



# Robindel's Round Robin

Hatching news in New Hampshire since 1951

Winter 2017 Edition

## Greetings from Ann & Nat

With a profoundly positive summer behind us, we moved seamlessly into what proved to be a busy fall recruiting season visiting with old and new campers. We can envision nothing less than an incredible 2018 summer.



As the holiday season is upon us, we are reminded of how fortunate we are to be involved with such a wonderful and supportive camp community.

**We wish all of you a holiday season filled with love, good health, and peace.**



Love, Ann & Nat



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# Reflections from Jolly



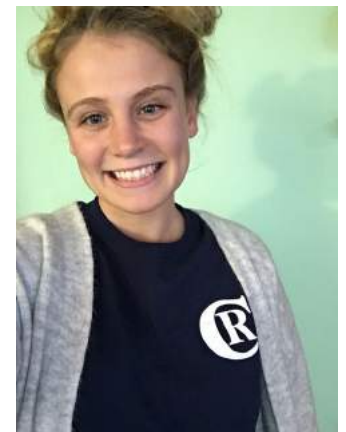
Christian cultures around the world are celebrating the season of Advent. Depending on your background you may have had an Advent calendar or traditions when you were young; a way of counting down to Christmas/Hanukkah, or school break if you did not participate in religious holidays. Looking at the definition of “advent” it means “the arrival of a notable person, thing or event.” As we approach the season of Advent we are also in the Advent of CR 2018. (I also like that ‘advent’ is part of the word adventure!) It is during this time of year that returning families are registering for camp, looking at the yearbook from last year and making play dates with camp friends; new families are meeting with Ann and Nat and getting excited for their first Robindel experience; returning staff are committing to another CR summer; new staff are filling out applications, interviewing with Jolly, and making their summer plans.

I have fallen into this pattern of practicing three Rs of retreat, reflection and reconnection each fall. In September, I retreat into my family and home here in MN. I spend time getting back into a routine where I am a mom, wife, friend and volunteer. I set up my MN office and retreat from the intensity of camp life. I let the thoughts about summer germinate without a lot of pushing... just being. Then, in October and November I spend time reflecting on camp, life and purpose. I do this through reading; meeting with mentors/people both in camping and other areas that I find inspiring; conferences; workshops; volunteering; yoga; and a lot of internal conversations and questions. Now I begin reconnecting. I will spend the next five months connecting with staff and campers...planning for the arrival of this notable event - CR 2018!

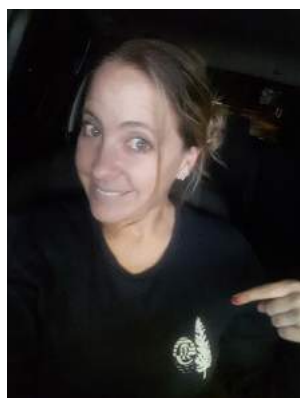
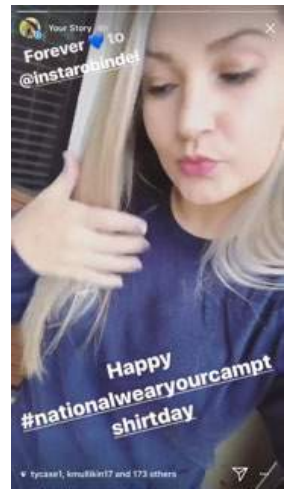
**If Jolly will be in a town near you and you would like to meet with her or stop by and talk with prospective staff about *your* camp experiences please send her an email - [jolly@robindel.com](mailto:jolly@robindel.com).**

**January 12, 2018:** Chicago, Illinois  
**January 18-19, 2018:** Edinburgh, Scotland  
**January 20-21, 2018:** London, England  
**January 22-23, 2018:** Dublin, Ireland  
**January 24-25, 2018:** Amsterdam, Netherlands  
**January 26-31, 2018:** Paris, France  
**February 6-7, 2018:** Bloomington, Indiana  
**February 8-9, 2018:** Indianapolis, Indiana  
**February 12, 2018:** Clemson, South Carolina  
**February 13-14, 2018:** Atlanta, Georgia













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**Melissa Blotner (Juniper 2009, CR Staff 2013) and Sarah Davis (CR Staff 2003-2004) are pictured together - The top photo is from 2003 when Sarah was Melissa's counselor and the bottom photo is from 2017 when the two met up in London.**



**Alexa & Leah (Birch 2017 campers) had a sleepover and made CR art!**

**Barbara (Weiler) Litwin with Lindsey Engel - White Team Captains in 1976 and 2006!**



**CR<sub>s</sub>  
Reunio**

**CR friends celebrating Jennie (Pries) Friend's Birthday in NYC!  
Hilary (Hochberg) Shohet, Jennie (Pries) Friend, Lori Feinsilver, Bess Collier, Jamie (Satnick) Brown, Nina Ashkenazi and Emily (Josephson) Shteinhauz.**



**Cedar 2017 Girls - Penny, Eden and Nikki in Florida.**



**Jami Swegarden (CR Staff 2006 - 2009), Leah Kay (Juniper 2012) and Melissa Ayre (Juniper 2002, CR Staff 2006 - 2009) in Queenstown, New Zealand. Melissa is currently living in Australia. She met up with Jami to travel in NZ and they got to see Leah who is studying abroad there.**

**Rosie & Ed Davidson-Brett with Emma Hunter and Dan Carrington representing CR in Queenstown, New Zealand.**







**CR Riding\* Staff - Tess Hudson, Chloe Hudson (\*honorary member) and Daisy Exell.**



**Sisters Sydney and Riley with sisters Sophia and Lila. Sydney and Sophia are excited to have their younger sisters at CR this summer!**



**CR Staff Reunion in the UK!  
Jake McCollum, Maddy Sadler, Joss Beevers, Jenny Raymont, Tash Courtenay, Conor Houlihan, Hannah Fisher, Beth Todd, Gionita Saldanha, Grace Thomson, Chloe Hudson, Matt Tallents.**



**Tracey (Singer) Weiss (Juniper 2001) with her daughter Hannah and Jaime Gleicher (CR Camper 1994 - 1996). Tracey and Jaime are both child & adolescent therapists in NYC.**



**Florida camper get together with Ann & Nat.**

**Thanks to the Oberstein Family for hosting!**

**Ava, Rebecca, Sofia, Sydney, Scarlett, Stella, Eden, Emily & Avery.**





Our warmest Robindel congratulations!

**Ali (Cohen) Mark** (Juniper 1998) and her husband Ari welcomed baby Coby Grey on November 12, 2017. Big brother Ryan Jagger has been loving his new “baby brother toy.”



**Molly** (CR Staff 2005-2008) & **Sam** (CR Staff 2007) **Kissinger** welcomed baby girl Cora Marin on October 21, 2017.

She was 7lb 9oz and 21 inches long.

Molly and Sam met at Robindel when they were counselors in 2007!

Respect Friendship Honesty Teamwork Empathy Tradition





**Cori, Adam & Romy Daniels** welcomed Orli Rayne on November 28, 2017. Romy is super excited to be a big sister and she can't wait to introduce Orli to Robindel.



**Kate (Wright)** (CR Staff 2009-2012) & **Ross Smith** welcomed Libby Claire on December 7, 2017. She was 9lb 1oz and 21 inches long. The Smith Family are settling in to their "3 Musketeer" status just in time for the holidays!



Congratulations to **Shawna Levins** (CR Staff 1994 - 1999) on being recognized as the 2017 Volunteer Administrator of the Year for her work in recreation in Northern Virginia. You can read more about Shawna's accomplishments (including a reference to her CR days!) [HERE](#).

Congratulations to **"Buffalo Bob" Gamble** (CR Tennis Director) on being elected to the Board of Directors of West Buffalo Charter School. This is the same school where Bob implemented a kindergarten tennis program. You can read more about Bob and his accomplishments [HERE](#).

If you have any news or other requests for the next newsletter, we'd love to hear from you!  
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