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Dear Reunion Attendee,

Here it is reunion time again! I don't know about you, but I'm really looking forward to being back on the mountain.

This year's reunion programmers are Andi Abrams, Jessie Reter-Choate and Shira Kahan. They are planning a fabulous weekend and they welcome your input. If you have any programming suggestions or questions, please contact Andi at 412.678.2404 or [abrams0630@aol.com](mailto:abrams0630@aol.com) or Jessie at 540.854.7585 or [reter1@juno.com](mailto:reter1@juno.com) or Shira at 301.385.7427 or [shirakahan@gmail.com](mailto:shirakahan@gmail.com). They would love to have you volunteer to run an activity!

**RETURNING THIS YEAR:** A scholarship fund is available for Circle members who are in need. To request scholarship assistance, please contact Elissa Sachs-Kohen at 443.904.7882 or [eskohen@bhcong.org](mailto:eskohen@bhcong.org). Scholarships are available for Circle members who attend the entire reunion weekend.

To donate to the scholarship fund, please contact Reesa Pearlman at [reesap@camplouiscircle.org](mailto:reesap@camplouiscircle.org).

Feel free to call me or email me with any logistical questions. If your question pertains to the program, please contact Andi, Jessie or Shira. And please direct your questions about the scholarship to Elissa Sachs-Kohen at [eskohen@bhcong.org](mailto:eskohen@bhcong.org).

One of the most frequently asked questions is how we assign lodging. First, the 2009 staff members who are in Circle may select their summer cabin if they choose. Next, we place special needs. The remaining spaces are filled on a first-come-first-served basis, but it is considered whether or not you are in Circle, and if your reservation was on-time or late, among other things. We also try to place parents with young children near each other, so there can be a quiet area for kids who go to sleep early. Several other things are considered as well — it's a giant puzzle trying to accommodate everyone's requests.

It is imperative that you reserve as early as possible. We will do everything we can to place you in your requested lodging.

**IF YOU ARE NOT CERTAIN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND REUNION UNTIL AFTER THE DEADLINE, please send in your reservation form and payment on time, but staple a note to the check so it doesn't get cashed by mistake. IT IS MUCH EASIER FOR US TO CANCEL RESERVATIONS AND RETURN CHECKS, THAN IT IS TO ADD LATECOMERS.**

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## Other FAQs:

**Check-In:** In the dining hall. You will be given your room assignment and badge when you check in. You can arrive any time in the afternoon.

**Friday dinner:** Wearing white is optional, but most people do it.

**Children's rates:** We recommend that you make a contribution based on the age of the child. Children 6 to 12 can be considered ½ of adult price. Write the child's age on the reservation form. This also helps to place similar-age children near each other and to create a quiet area for those who go to sleep early.

**Postdating your check:** Feel free to do so but please **STAPLE** a note to the front of the check so it doesn't get cashed by mistake.

**Prices:** The discount rates apply if your reservation form is postmarked by 8/18/09. After that, the price goes up \$25. **This applies to 2009 staff as well.** After 8/18, you pay an additional \$25.

**Bed linens are provided.** Bring your own towels.

**Other items you may want to bring:** tennis racket, camera, bathing suit (although the pool may not be open—it depends on the weather), old camp mementos / photos, small space heater or fan (remember how quickly the weather can change up there?), rain gear, flashlight, board games.

**Pets:** Not permitted.

**Circle meeting:** Will take place on Saturday at 11 a.m. in Social Hall. Remember that we will be voting for new board members at the meeting, so please be sure to attend. Immediately following the meeting is the group photo, for ALL attendees, on the library steps.

**“Drop-ins”:** Not permitted. You will not be admitted to the grounds. **EVERYONE MUST MAKE A RESERVATION AND PAYMENT. EVERYONE ON CAMP PROPERTY THAT WEEKEND MUST BE BADGED.** We appreciate your cooperation.

We look forward to seeing you on the mountain again soon!

Sincerely,

*Karen*

P.S. “Camp Louise Over the Years,” the Camp Louise DVD produced by Circle president Rita Drapkin, will be available for sale again at the reunion. The final version of pictures and songs from camp runs about 50 minutes and is sold through Circle as a fundraiser. The DVD is \$20. For those who do not attend reunion, you may have the DVD mailed to you for an additional \$5.00. Go to [www.camlouisecircle.org](http://www.camlouisecircle.org) to download the DVD order form. If you do not have Internet access, you may mail your check, payable to Camp Louise Circle, to Rita at 5368 Sardis Road, Murrysville, PA 15668. I also have a few copies at my house, so if you live in Baltimore and want to avoid the shipping fee, call or email me and we'll make arrangements for you to pick up the DVD.

# More Stuff on Reunion

## A Note from Andi Abrams, VP of Reunion

July, 2009

Hello all,

I am hoping to see you all at Circle Reunion 2009 which will be held at Camp Louise September 11-13. Hopefully we will have the camp weather in our favor – hot during the day and cool at night. No matter what the weather, a warm, comforting feeling will prevail throughout the weekend just being with friends old and new.

All new Circle members can attend the weekend free of charge. All others, look at the reservation form to learn what you need to pay. Please know that we try to keep the cost minimal, but there are expenses for the weekend and camp does not pay for these.

**If you can lend a hand and help out with programming at reunion, it would be welcomed. We need people to run activities during the day on Saturday or on Friday evening. This year, Shira Kahan and Jessie Reter-Choate are doing the program for reunion. Rumor has it that there may be a talent show on Saturday night – so come prepared. We will probably have an accomplished pianist as we have in the past who might (probably will) be willing to play music for anyone who wants to sing. She is dynamite with show tunes! If you can help, please email me at [abramsa0630@comcast.com](mailto:abramsa0630@comcast.com) , or Shira Kahan at [shirakahan@gmail.com](mailto:shirakahan@gmail.com), or Jessie Reter-Choate at [reter1@juno.com](mailto:reter1@juno.com). Any type of activity that you enjoy would probably be enjoyed by many who attend. Here are some ideas that have been successful or have been suggested:**

- Yoga
- Pottery
- Copper enameling
- Other crafts
- Singdown
- Icebreakers
- Folkdance
- Hikes
- Ropes course
- Campfire
- Talent show
- Life guarding at the pool
- Anything else you can think of!

We will also have a raffle this year, so please bring items to donate. I am also looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets during breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and during brunch on Sunday. Please let me know if you can do anything for the raffle. Thanks.

Please contact me at [abramsa0630@comcast.net](mailto:abramsa0630@comcast.net) or 412-678-2404 and let me know how you can help. Thanks!

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## A Few Reminders:

- The discount payment deadline is August 18.
- Reunion includes food and food service, housekeeping, grounds keeping, linens, water, gratuity, and activities.
- A scholarship fund has been set up for Circle members who are in need.
  - To donate to the scholarship fund, please contact Reesa Pearlman at [reesap@camploouisecircle.org](mailto:reesap@camploouisecircle.org).
  - To request scholarship assistance, please contact Elissa Sachs-Kohen at 443.904.7882 or [eskohen@bhcong.org](mailto:eskohen@bhcong.org).
- Please include the complete reunion fee when you return the enclosed form. While we expect that this will not occur, if there are any outstanding fees that have not been collected by reunion, you will be required to pay them when you arrive. **No exceptions will be made.**

## Town Hall Meeting

Our annual membership meeting will be held during reunion on Saturday, September 12 at 11 a.m. This town-hall-style meeting gives the membership as a whole the opportunity to discuss in front of board members any questions or concerns they have regarding Circle. If you have anything that you would like to bring up at the town hall meeting please contact Rita Drapkin at [ritacindy@aol.com](mailto:ritacindy@aol.com) or 412.795.5141 by September 15, so that you can be placed on the agenda and given appropriate time for your concern. Thank you.

## A Note about Fundraising

As always, Circle appreciates your contributions to benefit the children at Camp Louise.

**Plaques** are available to honor or remember someone. They are beautiful and a lasting tribute to someone you love. Smaller donations can be given and the appropriate card sent to the person being remembered or honored. When you send your donation check, write on the memo line what the check is for. For example, to donate to the scholarship fund for reunion, please note that on your check. If you have any questions about the plaques, please contact Joan Bornstein at [Joanlborn@aol.com](mailto:Joanlborn@aol.com) or 305.271.2571.

**Mitzvah Cards:** Support the ongoing work of the Camp Louise Circle, and honor/celebrate/acknowledge significant life cycle events.

- For birthdays, anniversaries, special occasions, special friends
- As get-well wishes of love and support
- To express sympathy and condolences in times of loss

To purchase mitzvah cards, contact Lisa Yarmis at 443.690.4770 or [ly1jk1@yahoo.com](mailto:ly1jk1@yahoo.com).

## Book Club Returns to Reunion, led by Missy Sachs-Kohen

Join us this year for our annual book group at reunion. We will read [The Girls From Ames: A Story of Women and a Forty-Year Friendship](#) by Jeffrey Zaslow.

From the coauthor of the million-copy bestseller *The Last Lecture* comes a moving tribute to female friendships, with the inspiring story of eleven girls and the ten women they became.

Meet the Ames Girls: eleven childhood friends who formed a special bond growing up in Ames, Iowa. As young women, they moved to eight different states, yet managed to maintain an enduring friendship that would carry them through college and careers, marriage and motherhood, dating and divorce, a child's illness and the mysterious death of one member of their group. Capturing their remarkable story, *The Girls from Ames* is a testament to the deep bonds of women as they experience life's joys and challenges -- and the power of friendship to triumph over heartbreak and unexpected tragedy.

The girls, now in their forties, have a lifetime of memories in common, some evocative of their generation and some that will resonate with any woman who has ever had a friend. Photograph by photograph, recollection by recollection, occasionally with tears and often with great laughter, their sweeping and moving story is shared by Jeffrey Zaslow, *Wall Street Journal* columnist, as he attempts to define the matchless bonds of female friendship. It demonstrates how close female relationships can shape every aspect of women's lives – their sense of themselves, their choice of men, their need for validation, their relationships with their mothers, their dreams for their daughters – and reveals how such friendships thrive, rewarding those who have committed to them.

*The Girls from Ames* is the story of a group of ordinary women who built an extraordinary friendship. With both universal insights and deeply personal moments, it is a book that every woman will relate to and be inspired by.

As always, snacks will be served!

## **Polar Bear Splaaaaash!**

CAN YOU HANDLE IT? Be a participant in the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Camp Louise Circle reunion POLAR BEAR SPLAAAAASH! No, this IS NOT for the faint of heart. Yes, of course, it is for a worthy cause. All proceeds will go to the Circle campership fund. Here's how it works. Each participant will be asked to solicit at least \$30 in tax-deductible donations.

You will then demonstrate how crazy you are for the cause by choosing one of the 3 slides at the Louise pool and shoot the chute! Or leap off the side. In your birthday suit or your snow suit or anything in between! OK, OK, W.I.I.F.M.??? (What's in it for me ?) The admiration of all those watching! Helping a camper afford a summer at Louise! Not to mention a chance to ride the slide! All those who are interested, please fill out the attached registration form and return it by September 7th. See you in September!

P.S. If there is someone you would like to challenge to do the SPLAAAAASH, and you would cover the entry donation to see it happen, please get in touch with me as well!

## **Miscellaneous Non-Reunion Stuff**

### Cardio equipment wanted for camp's fitness room

Are you looking for a new home for that still very useful piece of cardio equipment that you have been wanting to move out of your house? The fitness room at camp is in need of working equipment and would love to help you find a terrific new home for equipment that you do not want anymore. If it is something that is too large for you to put in the back of your vehicle, we may be able to arrange to have it picked up with advance notice. Please email Mary Maslow at p2pfitness @comcast.net to let her know what you have. We are also accepting \$ donations towards the purchase of equipment. Thanks for your help.

### To order a copy of the Friends of Camp Louise Circle directory

Contact Robbin Myerberg at [camplouisecircle1977@yahoo.com](mailto:camplouisecircle1977@yahoo.com) or 302.644.3950 to place an order and get the cost. The directory contains more than 900 names and contact info for Circle and non-Circle members who have an interest in Circle and Camp Louise.

RESERVATION FORM FOR CIRCLE WEEKEND: SEPT. 1113, 2009

**DEADLINE: AUGUST 18, 2009**

Please observe the deadline so we may plan adequately—thank you!

Please pay full amount in advance but feel free to postdate your check—see details on other page.

**PLEASE RESERVE ON TIME — WE MUST KNOW HOW MANY ARE ATTENDING  
SO THAT FOOD MAY BE ORDERED IN ADVANCE – ALSO YOU SAVE \$25!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

First

Maiden

Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

Zip

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s) of Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) address / email \_\_\_\_\_

I / we would like to sleep at camp    yes    no    (circle one)    # of nights \_\_\_\_\_

Age of guest if s/he is a child \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations requested: (circle one)    bunk shared w/others    private rm    dble rm

I wish to bunk with \_\_\_\_\_

Date of arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. time of arrival \_\_\_\_\_

Circle member:    yes    no    (circle one)    Year I made Circle \_\_\_\_\_

Paid staff member 2009    yes    no    (circle one)

**NOTE: This event is free to 2009 PAID staff members who are making Circle in 2009,  
IF YOU RESERVE ON TIME. If you are late, you must pay \$25.**

**Remaining 2009 PAID staff members pay \$25 + \$25 additional after 8/18/09.**

I can't attend, but enclosed is a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I'll be there but I'm still making a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please earmark my donation for \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost for Reunion Weekend**

**Please check off the option you would like and enclose check in that amount.**

**Rates below apply until 8/18/09. After 8/18, add \$25.**

Make check payable to Camp Louise Circle and mail to Karen Levin, 2501 Pinebrush Rd., Baltimore MD 21209.

**Circle Members**

\$175 per person for weekend  
(includes 5 meals, snacks & lodging)

\$55 per person for Friday (includes sleepover)

\$100 per person for Saturday (incl. sleepover)

\$45 per person for Sunday

**Non-Circle Members**

\$200 per person for weekend  
(includes 5 meals, snacks & lodging)

\$65 per person for Friday (includes sleepover)

\$120 for Saturday (includes sleepover)

\$55 per person for Sunday

**NOTE: We no longer offer the sleepover option by itself.**

**When calculating your total, please total your selections & write the total here \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Check here if you require vegetarian meals**

**Drop-ins not permitted. Reservation form & advance payment are required.**

We regret that refunds are not available for meals you choose to not eat, after you make your reservation — food is purchased in advance and cannot be returned. Price includes operating fees for all reunion participants—water, electricity, housekeeping, security, trash removal, tax, gratuities, etc., as well as reunion activities whether or not you participate. The reunion weekend is not a profit-making event; all fees go to operating costs. The full weekend package is the best deal; we encourage you to attend the whole event. Questions: call Karen Levin @ 410.764.1379 or e-mail [borninablizzard@gmail.com](mailto:borninablizzard@gmail.com).

# Circle Reunion 2009 Memento Order Form

**Get your 2009 Circle reunion mementos. Be sure to pre-order so you don't miss out! Available for pickup at Circle reunion 2009 or to be shipped to you. Don't miss out on your chance to get them - pre-order today!**

Aluminum BPA-free 24 oz. water bottles  
Royal blue bottle with white writing  
\$10.00 each

4-inch round static window stickers/decals  
Great for cars or any window - white with navy writing  
\$5.00 each

This image on the bottle:



This image on the decal:



\*Note: decals are static clings and do not cause damage to windows

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping address if using the shipping option (See price adjustment below): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Water bottles (\$10 each): Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up at reunion/Shipped to you (Please circle one)

Window Decals (\$5 each): Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up at reunion/Shipped to you (Please circle one)

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail the lower half of this sheet with money to Lisa Blatt, 3918 Esgarth Way, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Please make checks payable to Camp Louise Circle. Please add an additional \$5 per water bottle and \$2 per window decal if you are having them shipped to you. Pre-orders are due no later than August 20th. Limited quantities will be available for purchase at reunion on a first-come, first-serve basis. Questions: Please contact Lisa Blatt at [lisab@camplouisecircle.org](mailto:lisab@camplouisecircle.org) or 410-599-8181.

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Camp Louise Circle Reunion**  
**Polar Bear SPLAAAAASH!!!!**

SPLAAAAASHER'S Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contributor	Tax-Deductible Amount
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- \* Minimum contribution per SPLAAAAASHERS is \$30.
- \* Contributions collected must be sent in with this registration form.
- \* All SPLAAAAASHERS and contributors will be acknowledged in the Circle newsletter.
- \* Proceeds will go to the Circle campership fund.

PLEASE RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND YOUR COLLECTED CONTRIBUTIONS BY September 7, 2009 to: Lisa Yarmis, 8402 Winands Road, Baltimore, Md. 21208

Any questions? Contact [lisay@camplouisecircle.org](mailto:lisay@camplouisecircle.org) or 443-690-4770.