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Greetings Alumni!

Spring is here and with that comes sunny days and warmer weather. I hope you have had the chance to step outside and enjoy the sunshine. This semester has been full of events and adventures that I hope you will enjoy reading about over the next few pages.

This coming year marks the 75th Anniversary of the club, which means this issue includes important information that you will not want to miss! I look forward to the 75th Anniversary and seeing many of you there!

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Letter from the President

Hello Outing Club Alumni! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Casey Trexler and I am the new student president as of the spring semester. It's always a pleasure for the active student club to present you with the Axe and Saw. We hope that our stories will connect us all and dust off a few of your own Outing Club memories!

We have an extremely active club this year! Many new members, with many new ideas and enthusiasms. One of our first trips of the year was skiing at Mt. Pleasant in Edinboro, organized by Rachel Schmidt. You might be surprised to learn that Rachel is only a freshman because she is already an officer, and organizing several phenomenal trips! We had a small group which was great for teaching two members to ski for the first time.

We finally got a group of people to go square dancing at the New Vernon Grange with your alumni president, Lee McCoy. For many of us this was our first experience square dancing or at least the first time in a long while. We were a motley crew but with the help of many kind hearts we were keeping up by the night's end. We actually went back for a second time a few weeks later!

It wasn't long before we came upon the Valentine's Dinner. This is always a hit with the club because the girls get doted upon for a night. Not to mention that the dinner is arguably the best cabin meal of the year! This year Zach DelDuco, one of our seniors, kept the dinner in high

standing with an excellent crew of men. We were also in the company of several alumni out for the holiday weekend.

The winter sports were a favorite this semester. Robin Lawson, a sophomore and student officer organized a trip to the ice rink. A few bruised knees later, everyone agreed it was a fun day. Andrew Baur, last year's president, planned a daunting Spring Break backpacking trip. Seventy miles in three days sounds like an intimidating task with snow, but the trip was a piece of cake for Andrew, Michael Giammaria and alumni, Devon Stauff.

Moving into March we had the infamous Beast Feast! It's funny how our major events revolve around food. This year there was venison roast, chukar, quail, venison chili, and wild boar. We had a whopping 35 people in attendance including 12 alumni. We also had a backpacking trip to Raccoon Creek State park planned by Rachel Schmidt. Warm weather came with muddy trails but the group had blast as usual.

An extremely ambitious group of five members including Anna O'Neil, Andrew Baur, Rachel Schmidt, Cory Kirchofer, and Robin Lawson completed weeks of training in sight of a 330 mile bike trail run from Pittsburgh to DC on the Great Allegheny Passage and C&O Towpath. Sadly the trip got snowed out on the second day but there is talk of a re-try in the fall. Our last major activity of the semester was the senior dinner. We celebrated five seniors in attendance. We look forward to their involvement as alumni.

The current student club is the embodiment of what outing club is about. It's a group of friends who enjoy each other's company especially in the outdoors and at the cabin. I'm confident you'll agree as you read the stories on the next few pages. I speak for the club when I say we

look forward to the opportunity to meet you at the 75th Anniversary celebration this year.

-Casey Trexler '14

A Pleasant Ski Adventure

When you ski at a place called Mount Pleasant, it's easy to think that your first time skiing shouldn't be too difficult. However, I quickly discovered that skiing for the first time isn't as easy as the experienced skiers make it seem. It was a fairly small group of seven of us who went on February 5th, a thankfully snowy Tuesday. We started out on the bunny hill, but after spending most of that time on my butt, I was hesitant to venture onto the actual course.

With encouragement from the rest of the group, I reluctantly agreed to take the T-bar lift up that incredibly daunting hill. The first time down the course felt like it took ages, skiing and falling, skiing and falling. Had I been out skiing alone, I'm not sure I would have enjoyed that first time all that much, but I was reminded of how remarkable the members of outing club are. Everyone was extremely willing to help me, and even when I would nearly run into someone, and would cause them to tumble to the ground with me, they still stayed with me afterwards. I can't imagine that it was the easiest for them to stay at my sluggish pace, but I was beyond appreciative for their help.

At one point I ended up on the black diamond, due to my ineptitude at riding the T-bar I might add, and Casey and Sam made sure to help me down the entire way, though I spent the last part of it sliding down on my butt at an alarming rate. Luckily it was Robin's first time skiing too, so we were able to bond over the shared experience.

By the end of the trip, I was ecstatic to be able to ski down the entire course without falling once, a huge improvement from previously spending so much time on the ground. I expected the bruises that greeted me the next day, but the feeling of accomplishment, and the reminder of how

wonderful our outing club members are, made the bruises completely worth it.

-Jessie Huff '15



Left to right: Sam Kibler '16, Cory Kirchhofer '15, Casey Trexler '14, Jessie Huff '15, Robin Lawson '15, Andrew Baur '13, Rachel Schmidt '16

“Be There or Be Square”

Howdy ya'll! I'm Joscelyn Seaton, and I want to tell you about one particular GCCOC outing that I've particularly enjoyed. It's fun! It's exciting! It's SQUARE DANCING!

Now let me tell you how my favorite club outing began!

Earlier this semester, Andrew Baur proposed that some members of the club join him for line dancing at Ghost Riders. Being the gifted dancer that I am, I eagerly volunteered. I wanted to get my groove on! The line dancing there was full of life – so full that it almost took mine. 😊 Baur and I nearly got run over by a large, dancing group. Yet we survived and proceeded to enjoy the rest of the night. Ghost Riders was a blast, but little did I know that something better was just around the corner...

A few weeks later, Casey Trexler informed the club about another dancing opportunity. To my delight, it was square dancing! At my high school in Virginia, we always had an annual fall square dance

in a local barn. Thus I was excited to square dance up here in Pennsylvania!

That following Saturday night, Casey, Andrew, and I met Lee in the PLC parking lot and followed him to the New Vernon Grange Hall. Having square danced only with people from my high school, I wondered what square dancing with people in the community would be like. Would it be fun? Awkward? Confusing?

But once we got there, any reservations I may have had were dispelled. Everyone was so welcoming and jovial. There were young kids, teenagers, middle-aged adults, and older folks. Every age demographic was represented. I felt like I was at a big, fat, happy family reunion with people I had not even met!

After witnessing how we could turn square dancing into a “pretzel dancing,” some people our age offered to show us how to dance – correctly. They took us outside and helped us practice standard square dancing moves. They were life savers!!! Later, they placed all of us (Casey, Annie, Annie's friend, Baur, and me) into squares of experienced people, who could help further instruct us.

Baur and I were blessed with some extremely friendly couples in our square! The three couples consisted of two sets of parents and a set of two smiling middle schoolers. These people were the highlight of my night! When I became lost or offbeat, one of the dads would turn me around and point me in the right direction. When the caller introduced a new type of dance, the parents instructed us on where to be and where to go. By the end of the night, we all had exchanged stories and dance moves. We were genuinely laughing together! My stomach muscles even began to hurt.

Needless to say, square dancing at the Grange far exceeded any expectations I

had! I had a blast, and to “sweeten” the deal, Lee and Casey won two cakes from the cake walk! Please pardon the pun. ☺

Before I close, I must give a special thanks to Lee, who inspired this entire outing!

So if you’re in the area on the first or third Saturday of the month, feel free to join the club for a night of square dancing!

Be there or be square! ☺
-Joscelyn Seaton ‘16

Fine Dining and Life Lessons

The tradition of hosting a Valentine’s Day Dinner was inaugurated my freshman year. The gentlemen serving scrumptious fare was a smashing success and was subsequently repeated each year. I always marvel at the high quality meal I enjoy, especially the chocolate-covered strawberries. It always seemed ironic that one of the fanciest meals of my year was prepared and served in our rustic cabin.

As I reflect on it more now, I think those meals and other Outing Club experiences have reminded me to not limit myself by my initial assessment of my surroundings. Resourcefulness and creativity can often make up for what amenities may be lacking. Modern outdoor gear may bring more of civilization out into the woods with us than we used to have in the past, but I think that any time that we venture out with limited equipment and provisions, we learn to make do with what we have. I hope that the Outing Club will continue to teach resourcefulness and creativity to students for years to come.
-Grace Watson ‘13

Laurel Highlands Backpacking Trip

With a number of people telling me that senior year would be a blur, I decided to plan a couple of trips that would make a mark in the blur of my final semester. One of these trips was a 4 day, 70-mile backpacking trip covering the entirety of the Laurel Highland Hiking Trail located southeast of Pittsburgh – with feet of snow

and single digit temperatures, this trip was definitely one to remember!

Two active club members – Andrew Baur ‘13 and Michael Giammaria ‘13 – and one alumnus – Dr. Devin Stauff ‘05 – set off along the trail from Ohiopyle on Wednesday afternoon, taking advantage of the four day weekend offered by the college’s spring break in February. Though relatively short day mileage-wise, the trail had significant undulating elevation changes and we got in after dark. Having passed a few day hikers and encountering only flurries, the trip was off to a good start. Little did we know what was in store for us over the next few days! With the coldest night (coldest of the trip) and wet wood, we should have known....

On the second day, as we topped the ridge that trail would follow, we hit snow. With only a few inches on the ground, we still made good time but began to have our doubts that we would be able to keep up the 20 mile per day pace that we’d need to cover the next couple of days. By the end of the day, the snow was deeper (my guess is that it averaged 8-10” over the course of the day). As we passed cross country ski trails, one had to question why we were hiking, especially without snow shoes. A small fire provided inadequate warmth and after Mike and I had wrung out our dripping socks (we were both very jealous of Dr. Stauff’s gaiters) everyone headed to bed relatively early.

Friday was set to be our “big” day, with the highest mileage of the trip. If there was any doubt that this trip was a winter trip, this day made it clear with deep snow on the trails, strong wind and freezing rain. The trail took us through Seven Springs Mountain Resort, where the warm food and shelter from the elements atop the ski slopes helped restore morale as a layer of ice melted off our coats and

packs. Reluctantly, we attached our MICROspikes/Yaktrax, left the resort, and wandered across the – now icy – ski slopes, doing our best to avoid skiers in the limited visibility. Mike picked up the pace for a time as he chased his rain cover down the main slope and with directional help from a few skiers, we found our way along the trail and eventually off Seven Springs property. With the deep snow wearing on us, we decided to reduce the mileage we had originally planned to complete and chose a closer campsite, where we found ice-covered wood but still managed a fair fire.

With the start of the weekend, we had our first day above freezing! The forest seemed to rain in the morning as the ice melted from the trees, but the weather still seemed pleasant by comparison. By afternoon, we had seen shadows – and the sun – for the first time on the trip! A change of scenery (with some impressive rocks) and passing a group of hikers – also a first for the trip – made the day even better. Upon arriving at the shelter, a layer of ice along the floor counteracted some of the day's good cheer. At some point in the night, a mouse decided to raid my sealed pack of peanut M&Ms...but chose to eat them in Dr. Stauff's pack on the opposite wall of the shelter (ignoring the Ziploc of peanut butter M&Ms in his pack).

The last day of the trip was also windy and cold, with even worse trails. A layer of ice had covered the knee-deep snow, and made the going slow. Cory Gibson '99 and wife, Laura '12, met us along the trail to shuttle us back to our vehicle in Ohiopyle, for which we were extremely grateful! The three backpackers went back to Grove City tired, sore, and very happy to be back in a warm car.

Despite the demoralizing weather the three of us all consider the trip to have been a great one, albeit around 10 miles

shorter than we had planned before running into the weather. It was great having an alumnus along for the trip, especially one who prepared amazing dinners each night! Maybe that's why the trip was such a hit....

-Andrew Baur '13



Left to right: Michael Giammaria '13, Andrew Baur '13, Devin Stauff '05

Beast Feast

The beast feast this year was in March while the woods were still covered in snow. This, of course, meant that we primed the pump right away because nobody wanted to get water just to make some hot tea. Tom was there and helped some of the new members out with priming the pump for their first time. He made some jokes about the guys' manliness, but it was a good bonding/learning experience. Tom then jumped right into getting his wild boar and sauerkraut ready to cook while everybody else waited for the work outing to start.

While waiting, some members made a snowman that was at least 6 feet. The girls stayed inside talking to some alumni and other members waiting for Cory, the cabin manager, to arrive. Once Cory arrived, there were floors to be swept, trees to be sawed, and wood to be chopped. The guys made sure to take the good saws for themselves at first, but once the girls got a hold of one of them we showed them we're worth our salt too. Andrew Baur then brought out the chain saw so everything went

a lot faster from the out. I got to use it twice. The chainsaw is less rewarding to use but way easier.

After the work outing, we just had time to all relax together in the cabin and shoot guns. I stayed inside since it was cold but most of the current members went out. Anna, Cara, and I then decided that it would be fun to go on a hike. Cory Gibson came along and we grabbed all of the students who were shooting. Cory said that it was his first hike in a long time that he did not have to worry about where his huskies were running off to. We just headed up to the Outlook, but it looked really pretty with the snow.

Cory or one of the guys then brought up the idea of climbing down the hill below where the deck is. Since Cory has gone down that way plenty of times he led the way. He told us there was a way to hike down, but everybody followed. With all the mud and leaves buried beneath the snow it was a very slippery hike. There was this one part that people kept slipping at. Alex, a new member this semester, was right in front of me and almost fell at that spot but caught himself on a small tree. I slipped at the same spot, but I did not grab on to the tree because I had been facing away from it. So, I had a 5-6 foot drop before I started sliding head first down the hill.

I was not in control of where I was going so I ended up hitting my head pretty hard on a tree. Eventually, a fallen tree stopped me. Alex had come down the hill after me. He was in control of where he was going since he went down on purpose. While Cory was coming over Alex made sure that I was not the worse for wear. Cory then checked to make sure that I did not have a concussion. I went down the hill really carefully after that and did not fall again. Cory checked at the bottom to see if I was still alright, and luckily, I was still good.

The hike back to the cabin was then uneventful. Cory shared a story of when he ran into a pack of wild dogs while he was hiking, but otherwise it was just some conversation here and there. We were all late to the beast feast because of me, but that just

meant that we did not have to wait at the cabin. More people had shown up while we were gone like the Butlers and Jed. The food was great as always. With the wild boar, quail, and dishes that people had made. I had a bit of a headache so I wasn't paying complete attention to the food except to know that it was delicious.

Laura checked my head and found that I had a decent sized goose egg from where I hit the tree, but after I took some Tylenol, I was all better. I got to help out with singing and washing the dishes with little periods of time spent running away with one of the Butler clan on my back. They were having fun climbing on different students and employing them as horses while they sword fought with glow sticks that their mom had given them. The alumni got to sit and relax at the table while we took care of clean up entertainment. As always, it was a wonderful time spent with great people.

-Cindy Zohoranacky '15

Raccoon Creek Backpacking Trip

Raccoon creek was a backpacking trip of firsts. It was the first time I had ever backpacked with dogs; it was the first time Rachel Schmidt had ever planned a trip; and it was the first time Joscelyn Seaton had ever backpacked. Cory Gibson, Laura Gibson, Rachel Schmidt, Joscelyn Seaton, and I arrived at the trail-head late Friday morning. The air was crisp and the sky was clear; good weather for backpacking. We traveled through and around raccoon creek state park, slowly making our way around a lake to our shelter.

The shelter was three sided and was littered with raccoon footprints (but luckily nothing else). Jed Seltzer joined us at the shelter in time for dinner and making a fire. We ended the day with the natural backpacking traditions of stargazing and card playing. Though the week leading up to the trip had been cold,

that night was warm and we slept in comfort in the open air.

The morning came bright and clear with storm clouds on the horizon. We traded Laura Gibson and the huskies for Josh Butler and continued on our journey. The storm clouds proved to be merely for show (showing once again that as long as everyone has their raingear, it won't rain).

The most scenic part of the trip came at the end when we arrived at the site of a historic natural spring. At a cave like portion of the spring, there were many stalagmite-looking ice structures rising from the rock floor. We took a group photo on top of one of these ice structures and finished our hike in time for an early dinner at the Butlers'. Another great trip, during another great semester.

Tommy Sites '14



Left to right: Tommy Sites '14, Rachel Schmidt '16, Cory Gibson, Laura Gibson, Joscelyn Seaton '16

A Typical Work Outing

My personal favorite Outing Club event was the work outing where we had to clear off the cabin roof. A group climbed up a ladder heavily armed with brooms and gloves in preparation to rid the shingles of thirteen twigs and a bit of moss. As one can imagine that did not take long. Not wanting to descend too soon and make the people mopping feel like they were not as industrious as we are, we decided to stay up for a while to defend the

roof from further invasion. After some trial and error, we decided the best position for such a defense was lying on our backs, our hoodies doubling as pillows and sunglasses, with the sun warming us up and a breeze cooling us down. No twig dared to fall on our roof with us there!

-Emily Hare '14

GAP and C&O Towpath Bike Trip

Who could say no to a 330 mile bike ride from Pittsburgh, PA to Washington DC along the Great Allegheny Passage and C&O Tow Path? Andrew Baur, Anna O'Neill, Robin Lawson, Cory Kirchhofer, and Rachel Schmidt could not! As the trip approached we spent many weeks training in preparation for this journey. The day finally came when we loaded up our gear and bikes to travel to Pittsburgh.

On a cold morning we mounted our panniers onto the bike racks. After some difficulty getting them attached, they finally seemed to work. Getting to the start of the trail also proved to be an adventure as we navigated our way through Pittsburgh. Mark Place shuttled us across a busy part of Pittsburgh so that we could arrive to the start of the trail with no accidents. The paved trail was nice for the beginning, but it didn't stay paved for long.

The trail soon turned to mud, and it took a lot more energy to push through the mud. Our first flat tire was from Cory Kirchhofer's bike, but he was able to fix it with no problem. The sun came out and it was an altogether beautiful day, although by the end of the day we were thankful to rest. We finally reached Connellsville, PA at 9PM where we decided to stop for the night.

The next morning was cold but the sunrise was beautiful. The day started out well and we crossed many bridges that had scenic views. When we reached Mile 100 we celebrated by resting, and thinking

about the many miles still left to go. Little did we know what was ahead of us. The first few flurries caused concern but we still continued on, hoping that this was all that was coming. More snow began to fall and when we starting seeing already fallen snow ahead of us, we knew that we were headed into snowy territory. Bundled up in the warmest of our clothes, we continued riding.

As the snow became deeper our wheels became stuck with snow and soon the snow was so deep we couldn't ride our bikes anymore. The sky was growing darker and with headlamps on we pushed our bikes through the snow. We finally made it to Rockwood, PA. At this point we had to end our adventure because riding bikes through more than a foot of snow is very difficult! We were very sad to have ended the trip early but we made it a total of 115 miles, which is more than I have ever accomplished on a bike before. I look forward to more bike trips, perhaps with warmer weather! Yet this was an unforgettable experience!

-Rachel Schmidt '16



Start of bike trip: Pittsburgh, PA



End of bike trip: Rockwood, PA

Summer Outing 2013: July 18-21

This year's annual alumni, students, friends and family outing will be in mid-July which seems to work out well for most folks. This time period has generally provided dry weather and good swimming in the evening.

The focus this year will be to clean up and prepare for the 75th Reunion in October where we expect both a full house and a full yard.

In addition to the usual list of repairs, maintenance and cleanup we will be investigating some major frost heave issues found in the Girls Wing (left side) a month or so back. Depending on what we find, this may require some unsightly temporary fixtures to insure that the end wall is attached to the floor joists.

As always meals will be provided starting Thursday noon and continue through Sunday noon. If you are able to join us please contact Alumni Cabin Manager Mark Place by email mplace@johnplaceinc.com or phone 412-877-0050 by July 16th to assist with meal planning and with any dietary concerns.

Summer use of the cabin.

The cabin remains closed to use by outside groups and groups affiliated with alumni due to the ongoing repairs and liability issues. The property itself can be used as a staging or activity area. Please contact Lee McCoy 724-458-7003 or Mark Place 412-877-0050 regarding any summer activities at the cabin.

Shooting at the cabin

Last year we reinforced the log backstop with a significant amount of dirt thanks to Andrew Baur and his local friend who allows Andrew use of his equipment. Please refrain from placing targets above the top of the log back stop for safety reasons.

If you shoot at the cabin please police up your target materials (and haul them home with you) and your brass. Brass in the grass becomes shrapnel when expelled through a mower chute.

Summer Mowing

Regular mowing is critical to a strong yard and to the lived in look that helps limit vandalism. If you have time to use the cabin, please take some time and mow as much as possible with either a push mower or the tractor. Please check the oil before using any of the equipment. The lock combo on the shed is the same as the gate.

Grill Use

If you use the new propane grill please take time to clean it when you are done. If the propane is getting low, please let Cory Gibson or Mark Place know. We keep a second tank under the porch and the lock combo is the same as the gate and the shed.

Refrigerators

Please do not leave anything in fridge after finals week, no juice, no condiments, NOTHING. Lee, Cory and Mark have all found the gas off for several weeks and the refrigerator reeking and beyond disgusting. Please help us with this.

Dear Alumni,

Just a friendly reminder, as decided at the last business meeting, if you want to be eligible for a cabin code and/or voting at the next meeting, you need be current on your dues. Per the decision at the meeting, dues are \$5 / year / family, payable before the meeting. Also if you want to take advantage of the electronic voting, you need to have your current email address on Tom Ronksley's list. Email your current email address to Tom Ronksley - tironksley@yahoo.com <<mailto:tironksley@yahoo.com>> . Dues are payable to Tom as well, the address to send dues is:

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Thanks

Cory Gibson '99

Save The Date Now

GCC Outing Club 75th Anniversary Dinner

When: Saturday Evening October 5th, 2013
Where: Quality Inn & Conference Center, Franklin PA
What: Socializing, Dinner, Actives Info, Stories and more

Watch your mailbox this Summer for more details in a special Outing Club Reunion Dinner Reservation Mailing.

As per some inquires, there are no Alumni Association events planned for Friday at this time. Plan to stop by the Outing Club tent on campus on Saturday, and pick up some snacks from the Outing Club run concession stand at the football game.

A Sunday Worship Service as well as Sunday Breakfast and Lunch meals will be available at the cabin for a nominal fee or donations. Pre-registration information for these meals will be in the summer mailing as well.

Sunday is also the GCC Outing Club Alumni Association Annual Meeting at 2:00 pm, plan to stay and participate if you are able.

If you are currently considering staying at the cabin during homecoming weekend, please take a moment to follow the directions on the enclosed Cabin Reservation Questionnaire. We have 36 beds and a 1/2 acre front yard available for use at this time. As a reminder, the bunk rooms are no longer strictly gender based, but more often occupied based on heating and noise levels. However, for those r.s.v.p.ing, if possible, we will try to keep some type of organization to it, such as possibly situating all families with young children in the same wing. If you are not yet sure what your plans are, another copy of this form will be sent with the Dinner Reservation Packet this Summer but don't be afraid to reserve early as we are told that Hotels will be booking early as well, due to GCC's Homecoming, the Oil Creek 100 Trail Run and Applefest weekend in Franklin, that are all running simultaneously.

Phone number for the Quality Inn is 814-437-3031 if you want to make reservations there. Cost is \$149.99/night if we book at least 10 rooms per night. Call them soon to check for current availability.

Other places to try are:

The Holiday Inn in Seneca/Cranberry (not Cranberry Township near Pittsburgh)

The Super 8 in Franklin

The Peach Basket (B&B) in Franklin

Or various hotels near the outlet malls in Grove City

Should you have questions that can't wait until the summer packet arrives, feel free to email Sue K at slkgeneral@hotmail.com and i will try to obtain and provide the answers.

Reunion Planning Committee
Sue Kidd Knechtel '88
Tom Ronksley
Mark Place

Fellow GCCOC alumni,

With all the upcoming activities occurring at homecoming this year we want you to be sure to have a place to stay if you plan to come to the cabin. We are not sure how many people will or will not be staying at the cabin. In addition to Our Alumni anniversary there are the normal 5 -year anniversaries, and the Adel 100th anniversary as well as others that will bring people to Grove City for the weekend. In order to make sure no one is without a bed, we would like to keep track of who plans to sleep at the cabin and when. These answers do not need to be set in stone but will help to plan for those who may wish to bring tents to camp out in, should the indoor lodging become too crowded for their liking. If someone is interested in tenting but does not own a tent or cannot bring one with them due to space/travel limitations, I have several, of different sizes, available for use, in addition to a few extra sleeping bags and mats, just call early for best options.

You can reply to these questions by email slkgeneral@hotmail.com, or call with answers to the following questions. The number for reservations prior to the weekend is 724-847-4693. During the day you will need to leave a message with the following info. In the evenings I may be there to take the information directly, or at any time of day, you can leave a number and name and I can call you back to answer any questions you have and take the answers to the following questions.

- 1) If coming to homecoming or the Anniversary Dinner.....Do you plan to stay overnight at the cabin during homecoming 2013? Yes or No

If no, there is nothing more to do, we'll see you there. If yes, continue thru the next set of questions

- 2) How many people will be in your group for the weekend, including yourself? _____
- 3) What night or nights do you expect to be there? Thurs Oct 3 Friday Oct 4 Sat Oct 5 and/or Sun Oct 6
- 4) Do you plan to a) bunk in the cabin b) tent in the yard c) sleep in your car or something similar? d) prefer to stay in the cabin but can bring a tent if I need to.

If you chose b or c, thanks for letting us know, we look forward to seeing you. If you chose a) or d) continue on.

- 5) Of the total number of people in your group, provided above, how many will prefer/require a specific type of bunk? Please fill in a number for each choice. The total should equal the number of people in your party.

that Physically or Medically Require a lower bunk? _____
that Prefer a lower bunk but will sleep up top if that is all that is available? _____
that Prefer Top bunk? _____

Although this may all seem silly to you, if by chance we do get full, I would hate for someone who has driven hours to get there and made plans to sleep in the cabin show up late Saturday night after their events, to find the bunks are all full as well as local hotels etc. If you have rsvp'd that you will be there for a specific night we can put your name on a bunk so that any drop-ins deciding to stay at the cabin know that those bunks are not available for those nights. If by chance your plans change last minute and you are not able to make it, I will have provided you a weekend phone number to call so we can free the bed for someone else.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the cabin and dinner.
Sue kidd knechtel '88