

# SPARKS

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## Greetings Greystone Girls

We can't wait for your arrival! The sun is shining and our Solar Heating system is making the pool warmer every day (it will be 80 degrees by the time you arrive). We are even getting afternoon rain showers every day (a sure sign summer is here). Our winter projects are finished and we are cleaning everything up... a very big job indeed! We go into every cabin and vacuum everything, sweep everything, scrub everything, and test for such things as hot water and bright light bulbs. It is a huge job, but we know that you deserve it! No camp is more impressive than Greystone!

This will mark our 90th anniversary summer, so we have spent a lot of time in the archives. It has been very entertaining, and one thing stands out: the girls of 1920 were just as excited to be going to camp then as you are today. Things were considerably different back then...

"Rising in time to see the sun climb over the eastern mountains, a brisk setting up exercise with cold shower, or plunge in the pool, prepares the camper for a hearty breakfast. An hour later comes the study period, during which time trained teachers instruct the girls in the various arts and crafts, or tutor them in the studies they are pursuing at home." (The Greystone catalog from 1920)



Things were different, but the experience was amazingly similar: good friends in a beautiful place, having fun together. Camp is great: it was great then and it is great now!

Take the time to prepare for your great summer today. Write your pen pal, send in your forms, and spend some time on the website (it is amazing!). You will love the "Greystone People" page, which gives you detailed information on over 100 of our counselors coming this summer. You will also love the "Grey Café" page, where we put interesting Greystone news and interest stories and pictures.

Thank you for your love of Greystone, we can't wait to see you!

Jimboy

## *Swimming on Opening Day June, Main and August Camps!!!*

Last summer we loved opening our new Pool Complex and having swim tests on opening day. By popular demand, we're keeping it that way! This will keep you from taking swim tests for canoeing, water park, kayaking and sailing on the first day of classes! Diving class tests will also be then. (Touching bottom in 12 feet.) Campers will come up to the new Pool Complex with their cabin group on Opening Day. Any campers arriving late will be tested after they arrive. It is a great idea to practice treading water before you come to camp. If you have trouble with the swim test, your swimming instructor will help you work towards passing so then you can take those classes. We have the swim test to protect you!! Greystone activities are safe and the most fun! See you at the pool!





### Opening Day

When you arrive at Greystone on Opening Day, you will be greeted by smiling faces. Like last summer, all cars will enter through the "Staff Entrance" at the back gate. (just follow the signs) At that point, you will find what cabin you will spend your summer in. (Very exciting!) The Greystone Staff will be there to help you unload your things. Please remember that you will carry all loose items to your cabin. We will transport all large packed items like trunks and duffles. You may then walk to your daughter's cabin to help her settle in. Be sure to take any medicines to the Health Hut!

Just in case you might want to to pack an umbrella and raincoat . And it's best to wear comfortable all-weather shoes.

Finally, Please remember **DO NOT bring cell phones, ipods walkmans, candy or food to camp.** All such items will be confiscated and all food and candy will be donated to the homeless shelter in town.

### Arrival Times For Each Session

**Junior Camp** - Please arrive between 7:30am and 9:30am. You will want to help unpack and settle in. The Millers will host an open house on the Dining Room Porch from 8:30am - 10:00am. At 10:15am the Junior campers will begin their session with a camper gathering in the pavilion

**June, Main & August Camps** - Camp will open at 7:30. **Please do not arrive before 7:30.** The Millers will host an open house on the Dining Room Porch from 9:00am - 11:00am.



## **MEET YOUR BUDDY (Pen Pal)**

You will love meeting the buddy that you have been writing before camp. It might be fun to find her later to eat supper & go to evening program!

## **WORK ON YOUR SCHEDULE**

Once you get your things all settled & meet your cabinmates, you will want to work on your schedule. Your counselor will help you choose the best classes for you! (You may want to think about what you want to take before you arrive. Look at your Parent's Guide to see what kinds of classes we have at camp.)

## **BUFFET LUNCH**

## **CABIN TIME**

Everyone goes to her own tentalow, bungalow or cabin. This is not a true Greystone rest hour. You can use this time to finish unpacking and get to know your cabinmates!

## **ASSEMBLY**

This is the time where you get to meet the directors & hear about fun new things!

## **SCHEDULING**

During the August Camps, counselors will sign their campers up for their classes. We will have 6th & 7th period classes on opening day! June & Main camp is a bit more relaxed. Campers will sign themselves up & classes will officially begin the next day.

## **FLAG LOWERING**

## **SUPPER**

## **EVENING PROGRAM**

Our counselors are the best! They also have the world's best program presentations! You will get to meet all the counselors in camp, see all the activities that are out there and laugh at all the silly skits that will be put on for YOU!

## **CRACKERS**

## **CALL TO QUARTERS**

Everyone goes to her cabin and prepares for bed

## **LIGHTS OUT**

All lights go out. A quiet devotion time is spent with your new cabin of friends. It will be great!

## **TAPS**

At the first note of taps, all is quiet. You will love the camp sounds that will help you fall fast asleep so you can be ready for a full day of activities the next morning. We love the sound of crickets in the mountains.

# Meet The

## *Jim and Libby*

**J**im and Libby live at camp where they raised their three children in the most beautiful setting imaginable and now enjoy having their grandchildren at camp. They continue to be involved in all the activities although now, Jim Daddy's breakfast club is the most popular activity at camp and girls of all ages love Libby's Bible classes.



## *Jimbo and Margaret*

**J**imbo and Margaret live at Greystone with their 5 children (Catherine, James Franklin, Caroline, John, and Virginia). Margaret is a pediatrician and takes care of all of the health concerns at camp as well as the family, while Jimbo not only directs camp but also makes sure that camp is always fun. Catherine, Caroline and Virginia love being campers. You will love getting to know them all.

# Camp Directors



**Katie Grant**  
*Junior Camp*

Katie directs the Junior Camp. She and her husband Greg and their children live in Chattanooga, TN. Hanna, Kate, and Elizabeth are helpers at Junior camp with Whittaker. Tracie and Matthew help whenever their “real world” jobs allow. Hanna, Kate, and Elizabeth will be at Main Camp for her final camper summer!

**Laura Hollowell**  
*June and Main Camp*

Laura has been coming to Greystone for 34 summers. From her many experiences as camper, counselor, and director of camp, Laura is able to keep everything running as it ought. Her husband, Gervais, runs the kitchen. Their daughters Kathleen and Leland love everything about camp from being campers to counselors.



**Kelly Carew**  
*August Camp*

Kelly's 15th summer on staff at Greystone will be this year. She lives near camp & works here all year! Her main job is to plan program, recruit & hire staff and direct August Camp. She loves putting the staff together with Laura, Jimbo, & Katie, as well as helping to plan all of the amazing Greystone fun!



# Meet Your

**Katie Boehm:** June, Main

**Hometown:** Alpharetta, GA

**School:** UGA

**Degree:** Middle School Education

**Years at camp:** 4

**Years on head staff:** 2

**Looking forward to the most:** Friends, Corn Roast, & the Blue Ridge Mountains

**Favorite camp Meal:** Taco in a Bag



**Margaret Cranford:** Main, August

**Hometown:** Rock Hill, SC

**School:** Clemson University

**Degree:** History, Communication Studies

**Years at camp:** 10

**Years on head staff:** 1st

**Looking forward to the most:** Another incredible summer and getting to see camp from a different light

**Favorite camp Meal:** Salmon



**Elizabeth Gay:** June, Main, August

**Hometown:** Spartanburg, SC

**School:** Georgetown University

**Degree:** International History

**Years at camp:** 13

**Years on head staff:** 1st

**Looking forward to the most:** the sound of taps, the smell after it rains, and God's incredible presence everywhere you turn.

**Favorite evening program:** Synchro Show



**Sarah Brown:** June, Main, August

**Hometown:** Birmingham, AL

**School:** Furman University

**Degree:** History

**Years at camp:** 18

**Years on head staff:** 4

**Looking forward to the most:** Opening Day Spaghetti - it means camp is finally here!

**Favorite camp Evening Program:** Senior Hunt





# Group Leaders



**Smith Houts:** Junior and August

**Hometown:** Lafayette, IN

**School:** Florida Southern

**Degree:** Elementary Education

**Years at camp:** 21

**Years on head staff:** 15

**Looking forward to the most:** Singing at morning assembly and meeting new friends.

**Favorite Evening Program:** Carnival

**Favorite camp meal:** Tuckers Special



**Whitney Bugh:** June, Main, August

**Hometown:** Louisville, KY

**School:** Clemson University

**Degree:** Health Science

**Years at camp:** 9

**Years on head staff:** 2

**Looking forward to the most -** Writing poems to announce evening programs at lunch.

**Favorite camp meal:** Banquet



**McKenzie Ausband:** June and Main, August

**Hometown:** McDonough, GA

**School:** University of Georgia

**Degree:** Child and Family Development

**Years at camp:** 7

**Years on head staff:** 2

**Looking forward to most:** New friends, growing and wearing comfy camp clothes everyday.

**Favorite camp meal:** Cheesy Chicken



**Rhymes Stabler:** June, Main

**Hometown:** Chattanooga, TN

**School:** Vanderbilt

**Degree:** Cognitive Studies, Human and Organizational Development

**Years at camp:** 12

**Years on head staff:** 1st

**Looking forward to most:** I can't wait to get to know all of the new campers and counselors.

**Favorite evening program:** Corn Roast



## *Remember: No-Package Policy!*

Please make sure you read the no-package policy on page 17 of the Parent's handbook. There you will find the details concerning packages at camp. Basically, there will be no packages accepted at camp this summer. The only exception is for an item that is absolutely necessary or a birthday gift. Those exceptions must be addressed to: Laura Hollowell. Remember to put your campers name on the package also and indicate if it is a birthday gift with the birthday date.

All packages that are not addressed to Laura Hollowell will get this sticker attached and be returned to sender. Any packages that are addressed properly, but containing unnecessary items will also be returned and postage charged to the camper's account.

Help us by making sure that all family and friends know this policy.

Thank you!



*June, Main & August  
Parents and Campers!*

*You are invited to a reception  
and open house hosted by the  
Millers on the  
Dining Room Porch  
on opening day*

*9:00a.m. until 11:00p.m.*

*Please come and meet the  
Miller family!  
We look forward to seeing you!*



*Junior Camp  
Parents and Campers!*

*You are invited to a reception  
and open house hosted by the  
Millers on the  
Dining Room Porch  
on opening day*

*8:30a.m. until 10:00p.m.*

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