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Carbine Camps 30th –Year Reunion!

To all Carbine campers and staff,

It's the BIG 30th! The reunion commemorates the 30th year since the Blue Creek camps Carlisle and Camelot closed. Additionally, we'll remember Cliffside, the "starter set" for many of us as campers. You are cordially invited...!

Events will take place during the three-day weekend of July 13-15, 2012.

Yes, 30 years ago in July, some of us would be starting to think about packing up for two weeks on the Creek and all the activities and friends that made Summer so special. Just a few years before that, some would have been headed for Coal River, the twin swinging bridges, Cabin Row and the magical self-lighting campfire.

Now, we return only to the memories of the camps, but to the very present friendships and sharing that still make camping, and Carbine, and West Virginia unforgettable – make it essential to explaining why we are who we are, and who we are yet to be.

Our past meetings -- even the small annual mini-reunions -- have served to "tend the flame". We've preserved the Camps' themes of Native American and Arthurian values of interdependency and teamwork, of rules and reason, of work and play. We've recognized their importance as part and parcel of that thin veneer of civilization we stretch over the chaos. These heavy concepts were transferred to us relatively painlessly, in a couple of weeks each Summer. Every camper we encounter expresses the belief that those positive lessons persist in us today and in our children for the future.

**Join your reunion committee and fellow campers in Charleston
and on the Creek to remember and refresh the Carbine Camping spirit!**

**Remember the wings, castles, hootenannies, sign raids,
Early-morning wake up raids and dances ... and exploding beans!**

Surprise souvenirs – mementos – ceremonies!

Events:

Friday Evening, July 14

7:00 PM to ? **Icebreaker reception and T-Shirt pick-up** at Charleston Fraternal Order of Police Hall. A keg of beer will be on hand, with food and soft drinks, and an open cash bar. Karaoke! Pool! Dancing! Scrapbooks sharing! Memories!

Yes, we'll have 30th-year commemorative T-shirts available soon for pre-order. There will be shirts for all three camps! Details will be included in the next e-mail you receive, and on the [website](#).

Saturday, June 15

To Blue Creek: The Camelot and Carlisle campsites and surroundings. Unstructured hiking, visiting all day, and a catered **4 PM evening banquet** at the Hunting and Fishing Club Lodge! Surprises!

We expect there will be **overnight camping** at the Hunting and Fishing Club lodge. People staying overnight should bring their own mattresses, sleeping bags, pillows, snacks, beverages and breakfast.

Camps **crafts** revival - Lanyards!

Placement / Unveiling of **Camps Memorial Plaques**

Ceremonial ringing of the **Camelot Bell**.

Horseback riding is a real possibility!

“**Exploding Beans**”, probably. **Ghost stories** certainly!

Sunday, June 16

1:00 PM: Catered **Farewell Picnic Luncheon** at Coonskin Park. Here's where more of those surprise souvenirs come in!