

TIES

Nakanawa

- FORMER CAMPERS & COUNSELORS INVITED TO JOIN TIES
- 25TH ANNIVERSARY PORTRAIT OF ANN & PEPE COMMISSIONED
- TENT ROW REUNIONS SLATED

TOGETHER IN ENDOWMENT & SERVICE

THE NEWSLETTER FOR FORMER CAMPERS & COUNSELORS OF CAMP NAKANAWA

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To: Amazons, Valkyries, Minnies & Koochies of Yore

From: Donya Boylston Rose, TR 75, Counselor 1977-1981, 1998-Present
(and Eva B's granddaughter)
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Margaret Hawkins Matens, Counselor 1969-1981, 1987-Present

We know we are the lucky ones! To start with, we had daughters. Then we have managed to fill a need on the counselor staff, which has enabled us to return to camp each summer for the last 10 years or more! When former campers and counselors visit in the summer, whether bringing daughters or granddaughters to attend a session or coming for a reunion, we keep hearing this refrain (more often than "All our hearts are filled with love and lasting loyalty ...") It is: "How can I reconnect with camp? What can I do to help? How can Nakanawa be a part of my life today?"

And the result is **TIES** (Together In Endowment & Service), an alumnae group that will be made up of former campers and counselors who want to do more than receive a newsletter or send an occasional check in support of a project. **TIES** is for those who want to be involved in the life of Nakanawa in a meaningful way, under the guidance of directors Ann and Pepe Perron. Goals of the group include:

- ❑ Reconnecting old friends and strengthening the Nakanawa network
- ❑ Distributing an **electronic newsletter** to communicate with each other about **TIES** projects and events and ways to help camp
- ❑ Sponsoring **TIES Service Weekends** at Nakanawa when we would focus on accomplishing projects identified by Ann and Pepe
- ❑ Organizing **Mother-Daughter Weekends at camp** (or grandmother-granddaughter / aunt-niece, etc) to introduce prospective campers to Nakanawa while allowing the "moms" some nostalgic time sleeping in a cabin, stargazing, canoeing on the lake.
- ❑ Establishing an **on-line store** — "**The Nakanawa Commissary**" — so alumnae can buy sweatshirts, Lou's devotion books, camp histories, prints & notecards, etc. — with proceeds going to **TIES** projects
- ❑ Identifying **great prospective campers and counselors**
- ❑ Planning and communicating about **Tent Row Reunions**
- ❑ Encouraging participation in the **Elisabeth Mitchell Charitable Trust** and other funds established to help camp.
- ❑ Serving as **ambassadors of camp** as directed by Ann and Pepe.

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First TIES Project:

Portrait Honoring Ann & Pepe's 25 Years as Directors Commissioned

In 1970, Elisabeth Mitchell's 25 years of directorship of camp was celebrated with the unveiling of a portrait, which now hangs in the library, along with a special gathering saluting her leadership of Nakanawa. It is hard to believe that Mitch's niece, Ann Mitchell Perron, and her husband Pepe Perron have now passed the 25-year mark as camp directors themselves!

In recognition of this milestone, the TIES alumnae plan to raise money for a pastel portrait of Ann and Pepe for the library. A special dedication will be held on Sunday, July 22, and all are invited to attend.

We are delighted that Ann and Pepe have selected Alexandra Wetmore,
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IMPORTANT 2006 DATES

- JUNE 17-30 - TWO WEEK SESSION
- JULY 2-29 - FOUR WEEK SESSION
- JULY 22 - DEDICATION OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY PORTRAIT
- JULY 20-22 - TENT ROW REUNIONS: '57, '67, '77, '87, '97, '06 & '07

We envision this as a “roll-up-your-sleeves” proactive group who will provide leadership for the wider alumnae group. We are interested in your ideas and suggestions, as well as your energy, creativity, and financial support.

The camp legacy has been passed from Colonel Rice to Mitch to Ann and Pepe, ensuring that traditions live on and that Nakanawa continues to provide girls with fun-filled summers and lifetime friendships. Ann and Pepe’s untiring efforts are helped by many “ever returning” counselors (“Walk along the lake with someone old ...”). The three of us look forward all year to our four weeks in a rustic cabin with squeaky bunks and a 7:00 a.m. wake-up bell! It has been amazing to watch our daughters (8 in all) progress from excited Juniors getting their first team ties to Tent Row Girls singing “Pardon me girls, but I’ve been waiting such a long time to be in this place!” Because the three of us have been able to stay connected through Nakanawa, we know that camp friendships can be just as important now to us as adults as they were when we were teenagers. The ties that bind us are lifelong. In addition to helping camp, we hope that **TIES** will provide a way for all of us to reconnect with special friends.

To Join TIES ...

- 1) Fill out and mail the enclosed card giving us your contact information.
- 2) A check for \$25 (or more!) to help us launch this project would be a great help. The three of us are donating our time, of course, but there are start-up costs, which include:
 - Printing and postage for this first mailing.
 - An annual fee to a camp alumni online system. (All future information about projects, reunions, special weekends, etc. will be communicated through an online newsletter.)
 - Data entry of all new information on alumnae.
- 3) Wait for your first **TIES** newsletter with details of the response, results of the Portrait Project, and information on future **TIES** projects.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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What if you weren't in Tent Row?

For data entry purposes, a “TR year” is a way to put people with their age group regardless of whether you were actually in TR or not. For most people, it will be the year you graduated from high school minus 1. TR reunions are open to anyone in that age group.

Portrait (cont.)

a former camper, as the artist. Alexandra lives in Chattanooga where she makes her living as a portrait painter. We also plan to enlarge and reframe the photo of Col. Rice that hangs in the library. This step will ensure that images of all three of camp’s directors will be preserved for posterity.

If you would like to contribute to the Perron Portrait Project, please send a check to TIES using the enclosed envelope and card. We hope that many of you will plan to come to camp for the dedication, which will take place during reunion weekend. The names of all who donate will be included on a special card to be given to Ann and Pepe as part of the celebration.

How Can You Help Now?

- ▣ **Give the gift of Nakanawa** to a little girl you know! You can send the name and address of a prospective camper to Ann and Pepe by emailing them at: **campnak@frontiernet.net**
Be sure to include your name and contact information as the referring party. Space is still available in both sessions (but last summer 4-Week in Senior had a waiting list!)
- ▣ Send information about Nakanawa to **college girls** or others who might be interested in being camp counselors. Information and applications for counselors are available on the website **www.campnakanaw.com**, and a DVD just for counselors is available.
- ▣ **Send us email addresses** of former campers and counselors who may not be in our data base. Use the enclosed card or email Shelly.
- ▣ **Camp nurses and doctors** are often needed. Send names of prospects to Ann and Pepe.



**In the shades of evening there must be no grieving
Even though we're leaving Nakanawa far behind us ...**

**There'll be many memories. There'll be many letters. There'll be lonely hours til we meet again.
Then we'll have our reunion! There'll be toasts and singing ...**