

# CAMP ALLEGHANY



## ***Camp Alleghany Alumni Association 2016 Annual Letter from the President***

Greetings!

My first summer on the Greenbrier River was 1987! My parents put me on the bus in Norfolk and off I went for a term at Camp Alleghany. A couple of years later, I now find myself getting my oldest daughter ready for her first experience as a camper...a Mini Camper in 2016! It's hard to believe!

Not only am I excited about sending my first born off to camp, but I'm extremely excited and honored to serve as your Camp Alleghany Alumni Association (CAAA) Board President this year. Two new members that will be joining me on our all-volunteer Board of Directors, include *Whitney Kiper and Phyllis Watt Jordan*. They are excited to bring their enthusiasm and talents to our group. The remaining board members for 2016 are *Pattie Ames, Kitty Farrar, Taylor Kiland, Jed Kincaid, Wynne Patrick, and Elizabeth Shreckhise*.

We would like to thank our parting board members for their time and talents during their terms of service. *Julia Cadwallender*, who was instrumental in keeping our Lantern Newsletter full of great information. She was also our social media guru! We are also saying good-bye to one of our founding Board members, *Beth Anne Clark-Thomas*. We would like to thank her for her years of service, as not only a founding board member, but a woman who helped bring the idea of our Association to life. She wore many hats during her time on the Board! Julia and Beth Anne will both be greatly missed.

The Alumni Association had a successful 2015. We continued to see growth, not only in our membership numbers, but in the overall participation of members. With inaugural reunion events and L.O.L. weekend, members of CAAA showed up in record numbers. We are excited to announce that we will be continuing with both of these events in 2016. We hope that you can join us at one, or both, of these events!

We are also excited to report that our Lantern Scholarship Fund is growing by leaps and bounds. In 2015, with the help of all of you, we raised gifts totaling over \$12,000 and had over 50 donors participate in giving. The Board Matching Campaign was a success with over \$8,000 being raised from November to end of the year. We can't thank you enough for your continued support in this endeavor. 2015 was also the third year that we awarded, and sent, three young ladies to camp.

And speaking of camp...Camp is full! There are waiting lists for both first and second term. Mini Camp is continuing to strive in what will be its 14<sup>th</sup> year, and Family Camp will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016. Camp is also continuing to make capital improvements all over campus, and the result is fantastic. We, as the Alumni Association, helped to fund several facility and program enhancements in 2015, which included a tennis fence, a new archery structure, and much needed archery bows.

As our Association moves forward into a new year, we hope that you will join our efforts to unite, to give, and to enrich. There are many ways to get involved and the first step is joining the CAAA! We also have several committees that you can bring your talents, your time as well as your fresh ideas to. Please contact us at [CAAA@campalleghany.com](mailto:CAAA@campalleghany.com) for feedback, comments and questions. I look forward to watching 2016 be the best year yet for CAAA!

'Ghany love,  
Stephanie McPherson Astley  
CAAA Board President