

Making a difference in children's lives by sending kids to camp.

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Estate plan to include MMCF!

Thank you Karen Hales,

former Kennolyn camper and counselor

I decided to include the Max and Marion Caldwell Foundation in my estate planning because I am deeply aware of the privilege I had in being able to go to Kennolyn, and I want some of my financial resources to extend opportunities to kids who, through economic circumstance, wouldn't otherwise be able to benefit from the camp experience.

Working in a higher education environment, I'm frequently thinking about issues of financial aid, diversity, equity, and opportunity, which are just as relevant for summer camps. It made perfect sense to include the Foundation among the organizations receiving bequests in my will.



Karen with her nieces Lily & Avery Hales-Yang

A LITTLE ABOUT ME...

I was at Kennolyn in the summers of 1979-1987 as a camper, a counselor -in-training, and then a counselor. I enjoyed burro packing, nature, crafts, cooking, tennis, and guitar. I remember being in nature class with Dick Cascio making star gazers when the August 6, 1979, earthquake struck. He helped us calmly ride it out. The quake ten years later was, of course, much more damaging.

During the off season when Uncle Max and Aunt Marion traveled around to families' homes, they came to my house in Claremont, CA a few times to give slideshows for prospective campers. I loved seeing them and helping to recruit more Southern California friends to attend.

Kennolyn had an important impact on my development as I learned to interact with diverse people in new settings, gained new role modelsone of my counselors was Clare Schneider, who is now the president of the Caldwell Foundation—and appreciated the outdoors in a beautiful place. I looked forward to it with great anticipation each year. I share the same nostalgia for Outpost, the Boardwalk, beach days, campfire songs and skits, the counselor serenade on the last night, etc. that *most* Kennolyn alumni probably feel.

After my staff summer at Kennolyn I enrolled at Swarthmore College for a biology degree and then Stanford for a PhD in genetics. I'm now a Professor of Biology at Davidson College, where I've taught and mentored undergraduates since 2000. I live in Davidson, NC with my rescue dogs Huxley and Darrow. I appreciate the beauty of the Appalachians but definitely miss the redwoods!



My 13 year old niece has been a Kennolyn camper for a few years, and my 9 year old niece is eager to start this year. Their father, my younger brother, was also a camper, so I am glad to carry on our family tradition. It brings me so much joy.





Grace Peterson, the Gold Arrow Camp recipient & a second year counselor whose mom worked at camp too, will be graduating from California State University, Fresno.



Paul Justiniano, the Kennolyn Overnight Camp recipient, was on staff for 6 summers. He is now working with a Kennolyn alumnus, living his dream of being a science teacher.



Chris Calciano, the Kennolyn Day Camp recipient, will be back for his 6th summer! He is in his second year of medical school at Medical College of Wisconsin.

Meet your 2021 Campership























After the Creek Fire, fortunately most of Gold Arrow's buildings and trees were spared. Most of Kennolyn's Huntington Lake Camp structures burned, but their team has worked hard to recover and rebuild. This summer they are excited to welcome 25 campers to one 5-day rustic camping session and enjoy the beautiful lake and all it has to offer!



The 2020 Creek Fire

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From Via West:

Our partner camps

We would like to thank you and your wonderful foundation for helping two of our participants finally attend our camp after an over 18 month closure. Both Paolo and Etta had not had an overnight stay in over two years.



From Camp Krem: While video events are no substitute for actual face-to-face programs, our efforts and yours were rewarded by proof positive of success!

New Campership added

Last year the MMCF board approved a new campership for campers who are interested in the Kennolyn Camps **Counselor in Training program.** Until now we have supported younger campers who can reap the benefits of multiple years of camp. Samantha Townsend, Assistant Camp Director, reminded us that many of our teen recipients want to participate in the leadership program, but were no longer eligible for camperships.



Tony making Foil Stew at Outpost

These highly qualified candidates bring diversity to the leadership program and are likely to make fabulous future staff members!

This summer, MMCF is awarding a campership to **ANTHONY BRAGG**, who will come to Kennolyn as a CILT. Below are details from his campership application.

FROM ANTHONY: WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO CAMP?

Kennolyn has an incredibly special spot in my life. This

camp has saved my life many times and look forward to being a part of it every summer. I love taking part in many activities that I enjoy. The people I meet and the relationships I have built have given me lasting friendships. The staff and counselors are super supportive and make me feel included in everything we do. Kennolyn has been like a second family to me.

FROM HIS DAD: WHY DO YOU THINK CAMP WOULD HELP YOUR CHILD?

Anthony is an incredible kid. Before he attended Kennolyn for the first time, he had never been on a plane or had any experience nearly as impactful and beneficial as Kennolyn has been.

Now having gone to camp for 2 years, Kennolyn has become a very special place to him that has been critical to his growth and goals. He now has dreams of becoming a camp counselor someday - which I believe will support him in his dream to become a therapist.

I would love for him to be able to come up through the CILT, CIT and JC programs. Kennolyn has helped to turn him into the person he is proud to be.

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