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# Newsletter



## **Participating Wineries**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Goodtimes Wine Auction would like to thank all of the wonderful participating wineries that will be attending our event on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Seattle Aquarium. Attendees will have the opportunity to sample each of the wineries' exceptional wines as we work together to raise money for Camp Goodtimes West!



Since their first vintage in 1989, Andrew Will as been producing artisinal wines of the highest quality. Located on Vashon Island, Andrew Will produces 4,500 cases of wine a year including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Sangiovese. Andrew Will notably makes the finest blends with the most important grape varieties grown in Washington.





#### DeLILLE CELLARS

Located in the heart of Woodinville, DeLille Cellars is a 20-year tradition offering legendary Washington state wines with European-style elegance and balance. As the only winery in the world chosen for both Wine Spectator and Wine Enthusiast Top 100 Wines of the World for two consecutive years, , DeLille Cellars offers a truly spectacular wine experience.

#### **Silent Pouring Wines**



Finn Hill is a "garagiste" micro-winery, dedicated to the limited production of small lots of ultra-premium wines from designated vineyards and appellations in eastern Washington State. With a total production of less than 500 cases annually, the current red focus is on Bordeaux-style blends and single varieties, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot. The white focus is on non-oaked Chardonnay, Riesling, and Sauvignon Blanc.



As pioneers in Washington State agriculture, the Mercer and Hogue families' winemaking success farming ventures started as established over 100 years ago. Through shared passions for sustainable grape growing and winemaking, the families founded Mercer Estates in the heart of the Columbia Valley in 2006. The partnership produces distinctive wines from their diverse vineyard holdings.

#### **Dinner & Silent Pouring Wine**



First opened in 1999 on three acres in the Prosser Wine and Food Park, Kestrel Vintners has produced outstanding unique wines reasonable prices. at Kestrel specializes in producing their Lady in Red red table blend as well as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Syrah. All of their wines are aged one-to-two years in the finest French, American and Hungarian oak barrels in addition to bottle aging prior to their release.Obsession with absolute quality is carried throughout every aspect of the Kestrel experience.



Alexandria Nicole Cellars is dedicated to producing high quality hand-crafted wine from their Destiny Ridge Estate Vineyard located high above the bluff of the Columbia River where their grapes thrive in the ideal conditions of the Horse Heaven Hills. Alexandria Nicole also features exclusive wine club rooms, banquet facilities, and tasting rooms located in Prosser and Woodinville Washington.





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Originally founded in 1999 by Karen La Bonté and Ed Dudley, Patit Creek Cellars (pronounced "PAT-it") is located at the Walla Walla Airport District surrounded by more than 15 other wineries. Specializing in Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, a southern Rhone style blend (called Trinite), Chardonnay, and a dry Riesling, visiting guests might also get the opportunity to experience one of Patit Creek Cellars' special "small lot" limited wines only produced during a particular vintage such as their popular Tempranillo and Zifandel of vintages past.

#### Welcome Toast



Treveri Cellars is a family-owned sparkling wine house that produces some of the finest handcrafted sparking wines in the country. Established in 2010, Treveri has put Washington sparkling wine on the map. Since its opening, Treveri wine has been served at White House State Department receptions and the James Beard Foundation in New York. Producing a large variety of sparkling wines including Riesling and Mueller-Thurgau, Teveri specializes in 100% varietal sparkling wines.

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JM Cellars is the product of a family's labor of love which began in the basement of their Seattle home in 1998. Now located in Woodinville Washington, JM Cellars collaborates with the best vineyards of the Columbia Valley to create exceptional high quality wine. Their wines are styled for balance, power, dimension and finesse. Limited in production and availability, JM Cellars is best known for blended reds and their signature wine "Tre". The winery strives to craft exceptional wine that honors the land, delights those who share it and celebrates those who work it with them.



Toast the Good Times with us on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Seattle Aquarium. Details at <u>www.GoodtimesWineAuction.org</u>.





### 2013 Honorees

Each year we select outstanding individuals who have had a positive impact on Camp to honor at the Annual Camp Goodtimes Wine Auction. This year we have selected two members from our medical staff team, Tina (Dr. Dahling) Albertson and Cory (Puck) Hoeppner for their significant contributions. You can learn more about the 2013 Honorees below.

As a young physician I realized to stay happy and motivated in a career that can be challenging I needed to surround myself with inspiring people. Pediatric oncology has surrounded me with patients and colleagues that have provided



that inspiration, and Camp Goodtimes is a good example of how and why I keep doing what I do. From the first visit out to Camp on Vashon Island 10 years ago I knew this was a special place. Kids and Counselors alike transform once they arrive on the island – kids are no longer the outsiders with cancer or with a sibling with cancer – they are just kids at camp. Counselors get a crash course in the side effects and challenges that come along with childhood cancer and their lives are forever changed when they realize these kids are just like every other kid. In addition to volunteering at Camp Goodtimes, I have had the pleasure and privilege of being part of the team that takes young cancer survivors out in the San Juan Islands kayaking for a week. This week is unlike any other most of them have experienced. Ten or more other young adults, just like them, come together in one of the most beautiful places on earth, trying to make sense of a world where

they had cancer and survived...and now have a lifetime in front of them. Watching them get to know each other, work together, share stories, and laugh and paddle together year after year has been inspiring and key to staying motivated in my career. That's what a pediatric oncologist works for – to see a child survive to enjoy another day, and if it can be shared with others like them in a beautiful place like the Northwest, even better! Thank you Camp Goodtimes, staff and campers, for making this journey worth taking. *-Tina Albertson (Dr. Dahling)* 

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Cory call –me –Puck – Hoeppner took care of her first cancer patient as a nursing student in 1986, and that day she knew this was the start of her new career. She went on to be a staff nurse on an Oncology floor in Canada, and moved to Washington state to become a nurse practitioner in 1999. She has been at Seattle Children's since then, and loves having a big group of families of kids with cancer to care for.

Cory Hoeppner has always loved cancer camps. In 1994, as a staff nurse at her first job on the cancer floor, she helped out with the very first camp there, and was hooked. She joined the Camp Goodtimes family in 2001 as medical staff, but camp means more to her than just the "medical" part. Being able to tell families that seasoned medical staff will be at the camp to take care of them, and watching the families faces light up is a gift. Being there to then watch



them drop the kids off is a joy. Cory has done not just the camps, but helps with planning, and has been know to participate in a fry throw/whip cream/polar swim fight or two.

Camp means that Cory gets to see these kids in a different place- one that is fun, and safe, and joyous, and NOT the hospital. Seeing them years and years out from the hospital and cancer treatment makes the day to day of what the medical people do more hopeful, and meaningful. And isn't that what camp should be about?? - Cory Hoeppner (Puck)





## **Top 6 Live Auction Package Preview**

#### Lucky 7 Magnums of Washington



A wise person once said, "People who drink wine from magnums are just plain happier than the rest of us." The committee at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Auction agrees so we would like to present you with a number of Washington magnums.

This package will include exceptional Washington magnums from the best wineries in the region such as:

- Betz Family Winery
- Walla Walla Vintners
- Owen Roe
- Doubleback
- Cailloux Vineyard
- Otis Kenyan Wine



#### Fly Fishing in Oregon



Located just east of Eugene, Oregon, the McKenzie River is legendary for its breathtaking scenery and top-notch flyfishing opportunities. This river is the perfect place to go fishing for anglers of any skill level, from beginner to veteran.

The winner of this package will receive a two night stay at the Eagle Rock Lodge, snuggled in a forest of cedar and maple on the banks of the McKenzie River. You and a guest will also enjoy a full-day fly fishing trip on the McKenzie River with a fish fry lunch on the river banks, courtesy of Aaron Helfrich of <u>www.Helfrich.com</u>. To get you started, you will be outfitted with two topo fly fishing outfits with all of the supplies you need to make the most out of your fly fishing adventure which includes two nine foot rods (easy-to-cast, lightweight rod, ideal for backpacking), crosswater reels, flies, nippers, two fly boxes, extra tippetts and carrying cases.

#### Value: \$1,290

#### Wine Women of Washington

Washington is home to some of the most talented women in the world. These women are incredible winemakers producing some of the finest wines in existence.

The winner of this package will receive some of the most exquisite products created by these women of Washington:

- Trio Vintners
- Tildeo Winery
- Three Rivers Winery
- Barnard Griffin Winery
- Piccola Wine Company
- Mercer Estates
- Cote Bonneville
- Precept Wine Brands





#### WorldMark and Alaska Airlines Getaway



Picture the vacation of your dreams. Do you see yourself in the warm sun rays of Hawaii, Orlando, or Mexico? Maybe you see yourself somewhere closer to home, where snow dusts the mountain tops and the clean crisp air surrounds you.

The winner of this package will enjoy a perfect vacation on a three-night getaway at any WorldMark resort. The winner will be appointed a resort condominium with all of the comforts of home, including a full kitchen, fireplace, private balcony, barbecue, television, CD player and a VCR. You and your guest will be provided with MasterPark Valet Airport Parking and then travel to your destination with two round-trip Alaska Airlines tickets. This package will turn all of your vacation dreams into reality. Value: \$3 334

#### Kestrel Vintners Culinary Experience for Eight

Prepare for a fine wine and a gourmet feast to remember. Join Kestrel Vintners renowned winemaker Flint Nelson and Kestrel's culinary team Chef Jessica Smith and Chef Deanna Harris as you enjoy an adventure in Wine and Food Pairing. Learn with your palette the synergy between wine and food and the wonderful extremes that can be achieved.

The winner of this package will enjoy an impeccable sixcourse dinner for eight paired with wine at the picturesque Kestrel Vintners Woodinville Tasting Room. The winner will walk away with an unforgettable culinary experience and some of Washington's best wine.

Value: \$1,200

#### Woodinville Wine Tour



Woodinville is known for its vast wine country, populated by some of the best wineries in the Western Washington region. The winner of this package will enjoy a unique wine experience as you and nine guests spend four hours touring the best wineries of Woodinville, each hand selected by an Exceptional Guide.

You and your guests will have the opportunity to experience Woodinville Wine Country from the comfort and luxury of a Mercedes Benz Sprinter. Your tour will continue in a winery with a winemaker or owner, learning the ins and outs of the wine making process and you will have the chance to enjoy a barrel sampling. The winner of this package will also be provided with a custom gift certificate and an etched bottle of premium wine from DeLille Cellars. **Value: \$1,000** 







## **Camp Goodtimes West Update**

Dear Camp Family,

It's a brand new year, a new camp season, and an exciting time. I have important news to share with you.

For the past 30 years, the American Cancer Society has enabled Camp Goodtimes West to support so many amazing families of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, who have been affected by pediatric cancer. Through its support, the American Cancer Society has allowed Camp Goodtimes West to grow under its umbrella, from a small week-long camp, to one that spreads across three weeks of summer, involves over 225 campers, hundreds of volunteers, and serves hundreds of families annually. The success of CGTW is measured by the smiles, laughter, and positivity its children and

families exude. As the success of Camp has grown, so has its need for more.

Recently, the American Cancer Society has decided to focus its program of work and hone its mission on proven science programs accordingly by the end of 2013. Through this determination, the American Cancer Society had to make the very difficult decision to discontinue all youth oncology camps throughout the United States effective December 31, 2013.

What this means for Camp Goodtimes West is that the American Cancer Society will continue to support camp programs for all of 2013. The camp reunion, summer camps, the kayak adventure camp and all 2013 programming WILL continue as scheduled, just as it has for the last 30 years.

This may be upsetting, yes, **but will** *not* **jeopardize the future of our beloved camp**. Actually, we will be evolving! The Leadership Team is in the process of obtaining tax-exempt status as a 501(c)3 non-profit and will be forming an autonomous board to ensure camp's future. The American Cancer Society is fully committed to helping support camp and providing a smooth and successful transition.

This cannot happen without you! You are an important part of our camp family, and we sincerely hope you will continue to show your support. We remain committed to providing safe, nurturing camp experiences and activities to children with cancer and their siblings, just like we have in the past. We ask for your patience in the coming weeks as decisions are made as to how Camp will be evolving. Please let me know if you have any questions, or contact the leadership team at <u>info@thegoodtimesproject.org</u>.

Ultimately, we agree with the ACS that finding a cure is the number one goal. We also maintain that purposefully caring for children and their families through their cancer experience is holistically equal to research towards a cure. Camp has shown us all that laughter, joy and community can bring hope and friendship. Hope and friendship, in turn, are vital in the ongoing battle towards a cure.

The American Cancer Society has given us thirty great years, and for this we are very, very grateful. I look forward to working with you as we carry this camp forward and build off of its strong foundation.

Respectfully,

Gus "Beef" Peterson Director, Camp Goodtimes West





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