

# SPARKS

Fall 2022



CELEBRATING OUR 103RD

SUMMER



# Hi GREYSTONE GIRLS!

Camp Greystone's one hundred and third summer was very special. From sweet cabins to exciting classes, from loud singing in the Dining Hall to sunset dances after Evening Program on the Pageant Court... everything just clicked. The sweet, sweet spirit of the Lord was evident on every face and in every circumstance. We considered ourselves lucky to have been able to be here!

God was present in the routines of our days and was glorified in the circumstances. Now, as our days get shorter and the temperatures drop, we look back with appreciation on last summer. We are so very grateful:



- **TO THE CAMPERS** (we smile when we think of you.)
- **TO THE COUNSELORS** (we hope ALL of you will come back.)
- **TO JESUS** (who is with us all the time.)

This Sparks magazine will be a fun way to look back on the past summer (the people and moments that were memorable) and to look forward to the summer to come (the first glimpses of what you will enjoy in 2023).

**NEW CAMPERS, WELCOME TO THE GREYSTONE FAMILY!** We hope this Sparks magazine will only increase your excitement for next summer.

We are proud and honored that you have decided to be a Greystone Girl and can't wait to welcome you to camp next summer.



With Love,  
Jimboy and Margaret

WE MISS  
YOU

# 10 EPIC MOMENTS

WE WILL NEVER FORGET FROM 2022



1

## MAIN CAMP BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Crazy camp-wide competition, huge prize packages, the greatest dance battle ever, and surprise fireworks to end the night - this EP might have been the most epic event we've ever done at Greystone!







2

## HEARING THAT TAYLOR SWIFT WAS ENGAGED

True or not, this announcement shook the Dining Hall. Best dance party ever? We think so!

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## THE AUGUST CAMP LIGHTNING STRIKE

We will NEVER forget this night! Keep reading in this Sparks magazine for the full story.

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## THE DO NOTHING DAY SURPRISE CONCERT!

A Drew and Ellie concert is always epic in our minds, but when you make it a surprise and combine it with Do Nothing Day? We'll be talking about this one for years.

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## THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE AT BREAKFAST

Senior Seniors throwing beads from a tractor? A 9-vehicle parade with a police car and fire truck? All in the middle of Flag? How else would we celebrate the 4th?!



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## THE WATER OUTAGES AT MAIN AND AUGUST CAMPS

We have an amazing water system at camp, so when something happens (like the big lightning strike storm), it is noticed. Showering with hoses and visiting friends' cabins...these were definitely once-in-a-lifetime moments!



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## OUR “GRADUATION” TO END OUR STAFF ORIENTATION

Jimboy and Sarah in regalia, speeches, pomp and circumstance, ice cream sundaes, and throwing our caps to celebrate. Congrats, staff grads!



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## JUNIOR CAMP CHALLENGE NIGHT

The stage games were crazy and the screaming might have been the loudest all summer (and the Evens took home the trophy!). Our Junior Campers are spirited.



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## THE JUNE CAMP JIMBOY VS. LAURA GAMESHOW

With Krispy Kreme and a limited edition sticker on the line, it came down to the final, shocking challenge, and their faces tell the story. The most epic thing was definitely your Jimboy and Laura costumes, though!



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## EACH OPENING DAY

Of all the activities and events we enjoyed, welcoming you back to camp for our 103rd summer was the biggest highlight!



# 2022 AUGUST CAMP

HERE'S WHAT  
REALLY HAPPENED,  
CAMPER!

WHEN CAMP WAS  
STRUCK BY LIGHTNING  
BY JIMBOY MILLER



“Here we go again”...

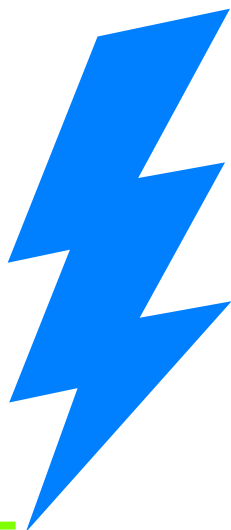
The approaching storm clouds were not unusual in early August. In fact, they happen so much we didn't give them a thought. Sure, thunder and lightning can be scary, but we have always taken thunderstorms seriously at camp and have had 103 years of experience to prepare for such things! We have lightning rods in the big trees around the lake (each lightning rod protects a 300-foot radius) and a lightning detection system that alerts us

when we will have lightning in the area (older campers knew this system as “Thor” and our newer campers as “Perry”). We have lots of large buildings for protection and ample space to do most activities in any storm.

But **THESE NIGHTTIME CLOUDS WERE REALLY BIG AND REALLY DARK**, and we knew the storm was going to be a big one. So we ended the night's Lip Sync EP early, and as the girls ran up the hill from the Fort, the first raindrops started to fall.



# LIGHTNING STRIKE



I also ran up the hill, and my shirt was completely drenched by the time I made it to my house. I quickly changed into some dry clothes and sat down in my favorite chair to enjoy watching the storm roll in. My chair is right beside a plate glass window facing the lake, and in no time, I had a front row seat to a brilliant flash that lit up the entire Green River Valley as bright as day!

## CAMP HAD BEEN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING!

A roar of squeals erupted from the cabins (as all girls were safe in their cabins listening to devotions at the time). I “yelped” too as I jumped from my chair and ran to the porch, turning up the volume on the staff radio to hear the reports from the various Head Staff. Our Group Leaders immediately spread out to check on the campers and began searching for any damage.



All the girls were safe, and all the cabin areas and camp buildings appeared to be OK. I assumed that one of the lightning rods on the front campus had taken the bolt and thanked the Lord for His protection.

But I was mistaken about camp being unscathed. We found out the aftermath the next morning.

**THE LIGHTNING BOLT HIT A TREE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF CAMP** – a tall pine tree that anchored our giant slide at Waterpark. This tree is on the side of Apple Hill, far from the center of camp, and we never thought it needed protection. Boy, were we wrong!

The tree quite literally exploded, putting our giant slide out of commission. While the slide was still there, the place where it connected to the tree was a tangled and broken mess, making the slide no longer safe to use. A large portion of the Blob dock was also damaged.

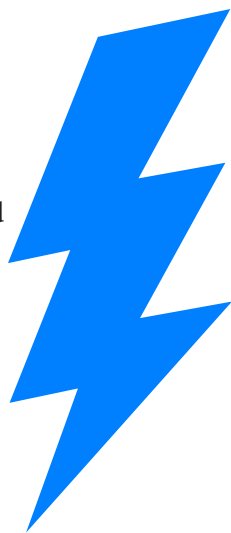
We soon realized that **THE STORM ALSO CAUSED DAMAGE TO MANY OF OUR SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT CAMP**. The power for the gym, the pumps for the small slide, the pool pumps and pool phone, the irrigation system, the camp internet, the office phones, and the camp sound system (meaning no more bugles!) were all out.

This was a literal camp disaster, but like all good Greystone Girls, we proceeded to **MAKE LEMONADE OUT OF THE LEMONS!**

Our amazing maintenance team got the gym, small slide, and pool repaired and running by the end of breakfast. The phones and internet were partially repaired that same day, and we ran camp as if nothing happened. Bells replaced bugles as we adjusted to life without a sound system (that system was just fixed in September due to the extensive repairs needed), but it was fun to use the bells in the same way Greystone Girls enjoyed years ago. We finished August Camp without a problem.

As we look back at the summer of 2022, the Great Lightning Strike is celebrated as one of our favorite memories; it was literally a one-in-a-hundred event! We are grateful for the **MANY WAYS THAT THE LORD PROTECTED US ON THAT CRAZY EVENING.**

And when we rebuild the Giant Slide (we will keep you updated with details), we are certainly going to have a GREAT BIG lightning rod at the top!







# WELCOME - to -

## THE YEAR-ROUND GREYSTONE TEAM!



### WELCOME BABY FINN!

Ellen-Anne and James welcomed their adorable new son right after August Camp ended. Harboe and Else are loving their roles as big brother and big sister. Throughout the summer, many of you submitted some great suggestions on what to name this little guy, so we know you'll be excited to find out his official name:

#### **FINN CROSBY SKELTON**

August 16, 2022

8 lbs. 5 oz.

21 inches long



## ANNE HAYDEN WRAY

### ASSISTANT STAFF DIRECTOR



## WELCOME ANNE HAYDEN!

If you've been at camp over the last few years, this will be the best news ever, and if you're a new camper, get ready to meet your new favorite person at Greystone! In case you haven't heard, we're here to officially announce that Anne Hayden Wray is joining our year-round camp team as our Assistant Staff Director.

Anne Hayden has been a Greystone Girl her whole life, starting as a young camper and returning for years to be a counselor and then a Group Leader. In this new role, you'll find her out on the road recruiting staff, giving off-season tours, responding to your Instagram DM's, and brainstorming fresh ideas to make YOUR camp experience better.

You've seen her huge smile all around camp, but how well do you really know Anne Hayden? We quizzed her on all her favorites:

### FAVORITE ROAD TRIP SNACK?

If near a Starbucks: Lemon Loaf and iced Vanilla Latte with Oat milk. If only around gas stations: Snickers and a Smart Water (sippy top only please).

### FAVORITE CAMP CLASS?

I have to stay true to my tennis roots. Zumba is my other fave!

### FAVORITE EP?

Battle of the Bands was iconic this summer; I also absolutely love Closing Vespers.

### SOMETHING CAMPERS MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I used to work as a ski instructor in the winters. My parents met at camp! I have a crazy passion for miniature ponies.

### WHAT'S YOUR HIDDEN TALENT?

Party planning, especially when it involves setting up a charcuterie table!

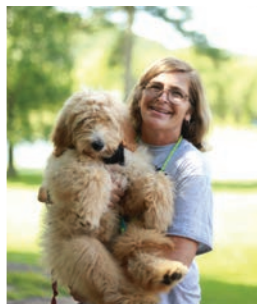


MISSING OUR  
PUPS

# GUESS THAT DOG CAMP DOG



You knew them by their musician-themed names this summer, but what are our 2022 Dog Camp puppies going by now? These sweet pups were adopted by incredible families after camp, and while some chose to keep the dogs' Greystone names, some dogs received new names in their new homes. Can you match the Dog Camp puppy to his or her new "real world" name? Check yourself with the answer key (on the inside back cover of this Sparks), and make sure to keep an eye on our Blog this year to see updates and pictures as the puppies grow!







**CAMP NAME:**

Nick

**AFTER CAMP NAME:**

- a. Nick
- b. Charlie
- c. Rocky
- d. Camp



**CAMP NAME:**

Ellie

**AFTER CAMP NAME:**

- a. Ellie
- b. Saddle
- c. Dolly
- d. Molly



**CAMP NAME:**

Bruno

**AFTER CAMP NAME:**

- a. Bruno
- b. Walter
- c. Grayson
- d. Scout



**CAMP NAME:**

Taylor

**AFTER CAMP NAME:**

- a. Taylor
- b. Charlotte
- c. Leia
- d. Bella



**CAMP NAME:**

Drew

**AFTER CAMP NAME:**

- a. Drew
- b. Gray
- c. Milo
- d. Oliver



**CAMP NAME:**

Harry

**AFTER CAMP NAME:**

- a. Harry
- b. Max
- c. Tucker
- d. Duke

COUNTING DOWN  
UNTIL  
2023

WITH 23 THINGS YOU HAVE TO BE A GREYSTONE GIRL TO FULLY UNDERSTAND

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1

You assume going to “shop” means getting Frittles, not clothes.

2

**YOU LOVE TO SAY, “LOOK AT MY WATCH TAN!”**

When someone says “Seize the Day,” you break out into Newsies song and dance.

3

4

**YOU TRY YOUR TEARDROP AT EVERY POOL.**

5

You “revive dead hare” every time you use hairspray.

6

**YOU HEAR “FOLLOW ME” AND THINK THEY ARE SAYING “FOLLOW THE GLEAM.”**

7

You ask for Bruno Breakfast on your b'day.

8

**YOU GET CALLED OUT AT SCHOOL FOR HAVING YOUR NAME IN EVERYTHING YOU OWN.**

9

At a sleepover, you wake your friends by clapping your hands and saying “It’s going to be a great day, and I feel terrific!”



**NEW CAMPERS,  
YOU’LL KNOW  
WHAT THESE  
GREYSTONE  
PHRASES MEAN  
IN NO TIME!**





10

You can't play tennis without thinking, "Is it fun?!"

11

**YOU SPELL HAPPY AS H-A-DOUBLE P-Y.**

12

Instead of saying goodbye, you say "Love ya, mean it!"

13

**YOU GET CAUGHT SILENT CELEBRATING WHEN THERE IS NO HOMEWORK.**

14

You describe your besties as a "chock full of fun."

15

**ON SUNDAYS, YOU ALWAYS REQUEST LEFTOVERS FOR DINNER.**

16

When it's raining during recess, you scream, "Ultimate Foam time!"

17

**YOU RUN AFTER EVERY GOLF CART THINKING IT'S APPLE CART.**

18

You think you deserve an ice pop for every scraped knee.

19

**WHENEVER YOU ASK FOR THE HONEY, YOU ALWAYS SAY, "PASS THE HONEY, HONEY."**

20

At Homecoming, you try to teach everyone Felix the Cat.

21

**YOU LOOK FOR GRADY'S NAIL ON YOUR BACK PORCH.**

22

You assume you should see an alpaca and pot belly pig on your school's 5K course.

23

**IF YOU'RE HEADING OUTSIDE, YOU NEVER LEAVE WITHOUT SNAGGING YOUR CRAZY CREEK.**







# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF MURRAY





**WHAT HAPPENS AT CAMP IN THE OFF-SEASON?** Who better to tell us than Jimboy's dog Murray. While he may take an extended vacation during the summer at his cousin's house, he rules the roost during the winter months. Murray gets to see ALL the action and is here to tell us about it...

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I jolt awake with a clap, and it comes with a declaration: It's going to be a great day. This 6 a.m. wake-up call is an unfortunate reality of having Jimboy share my bed, but it is an insignificant one when you are me and you don't subscribe to bugles. I

sleep it off and roll over around noon. After all, it's the off-season...what could really be happening around camp anyway? After a quick bite from the Miller food buffet and a bark to make sure Dr. Margaret is paying attention, I saunter into camp to find a scene that would rival Santa's Workshop from the instant classic, "Elf":

- The maintenance crew is dreaming up **BIGGER AND BETTER IDEAS FOR THE "BIG SLIDE"** after that lightning strike this summer.
- **TOP SECRET EVENING PROGRAM PLANS** are being minted and stored in the vault in the office.
- In a small studio by the lake, audio clips are being compiled into a **SECOND SEASON OF THE CAMPCAST PODCAST**.
- Jack the donkey is braying. The chickens are crowing. Meanwhile, if my nose isn't mistaken, it seems we've added **2 MORE RABBITS** into the Farm Barn mix.



After fulfilling my patrol duties around camp, I make my way to the office and let out a few shrill barks (my message to the Mail Queen to let me inside). I hustle to the finish line (Jimboy's office) and settle into a nap on my favorite chair. A day during the off-season may not have the glitz and glam of a summer day, but it's honest work...and I'm finally allowed on the premises.



# BEST. STAFF. EVER.

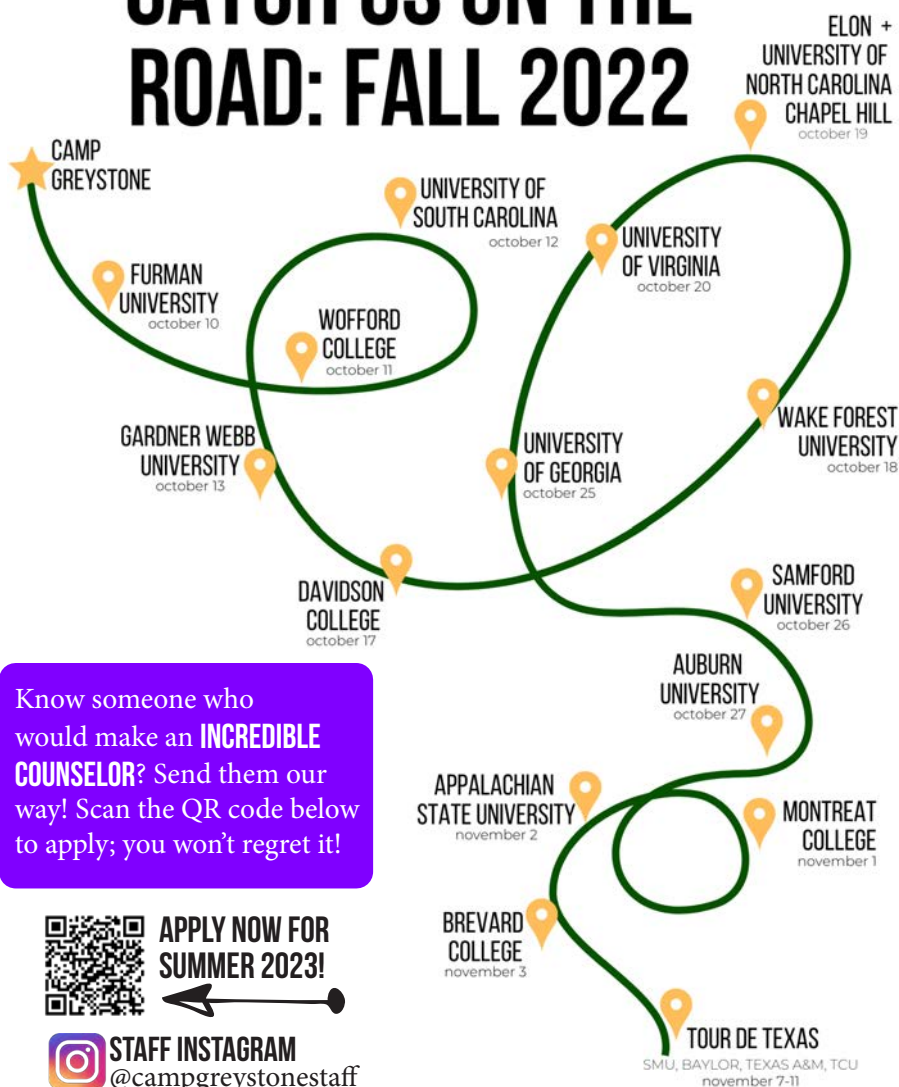
**WE LOVE OUR GREYSTONE COUNSELORS!**

Greystone counselors are next level! From food in your hair to Opening Day mud slip-n-slides, our staff is down for everything. While they love fun and games, these counselors come back year after year for YOU, the campers. They love you to pieces and will put bananas in their hair any day if it means spending more time at camp! Summer 2022 will be hard to beat. Do you have a favorite counselor? Send her some snail mail love!

To our counselors: thank you, thank you, thank you! We truly cannot do it without you. You work tirelessly all summer long to make Greystone the best camp there is. We love you and can't wait to see so many of you back again next year!



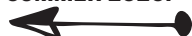
# CATCH US ON THE ROAD: FALL 2022



Know someone who would make an **INCREDIBLE COUNSELOR**? Send them our way! Scan the QR code below to apply; you won't regret it!



**APPLY NOW FOR SUMMER 2023!**



**STAFF INSTAGRAM**  
**@campgreystonestaff**



# TOP CLASSES FROM 2022



The survey results are in! These are the classes you thought were the absolute BEST from summer 2022. What are we missing?

## COOKING



## HIGH ADVENTURE



# HIGH ROPES



## BIBLE



## RIFLERY



## GYMNASTICS



## DOG CAMP



## SYNCHRO



# TACO CAT

FUN AT HOME







Want to host an epic night of fun for your friends? Throw a TacoCat game night! Our June and Main campers loved this themed event from this past summer, and it is easy to recreate at home. Here's what you need to do:

### **FIND A COSTUME:**

We recommend finding a great TacoCat button down shirt...or even a bathing suit (like our swim staff enjoyed this summer). You can find lots of great TacoCat merchandise online!



### **GET SOME THEMED PROPS:**

Take our lead from the summer and find a balloon cat that will walk around with you or even an animatronic cat to really get into character. Bonus points if you carry it around in a cat sling!

### **CHOOSE YOUR GAMES:**

We enjoyed so many games at our TacoCat competition this summer. For any of these games, make sure to find some taco or cat themed playing cards to spice things up. Some of our favorite games from 2022 included Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza, Tenzi, Taco Takeover, Throw Throw Burrito, Cat Chaos, Rat-a-Tat-Cat, and A Game of Cat and Mouth.

### **SERVE SOME TASTY TREATS:**

No party is complete without some tasty food. We recommend making dessert Taco-in-a-Bag. Start with a bag of cookies (mini Oreos, vanilla wafers, or something similar), and then fill the bag with toppings (ice cream, chocolate syrup, and more). Shake and eat from the bag!

# WOULD YOU RATHER

## • GREYSTONE EDITION •



We know next summer is still a few months away, but it's the perfect time to start planning what you would rather do during Summer 2023. Enjoy playing one of our favorite camp games!

Host an Evening Program

OR

Lead Breakfast Club

Always play tennis with  
your opposite hand

OR

Always sit backwards on  
a paddle board

Teach Jack the Donkey  
how to sit like a dog

OR

Teach Millie the pig how  
to roll over

Have granola bars instead  
of Opening Day scones

OR

Have bran muffins instead  
of Sunday's Sweet Georgia  
Muffins

Be in charge of the  
bugles all day

OR

Give announcements at  
every meal

Have the lead role in  
Banquet but only  
speak in German

OR

Sing a solo at Sunday  
Church as if it were an  
opera





# 2023 coNTEST

## PICK A NEW FoRT ACTiViTy



READY FOR  
**2023**



## HELP CHOOSE A NEW ACTIVITY FOR THE FORT!

In no time at all, the Fort has become one of our favorite camp buildings. We use it for Opening and Closing Days, Pickleball, Card Games classes, Evening Programs, and more... but what else should we do in this cool building? Now is your chance to pick out a new activity for us to enjoy in the Fort in 2023. It could be a new game, a camp class, or anything else your mind can imagine! So get brainstorming and then scan this QR code to enter your idea. The contest closes on December 1.



**SUBMIT YOUR NEW  
FORT ACTIVITY!**



**CONTEST DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1**

### ANSWERS TO THE DOG NAMES QUIZ:

Nick: switched to Camp  
Ellie: switched to Dolly  
Bruno: stayed Bruno  
Taylor: switched to Leia  
Drew: switched to Gray  
Harry: stayed Harry



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