

EXPEDITION

Winter, 2010

Everything Happens For A Reason

“Everything happens for a reason. Every action has a reaction. Always remember that what’s meant to be will always find a way to come about.”
– Anonymous

When the news that Kate was missing spread, her guidance counselor from Germantown Academy, Roger Eastlake, went to her college application file and started re-reading what he wrote in his letter of recommendation to colleges. After Kate’s memorial service, Mr. Eastlake sent us a copy of her application to the University of Vermont and his letter of recommendation. When we read Kate’s answer to the question, “Please describe how your intended major relates to your career plans,” we knew we had the framework for our Foundation.

Kate said, “I believe that conserving the environment is crucial in our path into the twenty-first century. People have a lot to learn through nature and the environment. I know that the experiences I have had with nature have been very rewarding. This past summer I spent my time on a twenty-two day Outward Bound course. Being alone with nature does remarkable things for me. My time on Outward Bound has changed my life forever. I want to spend my life helping people to better understand our natural world and appreciate it in the same way I have done by becoming part of nature. Our natural world is a powerful force and I want to try to provide people with the opportunity to grow through their interaction with the environment. I believe that the School of Natural Resources is my best choice for this.”

We put Kate’s writings on the website (www.katesvitekmemorial.org), and one of our friends who read them recommended that we get in touch with her friend, Ann Baruch, the Philadelphia area development director for North Carolina Outward Bound. Ms. Baruch told Frank and me that several North Philadelphia charter schools send students to North Carolina Outward Bound. Frank and I visited them and were most impressed with Community Academy of Philadelphia.

In 2004 we sent two students, and then we set up the Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation North Carolina Outward Bound Scholarship program. Each year from 2005 through 2009, the Foundation has sent ten students. For uplifting letters from this year’s students, see pages 6 and 7.

In 2007, we were invited to participate in the first GreenFest Philly, where we met educators from Wissahickon Charter School. Again Frank and I went for a visit and found the school to be in alignment with Kate’s goals. It also has an Outward Bound connection, as its eighth grade goes to the mountains of

Pennsylvania every year for a five-day overnight Outward Bound experience.

For the past two years, the Foundation has awarded grants to Wissahickon Charter to send its eighth graders on this amazing adventure. In late October, Frank and I went to Wissahickon Charter to meet the eighth graders. We told the students about Kate, about how she died and why we started the Foundation. They told us what it meant to spend a week on the Appalachian Trail. Their moving letters can be found on page 3.

I guess one could say that Mr. Eastlake’s action of sharing Kate’s file provided us with an insight into Kate’s dreams for the future. We learned how much Kate’s Outward Bound experience meant to her, and as a result, Kate’s Foundation has been able to provide many inner city students with an Outward Bound experience in her memory.

8th grade Wissahickon Charter School students reading their thank you letters at an assembly



From Ellen and Frank

While we were sitting in our home office the other evening, Ellen asked if I would like to help with our annual personal letter for the newsletter.

I proceeded to read all the past letters (Ellen wrote all of them) and then told her she is the better writer and I could not capture our feelings in words the way she does so well.

Ellen encouraged me to reconsider and suggested I write about something that reminds me of Kate ... after just a few minutes, I kept thinking about "litter". Let me explain... Kate and I would often have engaging discussions about her passion for the environment, during which I would display a certain indifference, telling Kate I wondered how many people really cared about pollution and keeping the world clean.

Since Kate's death, every time I see a piece of litter, I am reminded again and again of her spirit and enthusiasm for life along with her commitment to doing her part to teach others about the importance of preserving the environment.

It must seem strange that I connect wonderful memories of our beloved Kate with litter, but for me a day doesn't go by when my temptation to toss the tiniest piece of paper trash out the car window for that moment somehow magically transforms into a happy smile for me with wonderful thoughts about our sadly missed daughter.

The Foundation is a great success, providing children and young adults with special opportunities to experience the beauty and adventure connected with the great outdoors. **THANK YOU** so much for all your generous support these past 7 years.

With gratitude and love,



(for Ellen and Michael)

KSMF Is GOING GREEN!!

Please help us save paper. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically next year, please send us your email to: esvitek22@aol.com

Check out the new pictures for all of this year's great events!



Foundation Supports WVU Parkersburg Environmental Course



For the third year, West Virginia University was able to offer Psych 410 – Applied Environmental Psychology. Ten students were selected by the team taught faculty of Dr. Phil and Denise McClung. The course involved camping May 10-15 throughout the beautiful state of West Virginia.

The students quickly learned the importance of cooperation. The McClungs commented on how wonderful it is to watch the group develop into a working team and caring group of people who learn to watch over each other and the environment.

The students' first stop is always at the Kayford Mountain mine site where they learn about the devastation from mountaintop removal mining. Other stops include the New River Gorge (hydropower plant), Cranberry Glades, Greenbank National Observatory, Seneca Rock, Smokehole Caverns, Dolly Sods, Canaan Valley, the windfarms on Backbone Mountain. At Blackwater Falls State Park, the group participates in a high ropes challenge course and ends in North Bend State Park repelling.

This year the course was a feature article in the May issue of the state magazine "Wonderful West Virginia" and has been highlighted in the campus admissions recruitment efforts, as well as serving as the topic of several public presentations. On behalf of the three classes, an oak tree was planted on the campus walking trail in memory of Kate.

... Thank you Svitek Foundation for your continued support to help educate and offer students this outdoor learning experience.



Please take some time to visit our fabulous website! www.katesvitekmemorial.org

KSMF Grant Committee Awards

Venture Outdoors is a Pittsburgh, PA based organization that promotes Pittsburgh's natural amenities, fosters a greater appreciation for the environment and encourages everyone to participate in outdoor recreational activities. This year they requested a grant from the Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation to help train much needed skilled trip leaders, volunteer leaders and peer leaders. The KSMF grant committee's award of \$2,000 to Venture Outdoors was used to expand the capacity and impact of their outdoor leadership training for volunteers.

Other local grant recipients include The Schuylkill Center and Robbins Park for Environmental Studies. The Schuylkill Center, whose mission is to promote environmental education and preservation of our natural environment by fostering appreciation, understanding and responsible use of the ecosystem... was awarded \$1500 to use at their discretion. Robbins Park for Environment Studies, where Kate spent many hours of her childhood, was awarded \$1,000 this year. Robbins Park is a unique joint venture between the Upper Dublin School District and Upper Dublin Township. The 38 acre park supports over 25 different programs and activities for environmental and outdoor education.

Selected Reflections From the 8th Grade Students at Wissahickon Charter School

This expedition was challenging perpetual, strenuous, tiring, difficult, and lonesome. Somehow we prospered, none-the-less. To spend five days in an isolated area of the Appalachian Trail, carrying a commodious 30-pound pack across great distances uphill is hard work.

I endured excruciating pain and constantly missed my mom. Being a picky eater posed as a formidable obstacle, having to eat such strange foods and food combinations. But Eric and Susan (our instructors) didn't let us quit. They were a gental hand that guided us in the right path. They were compassionate, caring, and understanding. Thank you for this experience, Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation.

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I think the Outward Bound trip was a good experience in my life because I learned about a lot of different things. For example, putting up a tarp, hanging the food up in a tree so the bears wouldn't eat it, and dealing with good problems. Now I know how to survive out in the woods and know the right things to do when I am in trouble. I learned a lot about myself and my friends on this trip. I saw a lot of good leadership on this trip and in myself.

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Outward Bound was an important experience in my life because of the different skills I learned on this trip. One of the skills I learned was leadership. I learned how to use a compass and read a map. People depended on us to know where to go because you were the leader of the day. Another skill I learned was to cook with stove. We had to work together with different people. We learned how to purify water and how to deal with

people for five days. This trip really challenged me and helped me have a new experience.

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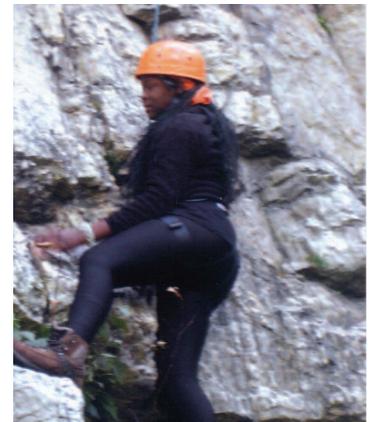
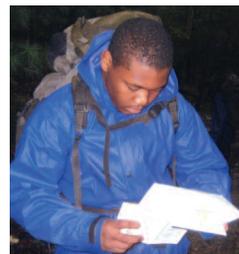
I think being on the Outward Bound trip was a very exciting experience in my life because I've never been on a trip like it before. I was scared, cold, very miserable and also very mad. But I learned how to live outside without electricity and my hand-held objects. There were times I wanted to go home because I was missing my family. I started getting along with people I never used to really talk to. I think hiking with backpacks was hard, but I learned a lot on an Outward Bound trip. I will never forget this trip.

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Going on the camping trip was a wonderful experience. It allowed me to communicate with others on an advanced level and learn a lot about my peers. I learned a lot of things about myself also. For example, I am a little impatient, but I am a wonderful leader. I also learned that by working together, things could get done faster. I liked the trip. It was a great learning experience, but it was challenging.

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The trip was very challenging, but I learned a lot from it. I didn't know that I could live in the wilderness for a whole week, but I did it. I didn't think I would be able to live without my parents for a week, but I did it. I probably wouldn't do Outward Bound again, but I will take the things I learned and use them in my everyday life.



The University of Vermont – Letters from the recipients of the Kate Svitek Memorial Scholarships

The University of Vermont faced an unexpected challenge in 2009! The applicants for the Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation scholarships were so impressive that the Foundation and University decided to authorize an extra grant, enabling three highly qualified students to participate in an internship of their choice.

Dear Svitek Family,

I am writing to thank you deeply for your contribution that has allowed me to complete a summer internship with the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher (NCAFF). This internship has not only helped me to gain academic knowledge and professional experience, but also to grow as a person and to direct my career path.

As an intern at NCAFF, I worked in the aquariology department and was also a member of the SCUBA dive team.

The experiences that I had at NCAFF are incredibly valuable to me; opportunities that I considered rare privileges were actually daily responsibilities there! Some 'normal' duties included hand-feeding five enormous Southern stingrays by lifting their velvet-smooth noses and sliding pieces of squid into their mouths, cleaning and feeding six grunting juvenile alligators poised



with their mouths open, ready to strike anything that came within reach, and diving in tropical reef exhibits as small angelfish and filefish nibbled on my hair. I had the opportunity to dive in the 250,000 gallon Cape Fear Shoals tank on multiple occasions, which houses sharks, stingrays, Moray eels, and many species of bony fish. It is an altogether different feeling being on the inside of an exhibit- seeing children and parents waving from the other side of the glass and taking pictures as you are scrubbing algae and cleaning tank windows. As is wrestling two 7 foot long, 500 pound female alligators from their exhibit, carrying them through the aquarium as they are thrashing and clawing, positioning them for weighing, and pinning them for an ultrasound. I befriended a male wood duck named Wilson, who would step up onto my hand and sit on my shoulder. I traveled with the staff to a nearby coastal inlet to collect specimen for exhibit and study, and prepared 2 million-year-old Megalodon teeth, collected by our dive team, for exhibit. I cared for day-old seahorses and baby guitarfish, which is a species that is seldom born in captivity. And while these experiences along with many more made my summer unforgettable, simply the opportunity to be in the aquarium before visitors are admitted each day was a peaceful, personal, and unique privilege, that I will value for the rest of my life.

Academically, the knowledge and skills gained through my internship with the North Carolina Aquarium have provided me with experience in a field in which I previously had none. I feel that this internship has closed any gaps that I may have had in my education in wildlife and fisheries biology by giving me insight into the marine science field, of which I had limited academic exposure. This experience, which would have been impossible without the generosity of your family, has revealed an unknown desire in myself to further explore this field, to perhaps pursue a graduate degree in marine biology, and to discover mysteries of one of the few remaining wild and unknown ecosystems on earth.

Again, I would like to express my gratitude to you for your overwhelming generosity and for allowing me the opportunity to have the experiences I have had this summer during my internship with North Carolina Aquariums at Fort Fisher. Please know that your contribution has made a difference in my life. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Allison Prokop

Dear Svitek Family,

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the generosity and kindness you have shown me. It was this kindness for someone you had never met that gave me the courage and means to spend my summer doing field research.

I spent my summer as a field research technician working on a USDA-sponsored project through the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at UVM. The project was focused on multifunctional land-use in agricultural areas within the Lake Champlain watershed. This summer was the first stage of the project in which data was collected on site-specific biodiversity while landowner opinions about land-use were gathered in preparation for later stages of the project. I was a lucky member of a six person team of hardworking individuals and one superb supervisor by the name of Professor Allan Strong. Waking up at 3:00am in sometimes rainy, often humid weather was not always easy, particularly in the first week. Armed with a compass, a GPS unit, aerial photos and a data sheet, I would hike out into the unknown to predetermined coordinates. The points we hiked to were chosen randomly, and were not always easy to reach. But that was half the fun! Without following easily navigated routes, I got to experience some of the most beautiful places I have ever seen in Vermont, places that I would never have even known about and perhaps even some that no one knew about.



Throughout the summer months I tested myself in dedication, stamina, patience, tenacity and skill. With the birds and trees as my guides, and the teamwork of an incredible group of people striving for the same goals, I became empowered and confident in my abilities. I learned how to identify Vermont's most common birds by sight and sound, how to navigate the back roads and backcountry of Vermont, how to lead a team, how to be part of a team, how to learn from mistakes and how to have fun no matter what the weather was, how much the mosquitoes bit or how hard the nettles stung. This was truly the most amazing summer I've ever had, and I know now that I will be most happy in life if I can find a job doing conservation work outside in nature.

Although the field season has ended in Vermont, I have found a place interning at the local lake science center where I participate in animal care and am training to give presentations to the public about natural history. This completely different second experience has made me realize that someday I would like to become an educator in some way, working to increase the public's understanding about the natural world of which we are all a part. I wouldn't have my current internship or have had my summer experience without your family's generosity and encouragement.

Thank you sincerely for everything you have given me and for everything you have given so many others. You are a truly wonderful family!

Eliese Dykstra

Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources

The Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation's mission is to provide financial support to individuals, groups, and various institutions whose interests and goals align with Kate's hopes and dreams. The primary focus is to promote and help underwrite a range of activities and education principally related to outdoor and wilderness exploration, study, observation, preservation, improvement, expansion, and enhancement. Please remember Kate by visiting our website and making a tax deductible contribution. All volunteers are welcome to assist in the planning of all activities. Please visit our website at www.katesvitekmemorial.org to learn more about Kate, her dreams and her accomplishments.

Dear Svitek Family,

Thank you so much for your support and financial assistance with my internship this summer! Your generosity helped me preserve and protect one of our nation's most beautiful natural resources while exploring the wilderness of Olympic National Park.

Over the course of the summer, I volunteered over 500 hours with the Park Service. I spent up to 10 days at a time backpacking through the magnificent old growth forests and the stunning sub-alpine ridgelines of Sol Duc Valley. As a backcountry ranger, I connected with visitors, hikers, and other volunteers from around the world. I helped encourage leave-no-trace ethics and stressed the importance of preserving and respecting the few truly wild places we have left. I initiated a new food storage program in the backcountry, which will help minimize impacts to the ecosystem while keeping visitors safe from wildlife. I also played a critical roll in several search-and-rescue operations to help injured hikers out of the remote backcountry.

Your generous gift allowed me to purchase the gear necessary to safely and efficiently work in one of the most rugged and inaccessible reaches of wilderness: new leather hiking boots, a heavy-duty backpack, raingear, and

other essential equipment kept me comfortable and prepared to carry out my position. Your gift also helped cover some of the travel costs I incurred while driving to and from Washington State. Without your help, I would not have been able to afford such a life-changing opportunity.

This summer truly got me excited for a career in the outdoors, striving to protect our vital natural resources while providing education and outreach to all who wish to explore the wilderness. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity. If you have any other questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Zachary N. Lance



Getting To Know Kate

Those who had the fortune to meet Kate all knew what a vivacious and unique person she was. Not only did her sparkling personality shine through, but her intelligence and understanding of her world were immediately evident. This section of the newsletter is being included to give those who did and didn't get to meet her a better understanding of what she stood for and the mark she had made on her world in the short time she lived.

Kate spent many summers on adventurous trips. Starting out as a camper, she then grew to be the leader. Below is a letter that was received from a co-leader of Adventures Cross-Country where Kate was a trip leader the summer before her accident.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Svitek,

I am writing you with a heavy heart after receiving word of your daughter's death. My name is Eric Myers and I co-instructed the Adventures Cross Country Four Corners course with Kate last summer. I cannot begin to imagine your family's loss but would like to share with you how incredible of a person your daughter was.

The first memory that comes to mind when reflecting on Kate and my time together is genuinely how much fun we had. Her laughter was infectious, her outlook always positive and her passion for life unmatched. One of my favorite aspects of our course was to watch Kate open up to and interact with our students. Her teachings and love of outdoor education inspired all of our students. There was one student in particular whom Kate particularly inspired. The two of them would laugh and joke like they had been friends for years, but when necessary, Kate was able to utilize this bond to develop Andy into one of the strongest leaders on our course.

An area where I learned a great deal from Kate was in dealing with the business side of education. Her knowledge and perspective on how to manage

a business and a trip successfully opened my eyes to an entirely new side of the industry she loved. I spent many hours picking her brain on how, if given the chance, she would improve the company. I would have loved to see the final product of her dreams.

Beyond our trip with our students, Kate and I had a great time traveling the Western United States. After driving as many miles in a van as we did, we were able to become close friends in a short time. We got to be tourists in Vegas, she threw a surprise birthday party for me in Colorado, we saw the sunrise over the Grand Canyon, we blew our leftover food money in one fell swoop at the Cheesecake Factory in Phoenix and got hopelessly lost in Telluride.

The stories are endless, I am sure. Watching Kate work was incredible. Her passion for teaching and creating a successful trip from start to finish was awe-inspiring. The lives she touched, those of students, other instructors, and friends are better because of the time spent with your daughter.

I will be returning to ARCC this summer where I was looking forward to reconnecting with Kate. She will be dearly missed. Enclosed are some photos that I took of our course. I hope you can add them to a memory book and that you can share this part of Kate's life with others that are mourning her loss. If you have any question or would just like to hear more stories, feel free to contact me. My thoughts and prayers have been with your family.

With loving memories,
Eric Myers



Eric and Kate



Photos of Kate and Eric's campers



CAP Students Describe Their Summer Wilderness Adventures



ALONE IN THE WOODS

21 days in the woods alone
And you're so far from home
With eleven other people in your position
Wondering how they will transition
From being around civilization
To being on a wilderness "vacation"

Starting out with a forty-five pound backpack on your back
Using all of your physical and mental strength that you're beginning to lack
Days go by and you're in a canoe
With only your new family paddling with you
More days go by and Keith decides to leave
But we all stay strong and try not to grieve

We give back to the community by doing service for Bob White
An amazing man who tends to his garden day and night
We backpack some more and Mihoa has a fall
She rolled her ankle but that isn't all
She couldn't come back with us to continue the journey
Instead she had to return to civilization early

Traveling now with backpacks heavier than before
Navigating our way to camp and learning more and more
We go rock climbing and some for the first time
An amazing experience and some difficult rocks to climb
Go back to camp and Ian's feeling a little under the weather
What happens next isn't much better

He had a fever so he had to go to the hospital
And 8:30AM the next day Lark and Devon will get a call
They get the call and hear that Ian had to leave
And guess what, now we're down three
A sad, sad thing the Nightwalkers had to hear
But we all stay strong and try not to shed another tear

We continue our rock climbing adventure and shred some serious nar
The 300ft rock climb was the tallest rock we had to climb by far
Hike to a new campsite to prepare for solo
Some people are thinking, "What solo's here? Already?! On no!"
Solo- a time to reflect on what has happened in the past 16 days
Each and every individual person spends their solo in different ways

Some sleep, some think, and just write
But all eventually fall a sleep during the darkness of the night
It's day seventeen and there's only four more days to go
All are sad to leave but some try not to show
An amazing experience that we don't want to end
Sharing more and more memories with your new found friends

Amanda Rodriguez

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Svitek,

I am so glad I got the wonderful opportunity to be able to go to Outward Bound. All thanks to you, I was able to get the great memories and education of being in the woods enjoying nature. I feel I have changed in many ways from this experience. For example, I am not afraid of little insects like water bugs, spiders and more. I have also changed in self-esteem. My confident has risen to a new level and feel good every time I look in the mirror because I see someone worth wild. All the obstacles I had to face on that trip have made believe in myself. The biggest challenge I had faced in that experience would be the hiking. I remember the first day of hiking was terrible and tiresome. I would always stop every twenty minutes for a break or water. I felt I could not go on anymore, but with the encouragement of my peers and instructors I made it to the top of the peak. From that day on I felt the support of others by my side and I knew I was not alone. So, thank you so much for this opportunity and I hope the next group of students enjoy it as much as I did.

Sincerely,
Talia Santiago, 10th grade

I would like to take the time and tell you thank you. Thanks to you I had the privilege and chance to go on one of the most exciting trips I have ever gone on. I know yo work hard to sponsor this trip to Outward Bound.

In Outward Bound, I learned so many new things about life and myself. If I can go twenty-one days outside of my comfort zone, then I can do anything. Before I went on this trip I was a shy person and didn't really talk to people. Now I am a different person and ready for anything that comes my way. The best part of this Outward Bound trip was the three-day solo. They were the longest three days of my life but the best. I got to think of all the rough things going on in my life and how to fix them when I get home. You feel so safe on your own and that no one can touch you or do anything to you. Thanks to you I had the chance to feel this way.

This was an experience that I will never forget and I want to thank you for all of your hard work.

Juan Henriquez, 11th grade

I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to experience Outward Bound. I had never done something this drastic before but it was a very good change and experience for me. While on my course, I learned many things about myself and many ways on how to function inside of a group.

Joshua Tausendfreundt, 12th grade



I thank you for giving me the opportunity of going to the North Carolina Outward Bound trip this past summer. This trip gave me the opportunity to think about my future plans and work together with my crew. I went backpacking and canoeing. Backpacking was not as hard as I thought it would be. The first few days I was very sore, but then I got used to it.

Dayanara Baez

My name is Jeremy Carreras. I would like to thank you for giving me a scholarship to basically make myself a better person. The experience was amazing. I have learned more in two weeks than I have in my 16 years of being on this planet. The things that happened there will be with me for the rest of my life.

Jeremy Carreras

I would like to thank you so much for allowing me to have the life changing experience I had. The things I did and learned changed me for the better. I see things differently than I did a couple months before I went to Outward Bound. I was able to confront my fears and open up with complete strangers.

The friendships I made there were great. I still talk to everyone that was in my crew. The bond between us was great. I will cherish everything they did for me.

Josh Zayas, 11th grade

Hi my name is Crystal and I just want to thank you for letting me go on this trip. This was something that I would have never thought would ever happen to me. There are things that I saw that I would never thought I would see in my life. Being at NC Outward Bound made me think about things in a different point of view. I look at things differently than what I used to. I have my eyes open for so much more.

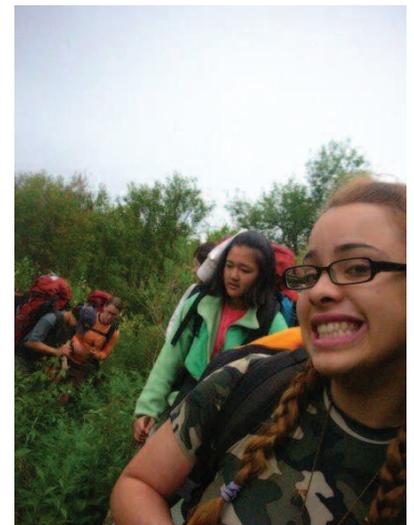
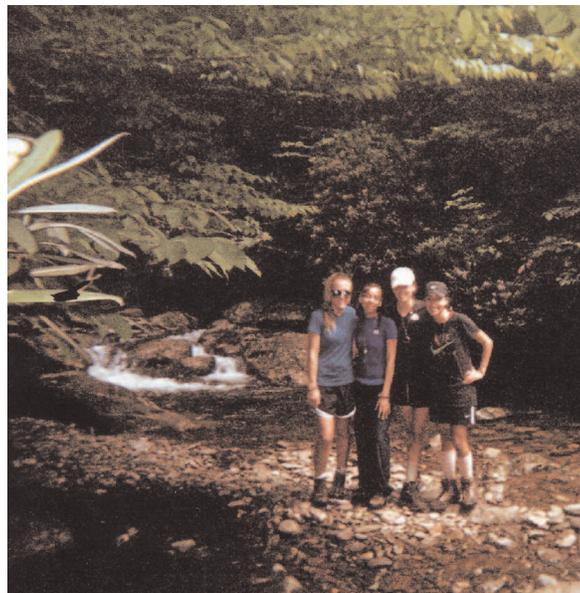
Crystal Ortiz

My name is Amanda Marie Rodriguez and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me a scholarship to go to North Carolina Outward Bound School. It was a wonderful experience and I learned many things from the experience. I tell all of my friends that they should do it because I just had so much fun.

Amanda Rodriguez, 11th Grade

I want to personally thank you so much for allowing me to go on the wonderful adventures of North Carolina Outward Bound. I have learned so much during my experiences there... I learned self-discipline, determination, how to be physically healthy...

Joy A. Andrews, 11th Grade



7th Annual Under the Tent Event – Reggae Rocks!

Ardent supporters of the Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation gathered with enthusiasm for the 7th Annual Under the Tent Event on June 27, 2009 held in honor of Kate Svitek's 30th birthday. The devoted crowd enjoyed the delightful summer night accented with bright tropical flowers and island décor. Guests danced the night away to sounds of music loved by Kate—Reggae — performed by the New York City Therapy band as they wined and dined on specialty food and drink with a Caribbean flair. Many of Kate's high school friends were privileged to attend for the first time, thanks to a grant from an anonymous supporter.



The crowd was spellbound during the first public showing of the KSMF video which highlighted the passionate mission of the Foundation (See the video on our website www.katesvitekmemorial.org). The beautiful video featured special film clips of friends and supporters of the Foundation and contained powerful highlights of Katie describing her goals and capabilities of helping children realize their potential in the great outdoors. The audience was further captivated by the special appearance of Professors Phil and Denise McClung whose innovative, experimental environmental course has received funding from the Foundation for the past two years. The McClungs traveled from West Virginia University to share the impact and experiences of the students who have been lucky enough to participate in the new course, thanks to the support of KSMF. There wasn't a dry eye in the tent. The Foundation would like to extend its appreciation to the McClungs for their important work.

Each guest received a lighted keychain and an eco-friendly reusable shopping bag with the Foundation logo. We also would like to express our heartfelt thanks to those who made the 7th Annual Under the Tent event possible. Thank you to the decorations committee members-Kathy Guinan, Cricket Snearing and Mimi Weisbein who designed and constructed the beautiful centerpieces; Culinary Concepts for another delicious meal, and Jill Anderson from Andersongraphics for her tireless efforts in putting together the ad book. Of course, thanks again to the devoted supporters of KSMF who helped raise more than \$60,000. The Foundation looks forward to future successful fundraising events.



Jim and Sheryl Samter, Herman Axelrod, Ron and Joyce Burd



Professors Phil and Denise McClung from WVU with Ellen and Frank



Guinan Family and Bob Clair



Ruth Bercholz dancing with Jodi Gerstman



Beth Targan Seltzer, Charlie Seltzer, Angela Pappas, Deb Harris



Felicia Hillman and Kathy Elias



McCabe Family

4th Annual GreenFest

The Fourth Annual GreenFest Philly was held on Sunday, September 13th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 2nd and South Streets. There were over 200 exhibitors and 25,000 visitors. Michael Svitek and Susan LoGuidice manned a booth for the Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation. They handed out brochures and answered questions about the Foundation. The Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation was proud to help sponsor this worthwhile event.



Susan LoGuidice at GreenFest

2009 Insurance Industry Golf Team Challenge

Tuesday, September 8th was a magnificent day at Commonwealth National Golf Club. There were eighteen foursomes representing national and regional insurance companies and Philadelphia insurance brokers competing in the Eighth Annual Insurance Industry Golf Team challenge.

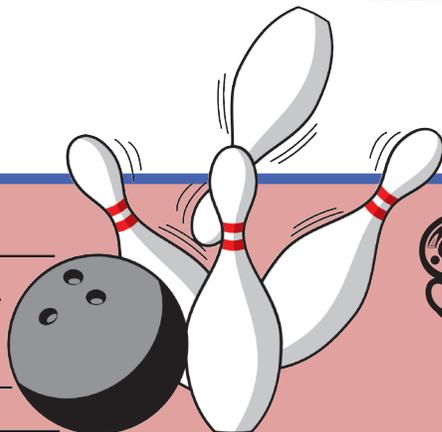
We would like to thank our generous corporate sponsors – Belfor, Wilson Elser, Young Adjustment and Keenan Motors and our super crew of volunteers! Special thanks to our gold sponsors: Liberty Mutual, McKee Risk, McIntyre Group, TRA, Travelers Insurance and The Graham Co. Thanks also to our Silver Sponsors: ACE USA, The Addis Group, CBIZ, Chubb, The Hartford, Ironshore, Johnson Kendall & Johnson, KMRD Partners, Ohio Casualty, Philadelphia Insurance, US Liability and XL Specialty Insurance. We appreciate our donors: CNA Insurance, PMA Insurance and ECBM. The twenty-five thousand dollars raised will support our North Carolina Outward Bound scholarship program.



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 2nd Place Low Gross CBIZ
 3rd Place Low Gross McIntyre Group
 4th Place Low Gross TRA

1st Place Low Net US Liability
 2nd Place Low Net ACE USA
 3rd Place Low Net KMRD
 4th Place Low Net McKee Risk



SAVE THE DATE!!!

November 13, 2010
 North Bowl!!!

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