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This edition of the **Smoke Signal** is being mailed to all 400+ members of our mailing list. That includes current members as well as the many former **Old Kia Kima**, **Camp Kiwanee**, and **Camp Miramichée** campers and staff we've been able to locate over the years.

I am urging you to make the effort to come to Hardy, Arkansas, on the weekend of September 22-24th. Believe me, you will not regret it. If you haven't been back to Old Kia Kima since the restoration, you are in for a wonderful experience. Instructions on how to register in advance are in this newsletter.

We would like to make this the biggest turnout for the reunion **ever**. And we've had some great ones. In addition to seeing all your old friends from a former time (none of whom have aged a bit), you can canoe, golf, explore the old camp or just sit around and visit.

This past year, we've had a special outreach to the women of Miramichée and we've had a great response with numerous new Miramichée girls joining Old Kia Kima Preservation Association. The Camp Miramichée Association is going to have their reunion at Old Kia Kima the week before the OKKPA reunion. We hope lots of them will hang around to renew old acquaintances or make new ones.

Also, Bill Harrison has promised to reveal the location of his secret fishing holes to all anglers who make it this year. Did he ever tell you the one about the 17 pound bass he caught off the low water bridge?

The Ole '97 Association is going to hold their reunion jointly with us this year, another reason to "be there or be square."

I will see you all in September,

Steve Demster

The Miramichée Alumnae Are Coming to OKK Again

By Anita Demster



On Memorial Day Weekend we had a sizeable group of former Miramichée Staffers and Campers spend the weekend at Old Kia Kima. We canoed, cooked in the fabulous cooking pavilion, and did many of the things that are available there. We had a blast being together in the old camp settings.

We also made the decision to focus our reunion 2006 at Old Kia Kima. We have dozens of Miramichée gals, including me, signed up for the Miramichée reunion from September 14 (Thursday) through September 18th. To all you Miramichée girls reading this, come and join us. You can get information on the Camp Miramichée Association and the reunion by emailing admin@miramichée.com. For all you OKK and KKS guys reading this, if you know the whereabouts of any missing Miramichée girls, send the information to the above email address. THANK YOU!

Old Kia Kima's Core Values

INTEGRITY-ACHIEVEMENT-RESPONSIBILITY-COURAGE

Did You Know Celestial Events Occur in September at Reunion Time?

First and foremost, we firmly believe that God blesses the goals and objectives of continuing to make Old Kia Kima available to the youth of today. As we emphasize the core values of *Integrity, Achievement, Responsibility, and Courage*, we continue to look for ways to make the camp available to foster these character building values and to develop leadership skills at no charge to the youth we encourage to attend under the supervision of their organized youth group leaders.

The leadership of OKKPA encourages you to join our organization in pursuit of this endeavor. We need a generous amount of your help, support, and prayers as we look for ways to continue to utilize the camp as a backdrop to provide character building experiences for young people in the enriched environment of historic Old Kia Kima.

Autumnal Equinox

Saturday, September 23, 2006 @ 11:03 P.M. CDT will officially mark the first day of autumn. This event is called the Autumnal Equinox, where the sun appears to cross the celestial equator, from north to south; thus marking the beginning of autumn in the Northern Hemisphere.

The celestial equator is an imaginary line through the sky that appears directly above the equator. This imaginary line divides the earth into the northern and southern hemispheres. *When the equinox occurs, the length of the day and the night are approximately equal at every place on earth.* While the earth orbits around the sun, the position of the sun changes in relation to the equator. Between the March, or vernal, equinox and the September, or autumnal, equinox, the sun appears north of the equator. It appears south of the equator in the time between the September equinox and the March equinox.

In the Northern Hemisphere, *the Autumnal Equinox will occur either on September 22 or September 23, depending on the earth's position in a given year.* This day officially marks the beginning of autumn. The word *equinox* is derived from the Latin word *aequinoctium* (equal night).

Harvest Moon & the Autumnal Equinox

The Harvest Moon is the full moon that appears nearest to the autumnal equinox. We will miss this event for the September Reunion this year, because according to the Farmers Almanac, *the 2006 Harvest Moon occurs on October 6th at 9:12 p.m. CDT.* While this moon usually occurs in September, it sometimes occurs in October, depending on the cycles of the moon. We will have a shot at it for future reunions, because the precise date varies between the second week in September and the first week in October. (In 2005 the Harvest Moon occurred on September 17th).

This year's Full Moon of Oct.6th carries the title of the Harvest Moon for those living in the Northern Hemisphere. This year it is the Full Moon that comes the closest to the Fall equinox, so this year it "falls" in October. The Harvest Moon can occur as early as September 8 (as in 1976) or as late as October 7 (as in 1987). The odds favor September, because it is only in one out of three years that the title of Harvest Moon occurs in October.

Meteor Showers

Late September has no major meteor showers, but there is a minor shower, the Piscids that may be worthwhile for viewing on the evening of our September Board of Directors Meeting on September 20th. The Piscids Meteor Showers peak on this day with an hourly rate of 3.



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OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Annual Membership Meeting of
The Old Kia Kima Preservation Association,
Inc.

Will be held
September 23, 2006
at
4PM
at Old Kia Kima



Camp Miramichee

will hold its first
ANNUAL REUNION
at Old Kia Kima on
September 14th
thru

September 18th

If you or someone you know
wishes to attend contact
The Camp Miramichee
Association at

admin@miramichee.com

If you have not been
receiving an e-mail
version of "*The Smoke*
Signal" please send a
response to
editor@oldkiakima.org

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Driving directions to Old Kia Kima: Old Kia Kima is located in Cherokee Village Arkansas, approximately 150 miles North of Little Rock, AR, 150 miles Southeast of Springfield, MO, 150 miles Northwest of Memphis, TN, and is adjacent to the small town of Hardy, AR where U.S. Highways 62 and 63 intersect. Coming from any direction, upon arriving in Hardy, turn west on Highway 62, at the intersection of Highways 62 and 63. Next, turn right on State Highway 175 and follow this road until you see a Right turn sign pointing to the Arkansas Sheriffs Ranch. Follow this road across the bridge over the South Fork River. Continue to bear **Left** at every turn until you reach Kolo Drive. Proceed on Kolo until you see the Old Kia Kima sign and entrance on the Left side of the road. **Please, No Parking in camp!**

2006 Reunion Schedule for September 21, 22, 23 & 24

Thursday, September 21st

9:00 a.m. Registration at Old Kia Kima (camp office)
1:00 p.m. Golf Social Outing at Cherokee Village South Golf Course
Noon - Lunch on your own
6:30 p.m. Dinner— Clyde's Chuck Wagon Restaurant, Ash Flat
8:30 p.m. Vespers at Old Kia Kima Chapel
9:00 p.m. Ice Cream at the Old Kia Kima Dining Pavilion

Friday, September 22nd

Breakfast on your own
9:00 a.m. Registration/activities continue at Old Kia Kima for late arrivals
9:00 a.m. til 2:00 p.m. Trip to Kia Kima Scout Reservation
Noon Cold Cut lunch at Kia Kima Scout Reservation
6:30 p.m. Social Hour at the Cherokee Village Omaha Center
7:00 p.m. OKKPA Banquet at the Cherokee Village Omaha Center

Saturday, September 23rd

Breakfast on your own
8:00 a.m. Depart for canoe trip
9:00 a.m. For late arrivals, registration at Old Kia Kima continues (Camp Office)
10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship at the pavilion
11:45 a.m. Ladies Luncheon (location to be announced)
Noon Return from the canoe trip
Noon Cook Out at The Old Kia Kima Dining Pavilion
1:00 p.m. Tour, history and slideshow of OKK with Ranger training for new rangers
3:30 p.m. Cabin Dedications
4:00 p.m. OKKPA Business Meeting at The Old Kia Kima Pavilion
6:00 p.m. BBQ at The Old Kia Kima Dining Pavilion
8:30 p.m. Campfire at The Old Kia Kima Campfire Amphitheater

Sunday, September 24th

7:45 a.m. Vesper Services at The Old Kia Kima Chapel
9:00 a.m. Farewell Breakfast on your own at Timberline Café

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REUNION FEES

Registration Fee	\$20 / person
(Spouse, and Children under 18 do not pay a registration fee.)	
Dues	\$50 - \$100 or \$200
(Dues are now due on July 1)	
Cabin Upkeep Donation	\$50 / person staying in camp cabins
(waived for members paying dues of \$100 or more)	

THURSDAY

Golf Social Outing	\$35 (approx.) / person
	\$50 with Cart (approx.) / person
Dinner	\$15 / person
Ice Cream Social	\$ 5 / person

FRIDAY

Lunch (at KKSr)	\$ 5 / person
Banquet	\$15 / person

SATURDAY

Canoe Trip	\$15 / person
Lunch (at OKK)	\$ 5 / person
Ladies Lunch	\$10 / person
B-B-Q (at OKK)	\$10 / person

Check our WebSite for any Schedule or Fee Updates

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Old Kia Kima Preservation Association, Inc.

Sept. 21 - 24, 2006 Annual Reunion and Membership Meeting

Please fill out this form and mail it to register and / or pay dues.

Name _____ Nick Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Home Phone (____) _____ - _____ Work Phone (____) _____ - _____
FAX (____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone (____) _____ - _____
E-Mail _____



Dues (Please circle the level you wish to pay) \$50 \$100 \$200 (Dues year July 1 to June 30)

Prepayment of dues required to participate in the one hour business meeting on Sept. 23rd or to stay in the camp cabins.

Will you attend the reunion ? YES NO

Will you be staying in a cabin? YES NO

(If yes include \$50 cabin upkeep donation) Members paying dues of \$100 or more are exempt.

Make Reservation for _____ & _____

Cabins are not restricted to male members and the availability is limited to 4 per cabin, 64 bunks total.

My preference is for cabin # _____ Requested cabin mates _____

(although we can't make guarantees we will try to honor all requests)

Will your spouse be attending YES NO - Spouse first name _____

(SPOUSE, AND CHILDREN UNDER 18 DO NOT PAY A REGISTRATION FEE)

Do you plan on playing in the Golf Social Outing ? YES NO

Will your spouse play ? YES NO

Will you go on the Saturday canoe trip ? YES NO Will your spouse go ? YES NO .

Will you be attending the Friday night banquet ? YES NO

How many will attend with you ? _____

Registration fee \$20 _____ Canoe trip \$15 _____ Cabin Donation \$50 _____ (Not required for members paying dues of \$100 or more)

Dues \$50 \$100 \$200 _____ Golf Social Outing \$35 (\$50 with cart) per person _____

Friday Banquet \$15 _____

Thursday Dinner \$15 per person _____ Ice Cream Social \$5 per person _____

Ladies Luncheon \$10 _____ Friday lunch at OKK \$5 _____

Saturday Lunch at OKK \$5 _____ Saturday B-B-Q \$10 _____

Will You be going to Kia Kima Scout Reservation on Friday ? YES NO

TOTAL AMOUNT PAYED \$ _____ Check # _____

MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO OKKPA, INC. & MAIL IT WITH THIS FORM TO:



**BROOKS GOOCH
4709 ALOHA AVE.
MEMPHIS, TN 38118**



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