

Fall 2009 Alumni News

Congratulations to Lindsey Braunstein Barnes ('87-'98) on her recent marriage to Ed Barnes!



Fellow Mataponi alumni were in attendance to help Lindsey and Ed celebrate. From Left to Right: Elissa Schpero, Laura Orgon McCarthy, Rashelle Centor Berry, Ilyse Davis Kesselman, Lindsey Braunstein Barnes, Rebecca Sweder Platt, Jessica Falik Kahn, Marsha Baim, Jessica Burne Davis

Vanessa Schweitzer, is the first Mataponi alumni we know of to be getting married on camp grounds. August 2010, Vanessa and her fiance will be hosting their wedding right under the tree in front of the dining room (Vanessa's favorite spot at camp).



Former camper, counselor, and Art Director, Andrea Gray ('97-'07) and former tennis instructor, Jonathan Harper ('02-'07) are engaged to be married! Andrea and Jon met at Mataponi in 2002 are planning an October 2010 wedding. We wish them all the best!



Marissa Lore Gallin ('95-'99) got married this past July, with fellow Mataponi campers there to celebrate! Congratulations to Marissa and her new husband, Dave!



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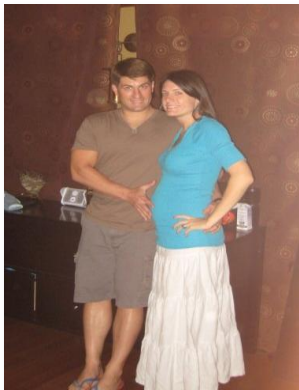
Katie Even ('00-'04) a former counselor and athletic director is engaged! She and her finance Josh are busy planning their upcoming wedding!



Heather Casey Mitchell ('98-'07) and Scott Mitchell ('00-'04) who met at Mataponi and married in 2001, are due to have their 2nd baby in May of 2010. Baby Mitchell # 2 joins Big Brother Callum, who will celebrate his 2nd birthday in March!

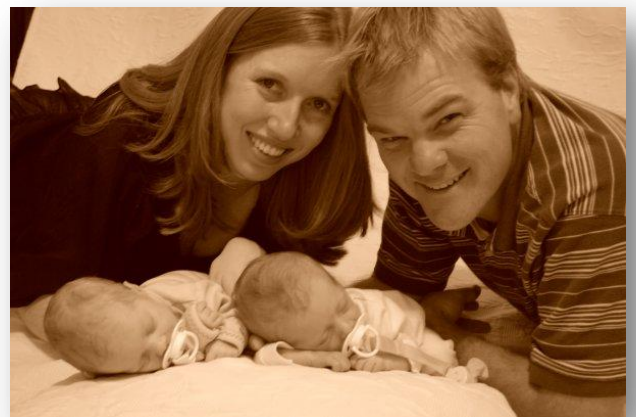


We are excited to share that Emily Burton Bradenberger ('00-'04) and Katy Ivett Low ('98-'02) are expecting their first babies in the next few months.



Emily and Billy Bradenberger

Earlier this year, former Ropes Director, Craig Mahler ('95-'02) and his wife Allison welcomed twin boys, Timothy and Shawn! With any luck, Timothy and Shawn will be Ropes counselors in 2027!



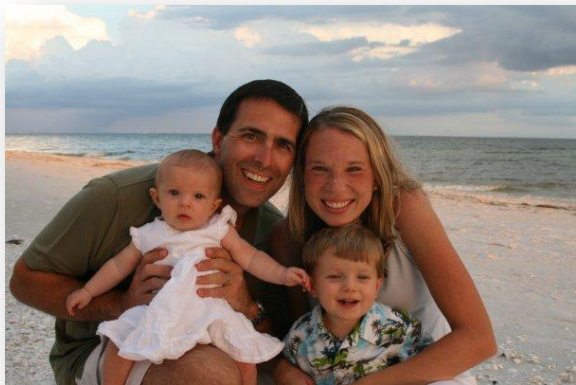
Katy and Stuart Low

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We are sending "double" well wishes to Judith Dantowitz Chait ('84-'87) and her family! Judith and her husband David, welcomed twin daughters, Rebecca and Samantha on August 5, 2009. They join their big sister, Maya, who is 2 years old. Three Mataponi girls in the making!

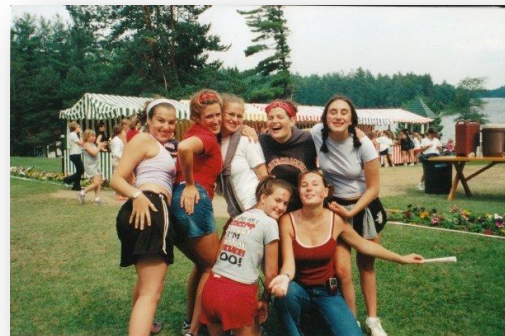


Jenn Jaspers Bauer ('99-'03) is having her third baby! Joining brother Brady, and sister Grace, baby girl Bauer is due in February!



★ If you have exciting news that you'd like to share with your Mataponi family, please email us at alumni@campmataponi.com we are always looking for more news! ★

Sadly, we want to share the passing of a very special counselor who spent 2001 and 2002 at Mataponi. Nicki Baker, who remained very close with her camp friends passed away in September, four weeks after giving birth to a baby girl, Madelyn. Nicki became sick at the end of her pregnancy and wasn't able to overcome her tough battle. A memorial fund has been created to support Madelyn in Nicki's memory. If you are interested in supporting this cause or reading more about the Nicki Baker memorial, you can visit her facebook.



We'd like to congratulate Aly Glick ('95-'08), former camper, counselor, unit leader, and marshal, on her fabulous new job at Pricewaterhouse Coopers just outside Washington, DC! Aly is joining PwC as an associate in the advisory department. We wish her all the best in her new position.

Laura Pellicano ('05-'09), former unit leader and horseback riding director, recently moved to New York City and took a fabulous new position with Camp America. Laura will be using her years at camp to guide international counselors in their own camp experiences!