

Quotes from Summer of 2010-2012

"It WILL grow back"- Dante

"I have a banana in my pants, tucked away so that I can just whip it out!"- Sandy

(explaining to Campers) "This isn't Twilight, this will mess you up!"- Ronnie

"Patience will enable you to see beauty in every moment"- Devin

"I discovered how vicious Randy can be during an oatmeal fight" :) – Diana

"Be the Funk you wish to see in your hood"-Nic

"Hot Rocks (swimming spot at Creek) counts as my shower for the week, right?"

Tom to Cedar Camper "Sounds like you'd like to be mentally challenged. Wait, that came out wrong"

Xylem to Matt "Do you need help digging another grave?"

"I can wear neon spandex with barefeet, playing the banjo and pretty much fit in"- Julianne

Cameron (in response to someone looking to cuddle) "Here! I'm the puddle."

"That's embarrassing, we abducted the wrong cabin."- Cameron

"I woke up one morning and it was SNOWING!"-Soleil in early May



What is it like to be a camp augusta staff member? (written by staff members 2010-2012)

Spontaneous, wild, free, in service to growing kids into their future and bringing creative genius to the world.

– Brian

1 part exhausted, 2 parts energized, 1 part believer or fresh optimist, seasoned with plenty of passion, a thirst for more from life, and just a pinch of insanity.- Chris

Being yourself is key and trusting that we are all here because of our personality traits, values, and sense of humor and sticking by that no matter how different we all are. Take a joke, pull a prank, enjoy looking ridiculous in costumes and have a cry when need be!- Debbie

Depends on the day, sometimes we're mindless zombies; other days were people I guess.- Austin

A daring, courageous, swashbuckling thespian who is willing to play the leading role as well as be part of the stage crew. Someone who can transform the earth beneath their feet into a peaceful path of serenity, patience, and joy.- Diana

An adventure wrapped up carefully in people parts. – Devon

Combine the resourcefulness of Batman, the agility of Spiderman, the strength of the Hulk, the dedication of the Silver Surfer, the loyalty of Captain America, the healing factor of Wolverine, the mindreading of Professor X and the creativity of the Green Lantern and you've got a pretty good idea of a superhero. You ask that superhero who their hero is, and they'll give you a Camp Augusta Staff.- Brian

Something like Spring.- Bear

Generally unwashed, tired, candy-craving, extremists who believe in fun even if it kills them, campers even when they don't care, and each other throughout all the stories that no one else would dream could be true.- Catherine

I remember When... (memories from Staff members 2010-2012)

I got to help in the kitchen on pizza day and rocked out to Michael Jackson!- Hannah

Numerous times in the sweat lodge where I was blown away by campers going deep.- Brian

Abductions became a norm of everyday life; whether being tied to a tree during session 1 by a Pine Cabin, or just seeing exhausted campers ride back into camp on bicycles early in the morning with very confused looks on their faces.- Debbie

Jeff's pack (which had some food, the GPS, maps, and cell phone inside it) rolled down a 100ft cliff and very nearly into the raging river below on the wilderness trip.- Ester

Luke discovered glitter. – Hannah

Austin spent a week trying to convince everyone that it would be a GOOD idea to catch a skunk to use for special wake-up.- Looby

A group of counselors appeared with a fleet of shopping carts one evening.- Jonty

After making it through claim jumping alive, I ran into the bear on my way back to bed.- Ericka

My car got filled up with medic balls wrapped in plastic wrap and had balloons attached to it. The sad part was that I bought all the balloons because Ronnie told me he needed it for a teambuilding thing.- Ericka

I was painted, oatmealed, wet, covered in shaving cream.... Oh hang on, that was every day.- Gemma

Ronnie was genuinely terrified for his life after crashing the canoggin yet again while honoring an auction prize for Cedar 5. But really, we were riding a make-shift land canoe with no real brakes down a perilous hill in the dark with only Ronnie's wits and reflexes to guide us; What did he think was going to happen.? Still one of the highlights of my summer. – Tom

I discovered that the worst thing about 5 Fingred Vibram's is stepping in dog poo. Looby

The firebird at Boy's Campfire started rotating to the East when it got lit up.- Brian

Camp is great because:

In one day a person can have philosophical discussion, an experience of creative mayhem, awesome popcorn, and an opportunity to serve the growth and health of young people- how good is that!- Brian

Campers and Staff leave here with the tools and inspiration to lead more powerful, healthy, happy lives.- Chris

I get to milk goats and make bread.- KO

Where else can you watch your co-workers get beaten by random?- Looby

Staff time off:

Staff Trips are different from year to year. This 2009 trip took us on a 65 foot catamaran across Lake Shasta to explore caverns followed by Fun Park in Redding, CA with putt-putt golf, laser tag, and go carts.



One of the most popular things for staff to do on their days off is to visit the beautiful Yuba River. This is only ten minutes away from camp. It is a great place to swim, sun bathe, go for a hike or just hang



Downtown Nevada City and surrounding area is a fun place to hang out and get great food in between sessions.



After spending a long and hot summer mostly within the confines of Camp Augusta and Nevada City, often staff venture out to explore strange and new places. This time it was a crew of 6, fall of 2010 on a road trip to Crater of the Moon, Yosemite, Zion's National Park, and the Grand Canyon.



Or just stick around Camp post season for harvest season and carve some Jack-o-Lanterns.



Family . . .

Camp provides a community experience unlike any other, the staff become a family. No I really mean it they do. The sense of community is so strong that in the summer of 2007 we hosted our first staff wedding. Two counselors who met and fell in love at Camp Augusta decided to host the most special day of their lives at the place where they 'work'. That doesn't happen often, even more amazing is that they liked their 'boss', our Director, so much that they asked him to perform the ceremony.

Since then 4 other staff weddings have taken place, the most recent was this winter 2013 and was a combination birthday/pizza/sledding/wedding party with a toasty, warm fire and mostly past and present staff members as guests/participants.

