

Camp Whitehall Reunion July 11-12, 2009

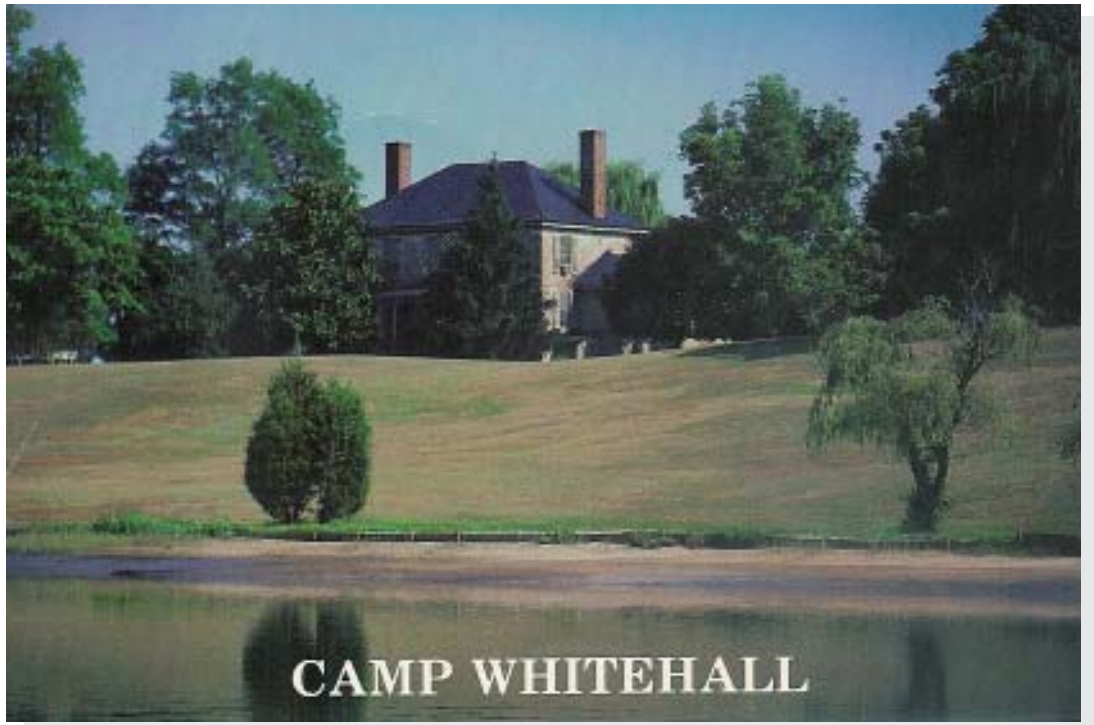


The Babyak Family and the
Whitehall Reunion Committee Invite
You and Your Family for a Weekend
of Good Times & Good Memories

Fun ~ Swimming ~ Food ~
Activities ~ Old Friends

Please Pass the Date Along!





March 2009

Dear All,

We all share so many memories of Whitehall summers. All of you campers and counselors have left your mark on this place and my memories go back to 1951 and are never far away. In July 2005, we finally had our first Whitehall Reunion - something that Dick and I had talked about doing. I'm sorry that he was not able to be a part of it, but know he would have loved every second and was there with us in spirit!

I think I can speak for everyone who attended in 2005 that we all had a wonderful time seeing old friends and meeting new ones - all with a special connection to this special place. And I am so happy that we will be doing it again this summer! Pulling together this reunion has given me so much joy. I have just discovered hand-written journal entries from our first campers back in 1933 and found photos of the tents they slept in before the cabins were built! I will share all of this with those of you who are able to make this reunion.

If you are able to have a rendezvous with the past here in July, I know you will recapture many memories and make even more.

It will be a fantastic treat for me, Rick, Meg, Dori, Bill and their families to see all of you who are able to come. We are anxious to welcome each of you back!!!

Whitehall will shine,
Mrs. B.



2009 Camp Whitehall Reunion

The Babyak Family invites you and your family to the *second Camp Whitehall Reunion*. Since the Camp ceased operations in the early 1990's, some of you may have had an opportunity to return to Whitehall for a visit or even came to the 2005 Reunion. But many of you have not. The Babyak's have graciously provided another opportunity for you to share your Whitehall experience with your own family, to see old friends, make new ones and relive some of the wonderful memories. Come for a time of relaxed play on the banks of the Mattaponi River!

Schedule-At-A-Glance

Saturday, July 11, 2009

10:30am - 1:30pm	Arrival / Registration
10:30am - 4pm	Land and Limited Water Activities On Your Own
4pm	Group Photos
4:30pm	Picnic Dinner
5:30 - 7:30pm	Water Activities on Your Own
6:30 - 7:30pm	Watermelon Feast & Traditional July 4th Games for All Ages
8:30pm	Bonfire

Sunday, July 12, 2009

8am	Continental Breakfast
9 - 9:30am	Sunday Service
9:30 - 11:30am	Whitehall Service Project
9:30 - 11:30am	Scavenger Hunt for All Ages
11:30am - 12:30pm	Brunch
12:30 - 2:30pm	Whitehall Service Project
	Afternoon Departure



Detailed Agenda

Saturday, July 11th

Sunrise: 6am

Sunset: 8:30pm

HighTide: 6am; 6pm

LowTide: Noon

Ideal river time for swimming and boating is 4-7pm.

10:30am - 4pm *Arrival / Land and Limited Water Activities On Your Own*

Plan to arrive early to maximize visiting and recreation opportunities! Bring a blanket if you want to enjoy your picnic lunch, walk around the camp, look for your old cabin and visit the Camp Whitehall Memorabilia Collection. Bring frisbees, soccer balls, footballs and any other recreation equipment to enjoy on the riverside, hillside and on the playing fields. Horseshoes, basketball, ladder ball, croquet and boce ball will be available. While the tide is rising you can walk along the riverbed.

4pm *Group Photos*

At 4pm, we will gather all former campers, counselors, and their families together in one location for Whitehall Reunion Photos. Please plan to be included and bring your smile!

4:30pm *Picnic Dinner*

Bring your appetite and be ready to chow down! Nothing fancy, just good ol' hamburgers, hot dogs and barbecue with all of the side dishes. Feel free to bring your own beverages.

5:30 - 7:30pm *Water Activities On Your Own*

Take a swim or paddle around on the Mattaponi. A limited number of canoes will be available.

6:30 - 7:30pm *Watermelon and Games for All Ages*

Remember the Camp Whitehall Fourth of July Games? Well, they're back! Come prepared to participate or cheer on the younger generation.

8:30pm *Bonfire & Time Capsule*

Join us on the Sand Pile for an old fashioned camp fire. Bring your guitars and other musical instruments and be ready to lead us in some favorites like John Jacob Jingleheimerschmidt (you know his name is my name too!). We will unearth the 2005 time capsule and be sure to bring a Whitehall-related item for the 2009 time capsule.

Detailed Agenda

Sunday, July 12th

Sunrise: 6am

Sunset: 8:30pm

HighTide: 6:30am; 6:30pm

LowTide: 12:30pm

Ideal river time for swimming and boating is 4-7pm.

8am *Continental Breakfast*

Coffee and a simple continental breakfast will be provided for those of you who are early risers (*Assorted Bagels, Muffins and Danish, Variety of Fruit, Coffee, Orange Juice, Iced Tea*).

9 - 9:30am *Sunday Service*

Again, reminiscent of Camp Whitehall days, a Worship Service will take place on the hillside overlooking the Mattaponi. So please make plans to join us for a simple service of Thanks and Fellowship and bring your blanket.

9:30 - 11:30am *Whitehall Service Project (TBA)*

If you are so inclined, time has been set aside for a Camp Whitehall improvement project. More information will be provided in your confirmation letter.

9:30 - Departure *Land and Water Activities On Your Own*

Once again, Whitehall is available for your family's use. A limited number of canoes will be available for your use to paddle around on the Mattaponi. Bring frisbees, soccer balls, footballs, fishing gear and any other recreation equipment to enjoy on the riverside, hillside and on the playing fields. Horseshoes, basketball, ladder ball, croquet and boce ball will be available.

9:30 - 11:30am *Scavenger Hunt for All Ages*

Enjoy a Camp Whitehall Scavenger Hunt (for all ages)!

11:30am - 12:30pm *Brunch*

Whether you labored on the Service Project or not, enjoy a tasty brunch with your family and friends (*Egg Casserole, Country Ham Biscuits, Link Sausages, Home Fries, Fried Apples, Homemade Biscuits, Iced Tea, Coffee, Assorted Beverages*).

12:30 - 2:30pm *Whitehall Service Project (TBA)*

Afternoon Departure

Plan to stay as long as you are able on Sunday and enjoy the late high tide - there is no scheduled departure time.

Whitehall Today

As many of you will remember, Camp Whitehall was rustic. It is even more so today. After 25 years of disuse, the cabins are in various degrees of disrepair as is the case with the "greenie," shop, mess hall and rec hall. While some cabins have been removed, the Babyaks' have carefully preserved interior graffiti pieces that serve as rosters for decades of camp history. Among those boards which will be on display during the reunion is one from Mohawk cabin dating back to 1957. However, the Camp layout as most of you will recall it, has not changed.

There are signs of progress as well; there is a new dock, Mrs. Babyak continues to live in the main house and Dori Babyak Chappell and her husband Robert live in a new home near the old riflery range. And the camping still goes on - YMCA, school, and church groups come to enjoy river activities and games much like you did years ago.

Overnight Accommodations

For those wishing to camp at Whitehall overnight, there will be a limited amount of space reserved for tents. There is a single outdoor gang shower with no hot water. Please indicate on the Registration Form if you plan to camp at Whitehall. For the less adventurous, below is a list of area motels and inns that are approximately 25-30 minutes away.

Holiday Inn Express (new!)
1648 Tappahannock Boulevard
Tappahannock
(800) 315-2621 ~ (804) 445-1200

Super 8 Motel Tappahannock
1800 Tappahannock Boulevard
Tappahannock
(804) 443-3888

Days Inn
1414 Tappahannock Boulevard
Tappahannock
(804) 443-9200

Essex Inn Bed & Breakfast Tappahannock
203 Duke Street
Tappahannock
(866) 377-3982 ~ (804) 443-9900

Hampton Inn Mechanicsville
7433 Bell Creek Road
Mechanicsville

Restrooms and Changing Areas

There will be designated cabins for Men and Women's changing rooms and a set-up for diaper changing and the little ones. Restroom facilities are limited to the bathroom in the old Infirmary, the bathroom in the Mess Hall and portable bathrooms.

Child & Waterfront Supervision

You want to bring your young children to Whitehall, but keeping up with them doesn't allow you time to visit with old and new friends - wrong! Saturday afternoon until dinner time and after dinner, lifeguards will be on hand to keep an eye on your children as they play and swim on the waterfront. Lifeguards will also be on hand Sunday.

Local Restaurants & Fast Food

Within 15 - 30 minutes there are plenty of choices to pick-up food to bring along or to sit-down and eat. *Central Garage* at the intersection of Routes 30 and 360 is the closest location. Tappahannock is northeast, Mechanicsville is to the south and West Point is southeast.

Pet Policy

We all like pets, but sometimes, pets don't like each other. To avoid any potential problems, we respectfully are asking that you leave your pets at home.

Boating

Whitehall has a limited number of canoes for your use over the weekend. You are more than welcome to bring your own watercraft to enjoy. All motorized boats and jet skis need to be put in at Walkerton and there is a nominal suggested donation for doing so.

Whitehall Memorabilia & Tall Tales

The Babyak Family is pulling together memorabilia from past years and will have a display, including old film footage. If you have any memento from your Whitehall days, please think about sharing it with others. There will also be a chance to tell your favorite Whitehall story (or stories) at the Bonfire on Saturday night as well as opportunities to share them on video.

Memory Book

Please complete the enclosed Whitehall Memory Page and bring with you to the reunion. We will compile them to present to the Babyak Family. If you are unable to attend the reunion, please mail your Memory Page and it will be included in the book.

Calling All Whitehaller!

Every attempt is being made to reach anyone who was a camper or counselor here during the Camp's 60-year history. If you are in contact with anyone who enjoyed a summer at Whitehall, please pass this along as they may not have received it. On behalf of the Babyaks, thank you in advance for your help spreading the word!

What To Bring

Things to consider bringing to the Camp Whitehall Reunion:

bathing suits (suitable for the river)

water shoes

towels

blankets for sitting

sunscreen and bug spray

balls, frisbees, softball gloves

fishing gear

folding chairs

picnic lunch for Saturday and snacks

cameras

musical instruments for the bonfire sing-a-long

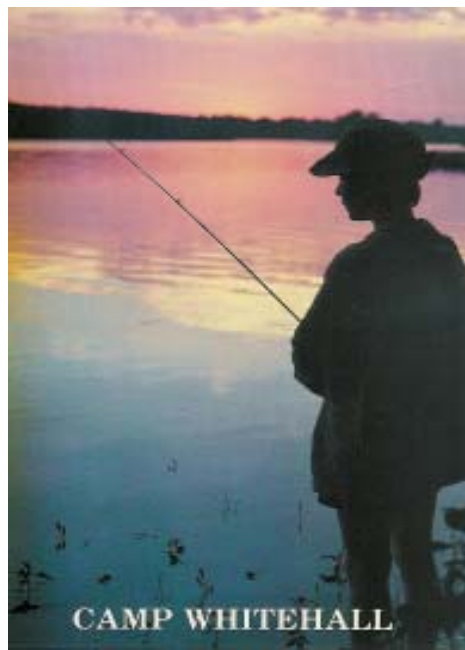
work clothes (if you plan to help with the service project)

flashlight / lantern

Whitehall mementos

Whitehall Memory Page

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Whitehall Reunion Contacts

Dori Babyak Chappell (804) 769-0368

Trace Carson (804) 288-2950

mail@CampWhitehall.com

www.CampWhitehall.com

Facebook Group: Camp Whitehall



Please submit this page for our Memory Album along with your Registration Form. This will be compiled with others for view in the Mess Hall the weekend of the Reunion. If you are not able to attend, please share with us regardless!

MEMORIES

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Years present at Whitehall: _____

Please circle all that apply:

Camper

Counselor

Order of the Tomahawk

Please describe some of your favorite Camp Whitehall memories:

What sounds, smells or sights still remind you of Camp Whitehall to this day (e.g., Reveille):

Please include any Camp Whitehall photos you may have. Please write your name and address on the back so that they may be returned to you. They will be scanned and included in a PowerPoint presentation for posterity.



**Camp Whitehall Reunion
Registration Form
July 11-12, 2009**



Registration (Saturday & Sunday)

Includes Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast and brunch, Whitehall souvenir, tent camping and all activities.

\$75 per Adult	Number of Adults	_____	\$ _____
\$25 Children 5-16	Number of Children	_____	\$ _____
Children Under 5 Free	Number of Children	_____	\$ _____

I Would Like to Tent Camp at Whitehall on Saturday

There are _____ in my family and we will have _____ tents (space is limited)

Registration Total \$ _____

Please Register by Monday, June 29, 2009

A confirmation letter with directions and other information will be mailed to you. No pets, please.

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Children & Ages: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

(More details will follow by e-mail so be sure to include your e-mail address when registering so that we may contact you as we continue planning for the reunion).

I would like to help the Camp Whitehall Reunion Committee. Please contact me.

**Please Make Checks Payable and Remit to:
'Camp Whitehall'
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4892 Canterbury Road
Walkerton, Virginia 23177-4020**