

In remembrance...

Amy Hudkins Macht

Amy Macht was born on May 17, 1974 in Salem, OR to Susan M. Hudkins and Charles Hudkins. She passed away on April 15, 2025 after a long battle with Huntington's Disease.

Amy was educated in Salem public schools and graduated from South Salem High School in 1992.

Amy spent many summers as a camper and a counselor at YMCA Camp Silver Creek. (Camp name: Amos) She affected many lives at Camp and retained many camp friendships throughout her life.

Her education continued at the University of Oregon where she graduated from the Honors College in 1996. She then earned her MD degree from OHSU in Portland in 2000 and completed her residency in psychiatry at Tulane University in 2002.

Amy and Marlow Macht were married at Camp Silver Creek on July 30, 2005. They spent three more years at Tulane in New Orleans and five years in Denver, Colorado while Marlow completed his training in emergency medicine and EMS. During those years, Amy and Marlow greeted two sons to their family, Elijah and Aaron.

Amy traveled the world in her youth with a trip to Europe with her parents at age 16 and another trip to Europe with a friend prior to entering college. During college she attended a fellow camp counselor's wedding in Melbourne, Australia and enjoyed a travel abroad semester in Seville, Spain while at the University of Oregon. She capped that trip with a visit to another fellow camp counselor in Israel. Marlow and Amy traveled together to Ecuador in South America and to Cape Town, South Africa before "settling" in Vancouver, Washington.

Amy's medical career was cut short by a relatively early onset of Huntington's Disease, but she will be remembered as a wonderful mother, a courageous fighter, and a loyal friend.

Amy was predeceased by her mother, Susan M. Hudkins, and her father-in-law, Will Macht. She is survived by her husband Marlow, her two sons, Eli and Aaron, her father, her step-mother, Susan J Hudkins, her mother-in-law Mimi Macht, her brother Ron Hudkins (Naomi), her brother-in-law Madison Macht (Glenda), and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of life service will be held at the first United Methodist Church of Salem, OR (corner of Church and State Streets) at 2pm on Saturday, May 31, 2025. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Camp Silver Creek Alumni Assoc. c/o the YMCA, 685 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301



Upcoming events

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events!

May 21, 2025

Spring CSCAA meeting

June 17, 2025

Work Day

June 15, 2025

Staff Training Begins

June 22, 2025

Camp Begins

Spring 2025



CAMP SILVER CREEK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Remembering Amos....



Work day plans

Join us at camp on Tuesday, **June 17**, from 1 - 6 p.m to prepare Camp Silver Creek for summer magic. All alumni and camp families are welcome and encouraged to join the fun and get to know each other before camp starts. Camp staff will already be in residence, allowing volunteers to work directly with them on projects. We will be clearing trails, preparing overnight spots, and organizing materials for a great summer. Volunteers are invited to stay for dinner and a joint alumni-staff campfire. Please complete the annual background check (required for all Y volunteers) AND fill out this form so we know who is coming. Thank you! We recommend wearing work clothes, gloves, safety glasses, and sunscreen. Please call Connie Strong at 650-964-2014 with any questions.

Host Families wanted

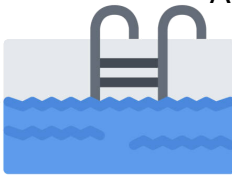
Are you interested in hosting an international counselor from Silver Creek for weekends this summer? We are still looking for families who would like to take in one or more of our international staff members during their days off. This would entail picking them up from the airport on the 14th and taking them to staff training on the 15th, as well as hosting them during their days off during the summer (reminder, camp days off are from approximately noon on Saturday to noon on Sunday). If there is a weekend or two that you are not available, that would not disqualify you from hosting, as we could find alternate arrangements once or twice. If you are in the Salem area, the camp staff would be able to provide most weekend transportation to your house so you would not have to pick up your international counselor from camp.

We have staff members coming from all over the globe, so this is a wonderful opportunity to not only give back to camp in a meaningful way, but also to offer an exciting cultural experience for a young person spending their summer in the U.S! If you are interested, please email Adrienne (Fraggle) at achodnowsky@theyonline.org



The Camp Silver Creek Alumni Association mission is to support, preserve and strengthen YMCA camping at Camp Silver Creek. The CSCAA comprises any Camp Silver Creek alumni, staff (current and former), and community members who believe that camp is an essential part of childhood. Get more involved with the CSCAA by emailing contact.cscaa@theyonline.org

Pool replacement update



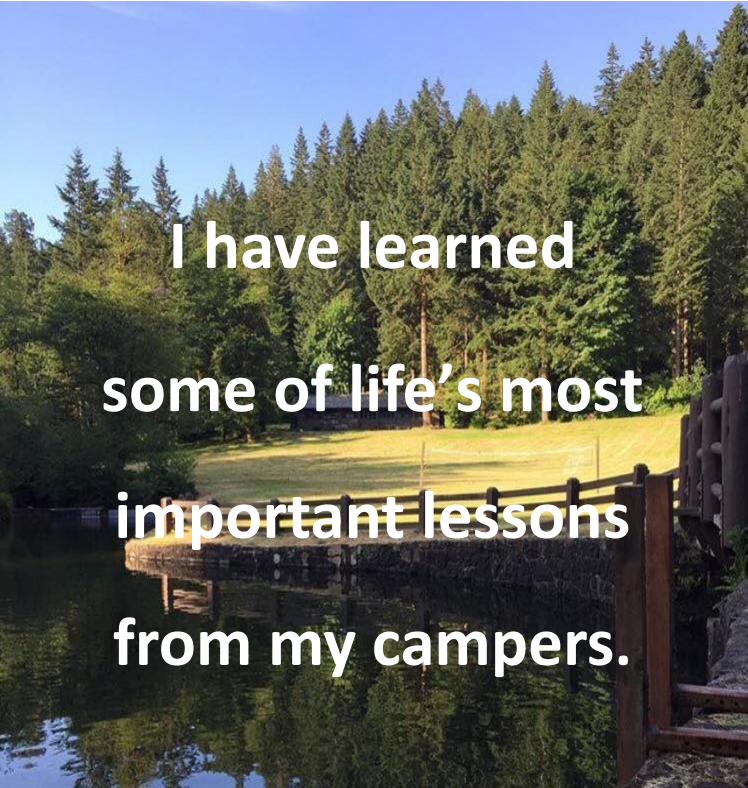
As we all know, the deferred maintenance at camp has gotten to be quite a long list of projects. The state has a small man power complement and a limited budget so the list just keeps getting longer each year. To address this problem a new group has been formed called the Camp Silver Creek Reinvestment Working Group. This group consists of very senior Oregon State Parks employees, (OPRD) Park rangers and managers, the YMCA, Opal Creek ancient forest center, Straub Outdoors, Friends of Silver Falls, SHPO, and the CSCAA.

This group is tasked with finding a way to catch up with, and fund the future of these deferred projects so that we have a safe and vibrant camp well into the future. Meanwhile, the OPRD has indicated in an email that the pool location, while not their first choice may be approved in its current location. SHPO has indicated the same in an email. While email is not a formal approval, it is an indication that the site will be approved.

OPRD has stated that no construction may begin until the CSC Working Group has finished their work. A good guess will be sometime this summer.

Another complication is the proximity of the pool to Northern Spotted OWL nesting habitat. Construction creates a lot of noise and we cannot proceed during nesting season which ends at the end of August. The last week of Camp also occurs around that time.

- Here is one possible time line.
- ♦ Working group finishes around mid-summer
 - ♦ Formal written approval from OPRD and SHPO to construct the new pool in the present location
 - ♦ Formal technical drawings are completed (approximately 30 days). At that point we will know the total cost of the project
 - ♦ Selective fundraising begins
 - ♦ Pool reconstruction project goes out to bid to all interested contractors (approximately 30 days)
 - ♦ Construction contract is awarded
 - ♦ Construction begins (approximately 4 months to completion)
- All this of course assumes that there are no unforeseen problems and or delays. Updates will be provided to the CSACAA as events occur. This is a complicated process and we must proceed one step at a time.



Background checks required!!

All alumni that are looking to volunteer or visit camp this summer (**including for the annual meeting**) who have **NOT** had a background check in the last year will need to get one. The easiest way is via the volunteer application form. Here is the link: <https://www.theyonline.org/form/volunteer-application>

Or scan the QR



Deep Thoughts by Jim

It's hard to believe, but another summer at Camp Silver Creek is just around the corner. As we prepare for another season of laughter, adventure, and memories, the Camp Silver Creek Alumni Association is also ramping up for a busy and exciting time.

Unfortunately, we must share some very sad news with our community. Amy Macht (Amy Hudkins), a beloved long-time camper, counselor, and devoted supporter of Camp Silver Creek, has passed away. Known by her camp name "Amos," Amy brought joy, dedication, and heart to everything she did at camp. I had the privilege of working alongside her during her time as a counselor, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Looking ahead, we're in the planning stages for our annual **Camp Work Day**—a great opportunity to come together, lend a hand, and reconnect with fellow camp friends. Keep an eye out for more information on this fun and rewarding event.

In this issue, be sure to read about the **John Mistkawi Memorial Golf Tournament**, our premier fundraising event that helps provide camperships and supports camp needs to ensure every camper has an unforgettable experience. You'll also find updates on our ongoing efforts to **build a new pool** at camp—an exciting project that will make a huge impact for future generations.

If you haven't participated in our events or activities, we encourage you to jump in! It's a wonderful way to support the place that means so much to all of us, and to share in the fun and connection that Camp Silver Creek continues to provide.



Warm regards,
Jim



Please join us for the
CSCAA 28th Annual
John Mistkawi Memorial
Golf Tournament
July 14, 2025
At Creekside Golf Course
go to salemymcagolf.com
for more information



Donofrio Dealerships



Mercedes-Benz
of Salem

