. I was also blessed to meet up with Gillian Kelleher in London, England. She was a fantastic tour guide showing us around Buckingham Palace, The Eye and a few English pubs where we were greeted by 1,000+ people in their Santa Suits...lots of fun. Also, Gillian presented us with the most amazing Milk Chocolate that's the best I've had! Great time with great friends who are a part of the CRS family.



Alana Salcer '95, '96 Alana is a freelance graphic designer at Queens College. She also designs and creates ceramic jewelry and planters for her side project, AlanaLaurenCeramics (alanalaurenceramics.com).



Bryan Sherman '90, '91 Having been living in Japan now for over a decade straight, I recently was elected as a Director of Pacific Rim International Camp (PRIC). Similar to the financial issues experienced by CRS, PRIC is also undergoing a period of introspection in order to find the financial sustainability to continue the program for a new generation of campers. Otherwise, I am living with my wife, Miyuki, and our dog, Gramercy, in Tokyo while running a consulting, training and facilitation services company I founded in 2010 GramercyEngagement.com. Since the beginning of the year, I have been experimenting with facial hair!

Jonah Wittkamper '90, '91, '93 Cofounder and Global Director of NEXUS, a global organization uniting communities of wealth with social entrepreneurs in order to create social change on an international scale. This year, the company hosted its 4th annual conference in Washington, D.C., where attendees "had heard of Camp Rising Sun because of Jonah and were impressed that it made such a lasting impact on his life."

Justin Vincent '97 Hi everyone! This may be the first time I've contributed here, so I must first apologize for being silent. I'm enjoying my 4th year in Seattle, WA working for a tech/retail company (you've probably heard of it). My big news I guess would be that I got to hang out with the amazing Joe Riddle at his home last summer and reminisce about Camp. In other news, I'm single for the first time in 11 years, moved into my favorite neighborhood in Seattle, hiked on Mount Rainier, and am enjoying exploring the Pacific Northwest with my 7-year old Morkie, Leela.



2000's

Shanique Adams '00 I recently moved to New Jersey and accepted a position as a manager in EisnerAmper's Consulting Services Group.

Annisa Anandatia '05 Hello everyone. Last November, my husband and I welcomed our first child, a daughter named Camila Maryam. Motherhood has been quite an exciting experience for me. I hope this journey of a lifetime will always be a wonderful one. Anyway, CRS brothers and sisters, miss you! I hope all of you are doing fine.

Elyem Chej '09, '15, '16 Hope everyone is well! I have been really enjoying life at Cambridge and will be working as an Access Consultant in London come September. Would love to hear from you if you have any thoughts on how to create more inclusive and accessible spaces. PS. Stendis '09, we need start organising our reunion!



Willeke Foppen '05, '11, '13 Last year I started my first real medical doctor job at the emergency room of a hospital in the East of my country, near the German border. Very exciting! I also moved to my own apartment, so adult life really did start for me. I got the chance to explore a bit of Indonesia during a vacation with my boyfriend, and was lucky enough to go scuba diving - such a beautiful underwater world! I'm looking forward to exploring more of the world in the future and hoping to get the chance to meet many of you on our travels. Warm wishes from the Netherlands!

Lisa Iglesias '01-'03 In addition to exploring patterns, images and gestures in multi-media artwork she produces independently and in her sister art duo, Las Hermanas Iglesias, Lisa teaches drawing and painting at the University of Florida. She is also a mother and a feminist.



Lise Kallesoe '08, '10 Is currently living in a bamboo hut in the Sadhana Forest, India, reforesting the indigenous trees and enjoying being outside all day promoting sustainability and conscious living. In the Sadhana Forest, I am the co-founder and facilitator of a monthly course, UniverCity of Compassion.

Please come by! Sending hugs and sunshine in your directions.

Camden Knoff '08 I graduated in May 2017 with my M.S. in Fire Protection Engineering from WPI in MA. I am currently employed at Burns & McDonnell in Bloomington, MN.

Elysa Krosmico '05, '08 Hi everyone, I hope you are well! We are still in Pennsylvania but will be relocating to Charlotte at the end of 2018. We are currently finalizing our 2018 wedding plans and hope to see you in Israel at the upcoming reunion.



Elin Larsen '07 Elin currently lives in Paris and is a PhD student in language acquisition. She is also a teaching assistant in statistics and is involved in the research community by organizing conferences, teaching and peer-reviewing.

Laurel Leggiere '05, '06, '08 Getting financial aid from the CRS community means that I will be able to pursue my MSW degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Ultimately, I will become an LCSW and work with children and families who have experienced trauma. Getting a master's degree in social work is the first step in becoming a licensed clinician who can use their expertise to further social justice in the micro (individual) and macro (societal) sphere.

Orlando Olier '04, '05, '14 I'm a TV producer currently working on a late night talk show. On the left is photo of Nate Earnest '04, '05 visiting the studio set.



Irene Pegiou '07 Hello wonderful people! So long ago, I know. A lot has happened in my life. Well, currently I am in the Netherlands living with my Dutch boyfriend (who would tell me this back then) in Rotterdam, which is beautiful. I graduated with my Masters in pharmaceutical sciences and science based business in Leiden University in October and am now waiting to hear about an application I did for TNO here in the Netherlands.

It is a really nice organization active in food, health, energy, environment and many other sectors. I have met Hana and Elin sometimes in the past ten years and I am planning to join the reunion in September 2018 in Israel! Hope to meet many of you again and catch up! And please, whenever you are in Europe, pass by Rotterdam and send me a message <3. I look back to our experiences, our stories, and everything during camp and I always feel so grateful for having had a summer there with you!

Mette Schlütter '04, '05, '11, '12 In February, Mette moved to Uummannaq in Greenland. She will do 4 months of fieldwork for her Ph.D. studies in anthropology about the experience of ageing in Greenland. From Uummannaq, she has participated in the selection of two Greenlandic campers to attend camp this year. It is the third year in a row she has selected campers from Greenland to attend Camp Rising Sun in New York. Before moving, she married Geo Ulbjerg on January 13th 2018.



Alexandra Pleier '01, '02 Alexandra recently gave birth to a wonderful healthy baby boy on December, 26th. His name is Emil and they are all doing very well. Alexandra lives in Budapest and is still an active member as a secretary of the Hungarian alumni association. She has been serving as a member of the GEJ Scholarship Committee since 2013 and enjoyed the past few years very much. I now left a managerial position for motherhood at Mercedes Benz Manufacturing Hungary where I was in charge of a team of 20 managing supply chain operations for the plant.



Daria Reaven '05, '06, '12 Hi all! As a quick update: I have a new job working on US death penalty abolition advocacy and policy. My job has me traveling across the country meeting with activists, politicians, lawyers, and journalists. I'm also consulting on a Hollywood film about the death penalty in Texas, set to come out later this year, so look out for it. I am working remotely in Denver, so if you come through Colorado, let me know!

Daniel Roh '06-'08, '17 I finally graduated from university with a degree in English! Last summer, I fulfilled a lifelong goal and worked at camp as a counselor. It was a everything I ever imagined. There, I met another camp alum and we have been traveling through South America together since January! I am returning as a counselor this summer and will be moving to New York City this fall, I am looking to work with children once in the city! I miss you all, if you see this, message or call me, would be so good to reconnect. #MacondoForLife



Yena Sharma Purmasir '08, '09, '11, '15, '16 Yena is a research assistant at NYU School of Medicine's World Trade Center Mental Health Program.

Conor Sanchez '02, '03 Conor was named the Pete Seeger Scholar for this academic year for his studies at the Fletcher School of Law at Tufts University!



Baolu Shen '06 I currently work in San Francisco Bay Area as a product manager at LinkedIn. Over the past year or so, thanks to WeChat/Facebook/Instagram, I've met many old and new CRS friends- Erena Rezene in LA, Lucky Zhang in Beijing, Lisa Li in Sunnyvale, and CRS California get-together in SF. I've also been pursuing my passion for nature, and have trekked beautiful routes including Mt Kilimanjaro, Chilean Patagonia, and Routeburn trek in New Zealand, and am planning to do Inca trail later this year. If you ever visit SF, or are interested in backpacking trips, please let me know!

Gabriela Suarez '09 I recently quit my job in San Francisco to travel around Southeast Asia for a year.



2010's

Connor Ausman '13 Connor was one of the 2017 GEJ Scholarship recipients. He attends Bard High School Early College Queens, where he took college-level classes like Race and Power, Method Acting, and a Sophomore Seminar in



literature in which he discussed the cultural significance of works like The Iliad and Frantz Fanon's Wretched of the Earth. "CRS has taught me that I am able to accomplish anything. Now my family is growing and changing, and the tasks have changed. I am not building a bench, I am auditioning for a Broadway musical, or working on a Netflix show, or spending hours with my scene partner, making sure that I am ready for the class the next day."

Kevin Boodram '15 The leadership skills I learned at camp really helped me organize the students at Stuyvesant High School into a vehicle for political change through my club, the Stuyvesant Young Democrats. This year our events included a dinner at City Hall that allowed us to discuss the issues we learned about at our meetings with city council members, a march to promote youth engagement in politics that was attended by schools from across the state, and our most successful event yet; joined by over 300 other people, we gathered outside of a Verizon store near Times Square, to protest to preserve net neutrality. We're currently organizing a protest in Suffolk County and have plans for even more events before the year is out. While I'm not sure where I'll be going to college just yet, I'm looking forward to empowering other students to be their own sachem and reclaim the voice that every citizen needs to have in today's political landscape.



Timothy Bozyczko '11-'17

In 2017 I began working as a nurse at a local hospital - the same hospital I was born in. I'm part of the Float Pool team where I work on all medical surgical floors of the hospital. I'm also an active member of the hospital's Falls Committee which seeks to reduce and prevent patient falls. I am also studying at SUNY Plattsburgh towards my second bachelor's degree - a Bachelor of Science in Nursing which will lay the foundation for the potential to continue my education to become a Nurse Practitioner. Besides work and school, I'm an active member of the LAJF Health & Safety Committee. I have also been assisting camp during the summer as a previous health director resource and volunteering my time to relieve the medical staff. I'm looking forward to helping again this season at camp. I'm also the proud owner of a beautiful Golden Retriever named Sasha who will hopefully be trained as a therapy dog in the future. Lastly, I have started a new hobby - woodworking. I turn a lot of pens and am in the process of trying to create some CRS pens to sell and donate proceeds of to LAJF.

Annie Chen '13, '14 Annie's finishing up her junior year of college and excited to be starting an internship at the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative as a software engineer on the education team.

Caroline Chiu '10 Caroline recently started as an Associate in Strategy & Operations in VICE Media's digital business in NYC where she develops and operationalizes strategic initiatives for VICE's lifestyle brands. Prior to starting at VICE, Caroline served as a Consultant for Oliver Wyman, and spent six weeks backpacking in Europe and Asia."

Alex Claycomb '11, '12, '15-'17 I'm graduating from Grinnell College in May and I'll be starting a PhD program in Political Science in the fall, after I finish my sixth summer at camp. Last year, I was fortunate to live in Europe and see and stay with many old campmates from years past. I'm forever grateful to CRS for lifelong friendships and the great personal growth I've experienced since I first attended, seven years ago.



Amelia Colban '10 This fall, Amelia moved into a new apartment in New York City, where she continues to study at Columbia University. She also works at LAJF and thinks maybe cats aren't that overrated, after all.

Getzamani Correa '13 Getzamani is currently a freshman at Bard College. She was awarded a GEJ Scholarship for her community service and leadership work in Mostar and the Balkans.

Agata Foryciarz '11 I'm studying Computer Science and Statistics at Princeton, and plan to spend the next five years in grad school, applying Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improving medicine. This summer, I am helping organize AI4All - an AI-for-social-impact summer camp for rising high school juniors coming from groups typically underrepresented in the field. During the program, I will be a part of a team of research mentors and instructors, teaching the students coding and AI and helping them apply those skills to come up with data-driven policy solutions to improve the odds of academic success of kids from underprivileged backgrounds.

Sophie Ganzalez '14-'15 Sophie is moving to the Bronx from Long Island, and has started college to study interior design. She's interested in modeling and recently became the design chair on her college's fashion club.



Ulvi Gitaliyev '17 I have been to many Model United Nations conferences, making use of my leadership skills.

Cristián Mendoza Gómez '15, '16 Hey y'all! I was one of two Californian campers in 2015, and a second year in 2016. My first year season was the first season to have the switch to the four week session, and while I would have loved to spend 7-8 weeks at camp, I still created bonds and learned more about myself as a 14 year old than I would have if I never had attended, despite the shorter season. Now, being 17 years old, I consider camp the turning



point of my teenage years because, since then, I've been inspired to become aware and appreciative of the global community, broadened my horizons, and determined to pay forward what's been given to me. It's inspired me to push for more and now I'm studying at UWC-USA as a first year student. Right now, I'm considering studying political science or law. My life never would not be same if it weren't for my summers at CRS, and I can't wait to come back.

Gustavo Guerrero '16, '17 I'm Very busy, and keeping paying forward all that camp has given me. I created a club to teach English (for free) to lower income adults, it's been a great success, currently have 25 students, they are extremely motivated, and are learning at a very rapid pace. Personally, I'm doing great in school. I was accepted to Yale Young Global Scholars for the summer, and I'm looking forward (with fear) to the SAT. I also got inducted into my schools chapter of National Honor Society. All in all, it's been a great year. I truly believe that much of my success this year is because of my time at camp, I will always be grateful to the foundation for giving me the opportunity to step outside my comfort zone and expand my knowledge



Rebecca van der Hagen '16 Hi everyone! I miss everyone and camp so much everyday! In September I started the first of my two last years of school (sixth form). I'm studying math, business and graphics. It is a lot of work but I'm enjoying it. I've met so many new people recently. I got a job not too long ago working for a tutoring agency and I have become a maths tutor! I have also started work as a youth worker/volunteer for my church's youth group. The last time I saw someone from camp was the November just after camp, when I met up with Freda and Nadya. It's been such a long time! Anyone want to come and see me in London? ;) I love you all so much!! <3



Elsa Henretta '10 Hey! I'm pursuing a career as a musician and entrepreneur and love dreaming big. I just spent two months in Uganda doing a field trip for my bachelors thesis on creativity and lifestyle. I'm one of the directors of the organisation HOFA Sverige where I'm helping to fund an orphanage in Jinja, and mainly work on the social media and content creating.

Shefali Jain '10 Shefali is working as an analyst in Ulaanbaatar at Mongolia International Capital Corporation as part of her Princeton in Asia Fellowship. In August, she will embark on a one-year Master's Degree at Tsinghua University in Beijing as a Schwarzman Scholar.



Monica Janvier '15, '16 Hi everyone! I am currently a Senior at Edward R. Murrow High School. I am happy to share that I recently received a Gold Key and National Silver Medal Award for poetry in the 2018 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Also, I have been accepted to several colleges. However, I have not yet decided on which college I would like to attend. I am leaning towards Rutgers University- New Brunswick, Stony Brook University, or New York University. I hope to find Camp Rising Sun Alumni in the college that I will attend! I am also looking forward to reuniting with my camp brothers and sisters at the CRS NY Reunion in April!

Alon S. Levin '14 I am a sophomore Electrical Engineering student at Cooper Union. I am building a startup, and I am looking to continue developing its invention (a wearable epinephrine injection) and submitting it for FDA approval in the near future.

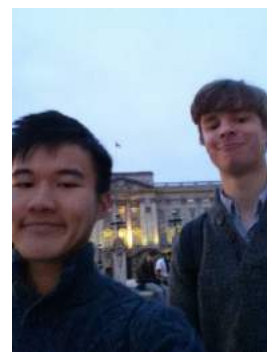
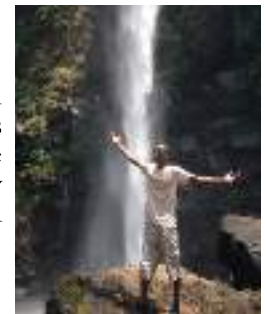


Katherine Lowe '10, '11 I graduated from Cornell in May with a bachelors in agricultural sciences. I currently work as a grower for BrightFarms in the Chicago area. I'm in charge of a 250,000 sq. ft. greenhouse growing hydroponic lettuce and leafy greens. Our sustainably grown produce is distributed to grocery stores within 150 miles of our greenhouse.

Hanna Mark '16 Hanna is a senior at Hackley School in Tarrytown, New York. At the end of this school year, she is going to participate in an exchange program in Scotland with the Round Square Organization. She is applying for university, and hopes to study physics and history. She is part of her school's varsity fencing team, the leader of her school's LGBTQ+ club, and participates in Slam Poetry.

Alisson Masson '11, '12 As a GEJ Scholarship recipient this year, Alisson is completing her post-graduate student teaching at her former undergraduate institution, Washington and Lee University, and working to obtain her Virginia teaching license in secondary social studies.

Bayanda Mvalo '12, '13 Currently in my 3rd year of my BCom Economics and Econometrics degree at the University of Johannesburg. Recently passed the CISI level 2 exam (fundamentals of financial services).



Galen Ng '14 Hello to everyone in the CRS community! I'm currently in my 2nd year of college studying Naval Architecture/Marine Engineering at Webb Institute and I just returned from a semester abroad at Southampton University in England. If you had asked me back at camp where I'd be in four years I never would have thought I'd be

hiking in Alaska, pole vaulting overseas, swimming through the Bayou in Louisiana, or absorbing all the art and culture of Western Europe. It just shows that life takes you on an unpredictable adventure. I haven't been as involved with CRS as I had hoped but I've gotten the chance to meet with Samy Bessais and Aleks Moody since leaving camp. I can honestly say I am a bit camp-sick and I hope everyone is doing well. Carpe Diem every day! How-how.

Kyann Jemmott '16 I'm working towards my Bachelors degree in veterinary technology. All of my courses are very in-depth and there's always a quiz every week, and exams in Biology 2. I'm also doing research presentations for two topics this semester, which will be a new, exciting experience for me. What's most interesting, though, is that I've held two snakes; my cat is 18; and my mother went on her first cruise, which she deserved a long time ago.



Joshua Kalenga '14 I'm currently studying at a United World College in Hong Kong, trying to learn and explore new cultures and languages and still in love with football of course. (Real football that is... ;) with a round ball)

Derek Lee '10 Derek graduated from Stanford University in June 2017. He worked at Resilient by Design through December helping to organize a design competition addressing sea level rise in the SF Bay Area. He now works at local public health department doing epidemiological data analysis and will start graduate school in the fall at UCLA for biostatistics.

Sze Wah Lee '12 Sze Wah is currently a senior at the University of Rochester. She will graduate this year with a BS in Optical Engineering. In the future, she hopes to work at Lockheed Martin, or go to graduate school.

Chiu Yin Lee '14 Chiu currently attends Stony Brook University, where he will probably study engineering. He also interned at a game developer startup recently. He's looking at getting a summer job or internship, and is examining graduate school.

Petra Gabriella Pataki '13 I'm doing my second year in an English studies Bachelors program, minoring in editorial skills. I moved in with my boyfriend of six years last summer, establishing an independent household.



Elena Fernández Reixa '13, '14 Glad to announce I'll be studying at York St John University starting on September '18. Enjoying my student life, learning and growing everyday.

Johnny Ross '10 Graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a job in healthcare IT at Optum. In his spare time he mentors college students with personal development, time management, and job hunting.

Michael Sheldon '10, '11, '14-'16 Michael graduated from Wesleyan University this past May. He spent the summer canvassing for, and now works as a legislative aide to, NYC Council Member Justin Brannan in the 43rd Council District (Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, Bath Beach, and Bensonhurst in Brooklyn).

Amit Singh '12, '16 Junior year at Stony Brook University, studying to become a Physician Assistant.



Haylee Sovell '16 During the last Sundial, I was planning a 5K race to raise awareness and funds for an organization called War Child. War Child helps children in war torn countries recover from the traumas they have endured to become functioning citizens. The race raised over \$1,000 with about 50 participants. My inspiration for the

race was none other than Camp Rising Sun. I took the tools and connections camp gave me to help others. I am forever grateful for CRS.

Layla Treuhaft-Ali '10 Hello all! This year I moved to Chicago, where I am in my first year at the University of Chicago Urban Teacher Education Program. I'm preparing to be a middle school history teacher! I am really enjoying my classes and my work with students so far. I'm also having fun getting to know Chicago after spending my whole life on the East Coast. In my free time, I sing in the University Choir, work at a nearby school, and have started weightlifting as a hobby! Attached is a selfie from a reunion a few months ago with two CRS tentmates, Divya and Wendy - it was so wonderful to see them! Sending love and best wishes to all my camp friends around the world. Get in touch if you're ever in Chicago!



Olivia Wischmeyer '14, '15, '18 In the spring 2017, Olivia Wischmeyer and Madeleine Dodge, co-self-published a children's book, titled, "Does A Giraffe Ever Feel Small?" The book illustrates the animals of the African Savannah and the qualities that make them so special. Through endearing rhymes and charming illustrations, it hopes to convey a lesson of self-love to all children. All proceeds made after selling the children's book go directly to local and international organizations that provide literacy programs and reading materials to children in need. Their crowd funded initiative has sold over 500 copies, and donated a total of \$3,000. If you're interested in learning more, please visit: <http://doesagiraffeeverfeelsmall.weebly.com/>



Sneak Peek 2018

This season, LAJF will welcome campers from 32 countries and 15 US States and territories. Thank you to our selectors around the world for all of the hard work they have done not only to select campers, but also to help guide campers and their families through the preparation process. Without our worldwide network of alumni, Camp Rising Sun would not be possible.

This year, we welcome campers from:

Argentina	Japan	United States:
Barbados	Korea	California
Bulgaria	Liberia	Colorado
Cameroon	Netherlands	New York
China	Norway	Minnesota
Columbia	Palestine	Utah
Denmark	Pakistan	Mississippi
Ecuador	Peru	Louisiana
Egypt	Poland	Puerto Rico
Finland	South Africa	Massachusetts
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Germany	Sweden	Pennsylvania
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