

the afterglow

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Follow the Gleam.... Steve Vargo

“Oh, I didn’t want to go to Nature Camp at all,” laughs Steve Vargo, reminiscing about how he first arrived. “Basically, I was a middle school jerk. I thought Camp was all Garden Club Ladies doing flower arrangements. But my science teacher got me a scholarship, and my parents made me go. They still love to tell stories about how I was happy the minute I got out of the car. They didn’t hear from me for two weeks.”

It was the staff that first impressed Steve. They served as positive role models—serious about their jobs but also really fun. He noticed and appreciated their genuine interest in the campers, and he was impressed by their commitment to teaching campers about nature and about themselves. He remembers the staff as “smart and cool and funny.” He wanted to be like them, and that admiration grew once he joined the staff and continued even after he moved on from working at Camp.

Specifically, Steve recalls the impression that people like Flip Coulling, Jim Brooks, and Walter Mehring made on him as he became an adult, making his way into the world. Musing on the example they set for him, he noted that “they helped me grow up into a decent person with interesting friends. They introduced me to all kinds of fascinating stuff. Walter knows how to do and make everything. People like him made me realize that it’s all possible. These smart, talented people helped guide me through growing up and getting older. I remember everything they taught me, and I try to use it and live up to it every day.” As a father, Steve hopes that his two children—Finn (12) and Astrid (9)—will find that kind of example and inspiration in their lives, perhaps at Nature Camp.

Along with providing examples to live up to, Steve credits his time at Nature Camp with broadening his musical horizons. Growing up in Winchester, he was surrounded by bluegrass. He didn’t know that was his “thing” until he heard his counselors and his new friends playing and singing. Until then, he was a 7th grader who was only into punk rock and skateboarding. But that changed as his mind opened to new ways of seeing the world, in terms of both nature and music. Jon and Joe Cleary, two fellow Nature Campers, played music with Steve during the summers. They ended up at William and Mary when he did, and the three of them joined the Middle Eastern Music Ensemble. Steve points the Clearys out as some of the folks who helped him develop a broader taste in music. After college, he set aside his geology degree for a while and moved to Boston to play rock and roll. After making music in Boston for a while, Steve took a job with Pyramid Environmental Engineering in Chapel Hill, NC. There, he found an enclave of Nature Camp folks, including Flip, Matthew Bain, Chris Marthinson, and Mark Chilton. The group often gathered at Mark and Chris’s house to hang out and play music of all kinds. Since then, he has also played old time and bluegrass. For a while, Steve was “the only gringo” in a 14-piece Puerto Rican Salsa and Mambo group, which he describes as a great experience:



“They really showed me how to have a good time playing music. With them, it’s always a party, even when you’re just rehearsing.” His development into an open-minded and eclectic musician began at Nature Camp.

Steve joined the staff at the invitation of Colonel Reeves when he was only in the 10th grade. He took the responsibility seriously, and worked hard to live up to what he saw as a great honor. “I was the cook for a while,” he says, “and I had some glorious experiences in that kitchen. I do remember, though, getting yelled at by Colonel sometimes about the meals. On staff, there’s a whole new awakening. You may be a gifted teacher. You discover what’s good about you there, what’s good about other people, about nature. You can realize you’re in love with music at Nature Camp. You come alive, develop awareness of so many different and positive things.”

After several summers on staff, Steve left Camp for an undergraduate internship at Blandy Farm, which was at that time the state arboretum. It was run by the University of Virginia. There, Steve worked with graduate students and PhDs on a research project involving oak trees. “It was really similar to Camp,” he says, “and though I missed being on staff with my Camp friends, the internship was a good opportunity for me. It was the end of my time at Nature Camp, though.”

Eventually, Steve moved to Louisa, Virginia. There, he and his wife, Adrianna, began farming. They grew flowers and vegetables and sold them at farmers markets in Charlottesville and Tacoma Park, MD. Steve also worked for the Virginia Department of Health doing soil evaluations and tests. For a while, they both worked for the local Food Hub in Charlottesville. Eventually, Steve left to return to the Department of Health as a licensed soil scientist. Adrianna continued her work at the local food hub, helping farmers develop plans for operating under the regulations imposed by the USDA and FDA. Now, she works for the FDA as an investigator, helping farms comply and ensuring that people have safe food to eat. The couple has moved to Scottsville, Virginia, and Steve hopes that now that Finn and Astrid are older, he can begin bringing his family to Camp to enjoy Service Weekends, reunions, and other community events.

Summing up Camp’s influence, Steve stresses the importance of learning about himself and becoming interested in the natural world in such a beautiful setting. “You discover all these new worlds at Nature Camp,” he says. “You learn about botany, geology, limnology. I had never even heard those words before I got there! I loved the snakes—the rattlesnakes. I still love them. You become awake and aware. You learn to see the infinite variety and beauty in nature. So many things to learn about! That goes for the people, too—all these different kinds of people that you never would have met. You can figure out what you want to be at Camp because you’re exposed to so many different things. You just come alive. It’s a real jumping-off place for life.”

- Interview and article by Katie Hoffman



Adult Session 2017

This year Adult Session moves back to August. From August 18 to 22 we will explore the theme of “Then and Now: 75 Years of Nature Camp—How Our Understanding of and Relationship to the Natural World Have Changed Since 1942.” In conjunction with Nature Camp’s 75th anniversary, we will take a retrospective look at how our knowledge of natural science and natural history and the curricular content of Nature Camp’s classes have evolved since Camp was founded. In 1942, for example, the field of geology lacked the paradigmatic foundation provided by the theory of plate tectonics, the structure of DNA had not yet been elucidated, and fungi were still considered and classified as plants. Although the mission of Nature Camp has remained essentially unchanged throughout its history, our world view of conservation and wise stewardship of our shared natural resources has expanded and in some cases undergone a dramatic shift. For instance, whereas Smoky Bear mentality once prevailed and was dogmatically instilled in more than one generation of campers, we now recognize that fire plays a critically important role in maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem function in many natural systems and should not always be immediately suppressed. Contemporary issues such as global climate change, the spread of invasive species, and the loss of genetic diversity have arisen as serious environmental threats, but could hardly have been imagined 75 years ago. During the five-day session we will explore such topics as our evolving understanding and management of forests, wetland management then and now, and decline and recovery of birds of prey. There will also be basic natural history (plants, including mosses and liverworts; geology; and birds, insects, and other flying things), plus an array of art and craft workshops (making dogwood charms from bronze metal clay, making toy bows and arrows, and ice dyeing) and a discussion about the future of local environmental education. We will once again offer the popular Appalachian string-band workshop, led by professional musicians. On Monday, August 21, a field trip will take us to the ecologically significant landscape of nearby Maple Flats, where a set of seasonally wet sinkhole ponds (which should be mostly dry by late August) support an assemblage of several rare and geographically isolated plant and animal species. The trip will include a picnic lunch at Sherando Lake, where Nature Camp began in 1942.

For more information please visit the Nature Camp website (www.naturecamp.net) and click the Programs tab, or you may e-mail Executive Director Flip Coulling at director@naturecamp.net. Please join us at Nature Camp in August!

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News from Nature Camp

Registration for this summer's sessions began in late January, a couple of weeks earlier than last year, and within minutes online applications quickly poured in. We implemented a slight shift in the grade ranges for some of the sessions in an effort to achieve greater balance, and while that change largely achieved its desired effect, overall enrollment has lagged somewhat behind the pace of recent years. Although First, Second, and Third Sessions are full for girls, several spaces remain available in Fourth for current 5th and 6th graders. And while Second Session has also filled for boys, we could accommodate a boy of any suitable age in any of the other three sessions (current 9th graders may enroll in First Session and 8th graders may attend Third). It would be nice to have a full or nearly full house for our 75th summer of operation!

Campers may apply directly online through the Nature Camp website (www.naturecamp.net) or by mailing a paper application.

We are marking Nature Camp's 75th anniversary through a series of regular posts on our Facebook page. Each week a different photograph from the archives appears in a "Throwback Thursday" feature, and while we have pictures enough to last throughout the year, we would always welcome more images if anyone would like to share them. We have at least temporarily discontinued the "Formative Friday" series of profiles of Nature Camp alumni, parents, and friends, but would be happy to resume these posts at any time. Submissions should include a photo of you at Nature Camp, state where you are what you are doing now, and briefly describe how Nature Camp has influenced your life and the direction it has taken. Please e-mail testimonials to director@naturecamp.net.

Nature Camp seeks a gently used vehicle to add to our existing fleet of multi-passenger vans and pickup/dump truck. In 2008 we received a generous donation of a high-mileage but still fully functional minivan from Powell and Joanne Hutton. Over the ensuing eight years this vehicle has transported food and other supplies from town, taken numerous campers to the doctor's office and emergency room, and even been used to move heavy equipment from one end of camp to the other, but sadly it appears that it may have reached the end of its useful life. Cargo space is more important than passenger capacity—a hatchback, SUV, or minivan would be preferable to a four-door sedan—and decent gas mileage is a desirable but not essential quality. A vehicle with over 150,000 miles would certainly not be out of the question, as long as significant repairs are not needed, since the "Hutton van" accrued less than 1500 miles annually. Nature Camp would gladly arrange for transportation of the vehicle to Vesuvius and provide the requisite paperwork so that a donor could claim the charitable contribution for tax purposes.

Finally, we would also welcome the donation of small, preferably framed pieces of artwork for the BTM ("Behind the Museum," for the uninitiated). If you have an original drawing or painting, or you are downsizing or have just completed spring cleaning and you no longer have a home for a particular work, we would love for it to help spruce up the walls of Nature Camp's guest quarters.

Thanks to all of you for everything you do to support, promote, sustain, and improve Nature Camp. May it continue to thrive for another 75 years and beyond.

- Philip Coulling, NC Executive Director

Nature Camp Receives \$100,000 Endowment to Support Financial Assistance

LEXINGTON, VA (December 12, 2016)—Nature Camp is pleased to announce the receipt of a grant from the Community Foundation of Rockbridge, Bath and Alleghany. This grant, the first of what will become an annual disbursement from a permanently endowed fund, will be used to support Nature Camp's financial aid program by providing scholarship assistance for campers in need. Over the past decade, one quarter of participants have received financial aid from Nature Camp, which also benefits from support from numerous garden clubs and districts, environmental and civic organizations, and a growing constituency of alumni, friends, and other donors.

Nature Camp is a private, non-profit, residential, co-ed summer camp specializing in natural history and environmental science education and has been located in Rockbridge County for over 60 years. Since 1942 Nature Camp has sought to train a corps of interested, knowledgeable youth to conserve and protect the environment and to become wise stewards of the earth's natural resources. The endowment, managed by CFRBA was established by Dr. Fred Swope, retired professor of biology at Virginia Military Institute. Dr. Swope's two daughters attended Nature Camp in the 1980s and one later served on staff. This lasting gift represents a testament to camp's profound impact to shape young people's lives, influence academic and career choices, and promote responsible stewardship of the environment.

The Community Foundation of Rockbridge, Bath and Alleghany strives to improve the quality of life and serve the needs of the communities of Rockbridge, Bath, and Alleghany Counties and the cities of Lexington, Buena Vista, and Covington. Nature Camp was one of 42 local organizations which received distributions from CFRBA at its annual reception last month.

For more information about Nature Camp or camp's financial aid program, please visit www.naturecamp.net. Interested persons may donate to the endowed fund by getting in touch with Lori Turner, CFRBA Executive Director, at Lori.turner@cfrba.org or 540-463-0943.

Education Building Renovation Updates

By Katie Hoffman, Task Force Facilitator

The Education Building Task Force (EBTF) received four strong proposals in response to the Request For Proposals (RFP) sent out late this winter. In alphabetical order, the four firms that submitted bids are Glavé & Holmes Architecture (Richmond, VA); Riggs Ward (Richmond, VA); Steve Feldman Design, LLC (Bethesda, MD); and Studio Ammons (Petersburg, VA). These are proposals for **Phase I: Planning**. Phase I will help us develop a reasonable budget and timeline for **Phase II: Implementation**. We hope to choose a contractor with whom we can continue on to Phase II. Committed to opportunities for input from the larger Nature Camp Community, the EBTF allowed Service Weekend attendees to peruse the proposals upon request from Friday to Sunday. A subcommittee of the EBTF charged with choosing the winning bid held a preliminary meeting during Service Weekend, and all feedback from those who reviewed the materials was welcomed and considered. An email blast inviting input from the community went out on Monday, May 15. Those who responded were given access to a Dropbox file for viewing the bids. The subcommittee will make its selection and notify the applicants by May 31. But your work isn't done! Working with the selected firm, we will design additional opportunities for the community to weigh in on the shape and design of the Education Building Project. We're grateful for the help you've given us. Please stay engaged so that we can be assured of a result that works for everyone in the Nature Camp community.

Questions? Contact Katie at hoffmankatie@rocketmail.com.

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Fall Service Weekend

Fall Service Weekend 2017 was a resounding success with milestones achieved and grand, new projects announced. All of the buildings in Camp have been re-roofed during a recent Service Weekend and are now better protected from the elements. Those tireless laborers who have shucked old roofing, hefted heavy packs of new shingles on their shoulders, and driven countless nails may stay on the ground for a few years until their skills are again needed. Renovations to the Education Building were marked by a reception dedicating the new Mary Jane Gannaway Layne Museum. Many exciting updates are set to take place in the coming years to create and improve resources available to campers in the Education Building as renovations move forward.

Each weekend the joist replacement crew disappears from view for hours on end to emerge dirty, tired, and victorious after spending every working hour crawling around under one of the buildings at Camp. They spend this time inspecting and strategizing then installing new joists to reinforce the original floor supports with pressure treated lumber that will keep the floors solid for many generations of new campers. As all of those who've visited Camp know nearly every building in Camp is "primitive" with only lighting and ceiling fans leaving the indoor climate to be controlled by whatever is allowed to enter and escape through the large, screened windows on each building. These windows require constant maintenance in order to keep them clean and free of holes while the shutters that replace them during Camp's off-season dormancy need occasional repairs and re-design as well. Many folks contribute their time to removing old screens and installing new, repairing screen frames, and adjusting shutters so that air flow is maximized, indoor insects are minimized, and the buildings are protected while Camp sleeps in the winter. A great deal of smaller maintenance projects completed last fall include many adjustments to drawers, doors, and all the other various moving parts of Camp to ensure their proper function.

Thank you to each of you who carefully completed these tasks, small improvements to frequently used items are often the most appreciated during the summer! And a special thanks to Charlie Truxell, who just popped in for a visit and immediately jumped in to fix the kitchen water heater!!

Thank you to Katie, Angelina, Matthew, Gary, Jenna, Penny, Barak, Caroline, Cori, Jaylin, Deb, Paul, Liam, Mack, Gisela, Mary, Chris, Ed, Rick, Amy, Cate, Flip, Charlotte, Cooper, Austin, James, Reid, Elizabeth, Steve, Margot, Nell, Wynne, Ryan, Maggie, Paul, Amy, Taimir, Katie, Corrina, Jarrod, Michaux, Powell, Joanne, Caitlin, Kaleigh, Janet, Emma, Sarah, Steven, Kim, Allen, Betsy, Charlie, Peggy, Leigh Ann, Mary Frances, Simon, Mike, Walter, Alexandra, Theta, Galen, Ginny, Shirley, Caroline, David, Leah, Beth, Mark, Robert Adam, Ben, Paul, Scott, Sheryl, Ventry, George, Mike, Suzanne, Brett, Kate, Jerry, Eleanor, Charlie,



Annie, Luke, Carolyn, Lyt, Jason, Sally, Ella, Turner, Tristan, Caleb, Jenna, Neil and Lily!

Each of those who have attended Service Weekend in the past have provided a donation to Camp in the form of work that would have otherwise been contracted out. Those funds can instead be utilized to improve the facilities as well as provide assistance in the form of scholarships to those families who wish to provide their children with the experience of being a camper at Nature Camp who could not otherwise. It's difficult to come up with an exact number for how much has been saved but it's estimated that well over \$100,000 worth of work has been completed during Service Weekends since folks began showing up and providing their skills and work in exchange for a few excellent meals, a bed, and the fellowship and camaraderie that we all enjoy.

Everyone is welcome at Service Weekend regardless of prior experience as a camper or staffer and all skill levels can be put to use. We welcome families and the rec field or the surrounding National Forest provides an excellent opportunity for those who desire to camp as a group. The traditional, separate male and female bunkhouses and bathhouses are fully available for use during the weekend while very limited alternate accommodations are available on-site. Those requiring or desiring other accommodation are encouraged to check out the various lodging options available in nearby Lexington.

Please contact me (Corey Basham) at swvahawker@gmail.com with any requests or concerns regarding sleeping accommodations or dietary restrictions including allergies.

Please go to www.naturecampfoundation.org and click the "Stay Connected" link in the upper right corner to update your information in our system in order to receive communications regarding upcoming NCF events.



News from Nature Camp, Inc.

Greetings, Nature Camp Lovers! Another spring has sprung! Our board had a productive and successful meeting last November. At that gathering, we elected two new directors to their positions: Nina Chew Anderson is the Education Director and Joe Garvin is the Financial Assistance Director. We are fortunate to have such great folks to work with. Due to staggered, limited terms, we are always on the lookout for more participants. Think about it! Our next board meeting will take place at Nature Camp, in early June to prepare for the business of the summer.

Elsewhere in this edition of the Afterglow, you will see an update on the Education Building project, provided by our task force leader (and NCI VP), Dr. Katie Hoffman. Also, our Communications Director, Stacy Luks, describes plans for this year's Prospective Camper Day on July 22nd.

Some topics of governance cross responsibilities between our two boards: Nature Camp, Inc. and the Nature Camp Foundation. That's one of the reasons why the Presidents and the Treasurers attend each others' board meetings as well as their own. This spring, we had some topics that required attention from a few more heads, so we had a cross-board working group meeting with members from each board in Richmond in March to discuss an ongoing board development process and to flesh out some details in handling major gifts (in case someone feels inclined to be generous in the future).

Speaking of generosity – let me express my personal appreciation to the individuals and organizations who have made it a priority to donate time, talent, or money to support Nature Camp. All of those things are gifts to us and our future. And for those gifts we give thanks.

- Amy Gonzalez, Nature Camp, Inc. President

New Virtual “Nature Camp Canteen”

Ten T-shirts Designs now available!!

Ten NEW Designs Coming Soon!!

You can now order T-shirts, sweatshirts, onesies, kids wear, mugs, etc. from our new online “canteen” We have 10 of the most requested designs available in our shop or you can purchase the designs for use on a huge variety of items.

Please visit our SpreadShirt shop at:

<https://shop.spreadshirt.com/Nature-CampFoundation?noCache=true>

The \$2.50 we earn from each sale goes to support our scholarship fund!!!



Prospective Camper Day - July 22, 2017

We are pleased to again be holding what has become our annual “sneak-peek” opportunity for prospective Nature Campers on the middle Saturday of 3rd Session this year.

Last year’s event was well-received, with nearly 50 visitors joining us. The benefit of hindsight as well as notes of thanks received from attendees tell us the day is extremely helpful, especially for soon-to-be 4th session first-timers and their parents/grandparents. Seeing Camp’s setting and surrounds; touring the bunkhouses, outdoor classrooms, educational buildings and the L.S.; making connections with enthusiastic resident-campers, and sampling a class in Big Mary’s Creek and on the Buttermilk Springs trail - not to mention meeting Flip, some of the counselors, and Amy Beaird - are all valuable touch points for those that make the day trip.

“Orientation” yesterday was great!!

Most important, (our) new camper came away with a good feeling;

“Nature Camp is ‘cool’, I just hope I can ‘make ‘friends!’”

This year we encourage you to support Prospective Camper Day by sharing news of the opportunity with all those in your network involved in middle school education - teachers, librarians, nature center and after-school program administrators, etc. It would be especially helpful to us to cast a wider net for rising 5th & 6th grade boys and girls of every stripe - this being initial entry age for our camp population and the cohort (4th Session) whose ranks tend to fill up more slowly each year than the others.

We’ll be posting about Prospective Camper Day on Camp’s website and Facebook page, as well as PBS station announcement boards and websites across the state starting in early June. Fliers will also be available, so please reach out if you would like a small supply to share.

Feel free to be in touch for further information, and to offer suggestions or assistance - sphomer@comcast.net; tel 703.405.3763

Stacy Luks, Board member for Publicity and Promotions, Nature Camp, Inc.

Nature Camp Foundation Board Development

At a recent meeting of NCI and NCF boards, members discussed the exciting developments of the past few years, notably that Nature Camp is in sound condition on many fronts. Our membership is vast and growing annually, and interest in Camp by families across the state remains relatively consistent from year to year. To date, both boards have been staffed from our membership through the Nominating Committee, formed anew each fall and led by the Vice President of the Nature Camp Foundation. This process has served us well for ten years, but we have found it difficult at times to fill certain positions.

To remedy this situation and leverage the considerable talents in the Nature Camp family, we are crafting language now to create a Board Development Committee, led by the NCF Vice President, to replace the Nominating Committee. This perennial committee will identify individuals who have expressed interest in helping out Camp beyond Service Weekends and position them on one of the different committees that serve the needs of Camp. Members of those committees would then be in a better position to serve as chair of their respective committee after gaining first hand experience. Currently, board members are working to modify or add committees that will best serve the needs of Camp and will be seeking individuals to volunteer for those committees.

Once formed, the Board Development Committee will begin contacting people who have indicated interest in volunteering for Camp.

If you have any interest in being on the Board Development Committee, please contact Chris Chamberlin. We sincerely look forward to increasing the opportunities for members to get involved! Stay tuned to those emails!

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Update your information!!!

The Foundation wants to have the best information on our supporters as possible so please update your contact information at <http://naturecampfoundation.org/my-profile/>. Updated and concise contact information will help the NCF provide the right information to you in the format you prefer.

Additionally, ask your Camp friends to do the same. There are plenty of folk still not in the “Circle” and we certainly want to inform them of the great things going on at Camp.

<http://naturecampfoundation.org/my-profile/>

Dr. Barry Miller Farr, 1951-2017

Barry Miller Farr was born in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri on November 15, 1951, and died in Charlottesville on February 15, 2017. Raised in Greenville, Mississippi, Barry never stopped loving Southern food, culture, or people. Inspired to attend medical school by the autobiography of William Carlos Williams, Barry majored in chemistry at Ole Miss and received an MD from Washington University in St. Louis and a Master of Science in epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He received training in internal medicine and infectious diseases at the University of Virginia. He served as Hospital Epidemiologist at UVA for 18 years and directed a Master of Science program in epidemiology for 11 years. He retired as the William S. Jordan, Jr., Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at UVA at 52 because of physical disability due to the paralytic effects of multiple sclerosis. He co-authored 167 medical publications, 137 research abstracts for national or international scientific meetings, co-edited 2 books on catheter infections, and mentored 18 postdoctoral fellows. He was widely known for epidemiologic studies about control of health-care related infections, particularly antibiotic-resistant infections and catheter infections. He served as President of the Society for Hospital Epidemiology of America (SHEA) in 2002 and Editor of the SHEA scientific journal *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology* from 2001 to 2004. As passionate as he was about his work, Barry was strongly committed to his family. He enjoyed coaching his sons' teams in T-ball, baseball, and basketball for 10 years, and was on the sidelines as a cheering fan at their soccer games. He loved hunting, fishing, training his Labrador retrievers, photography, the St. Louis Cardinals, all UVA sports and spending time with his wife and sons. Barry was an avid reader and writer of prose and poetry, and was known to supply an appropriate quotation for any given situation. As a medical intern, the floor nurses would say they always knew where he was because they could hear his infectious laughter. Barry loved a good story and often regaled his friends and family with long, and sometimes circuitous, tales. He devoted his final years to writing and publishing a book entitled *Multiple Sclerosis: Coping with Complications* as a way to help other patients cope with the many challenges of MS and to share the knowledge and strategies he developed. Barry is survived by his wife, Ann Henry; three sons and daughter-in-law, Eric Farr and Erin Bradley of Seattle, Ryan Farr of NYC, and Jason Farr of Washington D.C.; sister, Celia Farr Wood and husband, Frank of Los Angeles; brother, Brian Farr and wife, Beth of Charlotte, N.C., and nieces and nephews. A celebration of his life is being planned for the spring so that it can be held outdoors where Barry loved to spend his time. Donations can be made in Barry's memory to a cause that is close to your heart.

A scenic view of a forest stream with large rocks and lush green foliage. The water flows over the rocks, creating small cascades. The surrounding trees are dense and green, with some branches in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

Nature Camp to Celebrate 75th Anniversary

1942-2017

Did you know Nature Camp has existed for 75 years?? 1942 was a very good year, certainly for us! We invite you to join us for our Diamond Anniversary Celebration on September 16, 2017. Come to Nature Camp to connect, reconnect, and visit this place in the George Washington National Forest along the banks of Big Mary's Creek. While we celebrate, we plan to honor some of the great Garden Club members who have supported and sustained us through the years. Please come spend the afternoon (3 pm to 6 pm) with us as we reminisce and look forward to the next great 75 years of Nature Camp! Look for more details on the festivities in email and on the Nature Camp and Nature Camp Foundation websites.

Calendar of Events 2017

Spring Service Weekend	19-21 May 2017
NCI New Camper Orientation	22 July 2017
Adult Session	18-22 August 2017
Fall Service Weekend	15-17 September 2017
NCF Annual Open Meeting	16 September 2017
75th Anniversary Celebration	16 September 2017
Fall Hike Day	14 October 2017



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