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NEWSLETTER FOR YMCA CAMP LETTS' FORMER CAMPERS, COUNSELORS & FRIENDS



WELCOME ALUMNI!

Greetings from YMCA Camp Letts, where summer camp has given way to an exciting Retreat Center season! You are receiving this newsletter because you are a cherished member of our Alumni Family. Without your memories and support, Camp Letts would not be the amazing place it is today.

We are currently working to reconnect generations of alumni with Camp Letts, but we need your help! Help us strengthen our Alumni Family by sharing your own camp memories, reaching out to fellow alums and [visiting our website](#) to update your records. If you have friends or family members who are also Camp Letts alumni, forward this newsletter and encourage them to reconnect as well!

There are so many wonderful and exciting things happening at Camp Letts. Please read on to learn about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and camp updates! You can leave camp, but camp never leaves you.

All the best,

Hannah Jakob
Retreat Center and Alumni Relations Director

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THANKS TO YOU!

With more than **1,700 weeks of overnight camp sold in 2015**, Camp Letts had one of its most successful camp seasons in over a decade! Thanks to generous donors, **more than \$290,000 in Camp scholarships were given to help 335 kids** experience Camp Letts.

DID YOU KNOW?

From September to June, Camp Letts transforms into a multi-purpose Retreat Center welcoming school groups, churches, corporate retreats and more! We have hosted **more than 80 Retreat Center events** so far this year, servicing over **6,000 guests!**

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

There are endless opportunities for you to come back to Camp. If you are interested in building and supporting our Alumni Family or would like to assist with Retreat Center events, please contact [Hannah Jakob](#).

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Camp Letts Alumni are doing amazing things! Check out the stories of some of our great alumni below.



Julia

After 6 years of working a variety of roles at Camp, Julia is moving overseas this fall to teach English in Spain. She is very excited to start a new adventure and work with kids in a different corner of the world. She will miss her home away from home, however, and the wonderful family she will have forever.



Rachel

Following her first summer at Camp Letts, Rachel is returning to intensive vocal training so that she may further develop her professional opera singing career.

We would love to feature you in our newsletter! Let us know what you have been up to since leaving Camp. Contact [Hannah Jakob](#) with your story or tell us on Facebook.

UPDATES FROM CAMP

YMCA CAMP LETTS REDUCES ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT

Camp Letts has completed several environmental upgrades to reduce our negative impact on the Chesapeake Bay. In January, Camp Letts won the [Chesapeake Bay Trust's Melanie Teems Award](#) for our Watershed Restoration Initiative with the West/Rhode Riverkeeper. This initiative involved the restoration of our horse pasture and the resolution of a serious source of sediment pollution in the Rhode River. Camp Letts again partnered with the West/Rhode Riverkeeper and local schools this Spring to develop and complete a living shoreline to protect shoreline habitats and prevent further erosion.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Camp Letts is celebrating its 109th year of creating lifelong camp memories for the children in our community. One of the most important legacies of Y camp is its alumni, and we are dedicated to reconnecting you with all of the things you loved about Camp! Hannah and her team are working on some exciting ideas to pull us all together to celebrate camp's achievements, old and new, so stay tuned.

Sincerely,

Andrew Mason
Executive Director, YMCA Camp Letts

RUN HARD, GIVE THANKS

16th Annual Turkey Chase Thanksgiving Morning

Held on Thanksgiving morning, the Turkey Chase is our largest fundraiser and most buzzed about event every year! Turkey Chase proceeds help send deserving children and teens to overnight and day camp programs here at YMCA Camp Letts. Turkey Chase could not be the great event that it is without the generous support of volunteers, runners and sponsors. If you are interested in volunteering or if your company would like to sponsor Turkey Chase, please contact [Dave Boyle](#) or [Amy Myers](#). Otherwise, be sure to run with us on Thanksgiving morning by **visiting our [website](#) to register today!**

ENJOY THIS ISSUE?

Feel free to share this newsletter with anyone who you think may find it useful.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, IDEAS?

What would you like to hear about? What sort of alumni events would you like to attend at Camp Letts? Tell us on [Facebook](#) or contact [Hannah Jakob](#).