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# The Green River Preserve

Whispers from the Preserve

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## Greetings!

We have had a fabulous summer with lots of excitement! Many first time and returning campers left pledging to count the days until they can return next summer, and reserving a space before they left - be sure to register early for 2008! In addition to news about our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion you can also read about 2 Grand Slams this summer, Family Camp over Labor Day weekend, and our newest offering, a mini 5 day camp for children who will be entering 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> grades after next summer. Thank you for sharing your children with us this summer - we hope that they have been as blessed by this place as we have by their energy and joy!

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## *Chatter from the trees...buzzin' with the bees...*



(Weezie and Flossie, old childhood camp friends share a phone conversation...)

Great Balls of Fire, Weezie!!! Labor Day is just around the corner and I haven't had time to make plans for our family. Flossie, I've been telling you all along that the best thing going is

**Green River Preserve Family Camp.** After all, why should the children have all the fun at camp? Every year when I leave Sunny at GRP for camp I am just insanely jealous. I want to go to camp, too. Then, that precious Emily in the camp store told me about GRP Family Camp, a camp for campers of all ages, and I signed up right away. The variety of activities is

## GRP Celebrates 20 Years!



On July 27, 2007, Green River Preserve celebrated the twentieth year of operation for the summer camp. Over 150 people, including former campers, staff, board members, and friends joined our three week session and Blue Ridge Expeditions for an afternoon of games, a delicious GRP cookout, and an incredible Council Fire. Bob Davis served as our master of ceremonies for the evening with testimonies from former campers, staff, and friends as well as musical entertainment from the Poe Show, Vickie Burick, and our GRP musicians. The evening culminated with a great story by Star Ellis, our original GRP mentor of twenty years, and the announcement of a **GRAND SLAM**. Lots of hugs and tears were

incredible...Hawk Hurst, mentor extraordinaire, leads hikes and teaches the art of making native American flutes, Bob Davis, a man of many characters and talents, tells amazing campfire stories, and will introduce Ortman and Squeaky, Sandy, aquatic theologian, will lead fly fishing on the Green River (BIG TROUT), and the exceptionally talented Whitewater Bluegrass Band will entertain us all for a fabulous square dance. The food is to die for and the weather - it's here!

Weezie, do you think it's too late to register? Heavens no, Flossie. I just talked with sweet Linda in the office yesterday and there is still room, but you'd better hurry because space is limited if you want a cabin. Weezie, you know my husband...is it expensive? Are you kidding? Flossie, it's the best deal in town. For an entire weekend, entertainment, hikes, crafts, swimming, climbing, and *divine* food... the package is a bargain. I'm telling you, you'll regret missing it. It's so much fun. Weezie, maybe, I should get our whole family there. We could have a reunion. It could happen, Flossie.

How do I get in touch with the camp, Weezie? GRP's phone number is 828-698-8828 or you can [print out out family camp brochure online](#).

I can't wait to see you at Family Camp, Weezie. Me, too, Flossie. Don't forget your swimsuit; you have to experience the zip line and the high dive! Toodles!

## 2007 - The Summer of Grand Slams

The hills are alive with animals and at GRP that means a **GRAND SLAM**. A Grand Slam at GRP includes sightings of a deer, a turkey, a bear, and a venomous snake in one camp session. Sightings must be witnessed by campers and staff. If a session has a Grand Slam, it is announced to the camp family and is followed by

Sandy's ice cream orgy and fireworks. It's a night to remember. This summer, session two had our first Grand Slam since the summer of 2004.

Session 3, our three week campers, had two Grand Slams, the first one announced at our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

Grand Slams t-shirts are sold only to campers in a session with a Grand Slam. T-shirts, in storage since 2004, were unpacked and offered to both of these two sessions. Unfortunately, we ran short of t-shirts in session 3 and took orders from campers who were not able to purchase one. If you have a camper who was in one of these sessions who did not purchase a Grand Slam t-shirt and would like to have one, please notify Emily at the camp office and she would be happy to include you in the orders.



shared and definitely, the spirit of GRP prevailed.

## New Mini Camp for Rising 2nd-4th Graders



Often on opening day younger brothers and sisters are begging to stay, because they want to come to GRP as well. They want to hike, explore, and play too! Next summer many of them will be able to - we will be offering a shortened session for younger children. This new Mini Base Camp session will be Saturday, June 7 - Wednesday, June 11.

## Attention 2007 Campers



Hey campers, before you know it summer will be here again. Are you ready for 2008 and GRP? Spaces go fast and our return campers are the only campers who are entitled to our early incentive discount. ***If you register by October 1, 2007, you can go to 2008 summer camp for 2007 fees.***

Each 2007 summer camper is mailed a 2008 Return Camper application along with their 2007 cabin photo. Fill out your return application and send it in immediately. **No teacher recommendation is required for return campers.** After October 1<sup>st</sup>, you can still register for 2008, but you will miss your return camper discount. If for some reason, we missed you by mail, please notify the camp office by phone or email and we will send another application to you or [print a returning application online](#), or [apply online](#). ***See you in 2008!***

The mission of the Green River Preserve is to provide a challenging and nurturing learning experience and inspire a deep appreciation of interconnectedness, ecological respect, and the joy of living.

**Sincerely,**

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