



# Robindel's Round Robin

Hatching news in New Hampshire since 1951

Spring 2014 Edition

## Greetings from Ann & Nat



As we sit here in Meadowbrook awaiting another major snow storm, our anticipation of summer could not be more profound. In a little less than four months, snow and very cold weather, at least in the Northeast, will just be a memory and we will all be sharing beautiful sunsets on Lake Winnepesaukee. In the meantime, get ready for camp sister assignments coming by the end of March and the launch of our new website soon after. To our large group of new campers, get ready for a very exciting summer! Cori has been busy with social media and solidifying the summer program.

Jolly continues to interview and hire an outstanding staff including many ex-campers as well as returning counselors from 2013.

As always, we thank you for your support and hope all of you have had a fun, healthy and productive year to date. We can't wait to see you in June.

**Ann & Nat**

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We've Got Some



News to Share

Robindel  
has a new  
website.  
Coming Soon!

Yup, that's right! We are so excited for our new site to launch real soon. If you look closely in the photo below, you can even get a sneak-peek! Jolly and Cori met with the web developers in Florida in February. They were a bit jet-lagged in this photo, so don't let that fool you...they LOVE the new website and can't wait to share it with all of you!



**Attention Please,  
Attention Please...**

**Robindel  
ALUMNI**

**Have you registered on our new alumni site?**

The new alumni site on CampMinder is a great way to reconnect with old camp friends! It is also our best way to communicate with YOU about exciting CR news including upcoming reunions.

Follow this [link](#) to the Robindel Website to register.



We love to hear about alumni reunions!  
Send photos of visits with camp friends to [cori@robindel.com](mailto:cori@robindel.com)

# Jolly & Cori Visit Orlando for the ACA National Conference



**J**OLLY AND CORI spent a week in Orlando for the American Camp Association's National Conference. They had the opportunity to meet with other camping professionals, share ideas, and brainstorm many new ideas to bring back to Robindel. They listened to speakers such as Tina Bryson and Bob Ditter who focus on helping kids to be happier, healthier, and to have fulfilling camp (and life) experiences.

Speaking of speakers, Jolly was a speaker at the conference! Her talk was based on the research that she did for her **article**, which we recommend you read if you haven't already done so. Her focus is on the importance of play in children's lives. Camp is a place that allows children the opportunity to play in mixed age groups, problem solve, negotiate and communicate with one another and with adults, and to make decisions. Even at a structured camp like Robindel, campers have choice in their activities, responsibility to

get ready for activities and arrive on time, and free time to spend playing with friends of all ages; girls sign up to work at canteen where they make sure that every camper has a letter home, they make up rules to games, skits for shows, and visit their older and younger camp sisters - all with plenty of adult supervision but limited interference. At the end of the camp day, we come together like a family to eat dinner, reflect on our day and look forward to another.

## Other News From Jolly & Cori

We are busy brainstorming and planning for the summer while hiring a fantastic staff filled with many returning counselors as well as returning-camper-counselors and new faces too! We are excited that Cheryl, Doreen and Emma will be joining us again in the Head Cabin for another successful summer. Plus, you will see some familiar faces from years past back for the Summer of 2014!

Thank you to all of the campers and parents who are already busy filling out online forms. We appreciate the time that you spend to give us feedback and to help us be better prepared for the upcoming summer. As always, if you have any questions about online forms please email [cori@robindel.com](mailto:cori@robindel.com).

**SEE YOU IN JUNE!**

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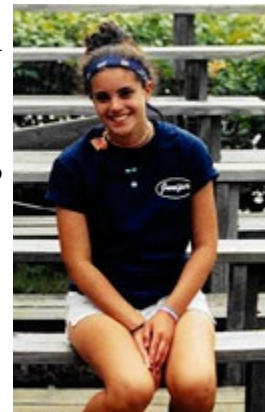
# Catching up with Alumna: Chelsey Amer

**Years at Robindel:** 6      **Age:** 25

**College:** University of Michigan (undergrad). Currently in graduate school studying nutrition at NYU and writing her own [blog](#).

**CR:** Do you find yourself using skills learned at camp in your life today?

**CA:** One of the most important skills I learned at camp, that I still use daily, is how to get along with so many different types of people. At camp, you're in a bunk with so many girls, so it's almost guaranteed there will be conflict at some point. But you're also living with some of the closest friends you will have in your life, so it's important to make the effort to get along with these girls at all times, and that's a lesson that I learned my first summer at camp. Now, working with clients and patients, trying to adapt their habits to make them healthier, it takes a substantial amount of patience and calm discussion to convey my point. Learning how to effectively and calmly communicate at a young age has definitely made my current job easier. Additionally, as a recipe developer and blogger, creativity, spirit, and troubleshooting are a part of my everyday life and all skills I first learned at Robindel!



**Juniper 2003**

**CR:** Do you feel that camp influenced your choice of college or job?

**CA:** Being a camper has been, and will always be, a part of who I am. This important component of my personality led me to choose the University of Michigan for my undergraduate education. The camaraderie, sisterhood, and spirit of Robindel goes hand-in-hand with my experience at Michigan. In fact, my first night out in Ann Arbor I saw two older Robindel girls who I hadn't seen in years and they were so warm and friendly, giving me their phone numbers right away in case I needed anything or had any questions. It's this bond and sense of alumni from Robindel that also became a huge part of my college experience.

**CR:** Are you still in touch with friends from camp? In what capacity?

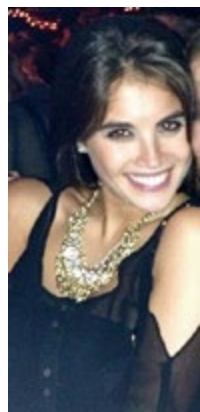
**CA:** Absolutely! I still talk to my closest group of camp friends on a regular basis and we get together in Manhattan every couple of months when our schedules align. Every time we see each other it's as if we were never apart! There's a special bond that's formed at Robindel that never disappears and returns every time you see your camp friends again.

**CR:** What is the biggest way in which camp has impacted your life?

**CA:** Aside from the lifelong friendships I cherish, camp definitely gave me the courage to accomplish my goals and reach even higher than I thought possible. From gathering the courage to jump for the trapeze (on the ropes course), or attempting to successfully water ski for the hundredth time, after falling many, many times, camp reinforces that hard work will allow you to reach your goals...even if you don't succeed the first time. Currently, I am building my brand and name in the field of nutrition through blogging at [CitNutritionally.com](#). I have used skills I learned at camp, like persistence and dedication, which has helped me stick with blogging, even when it's difficult or seems pointless!

**CR:** Can you share a time in which you encountered a challenge and used a skill learned at camp?

**CA:** A few years ago I developed a medical problem that required my full attention and took me away from the career I thought I was going to have. Figuring out what I truly wanted to do with my life took some soul searching and pro/con lists, but what ultimately helped was having a mentor. Mentoring (both being mentored and being a mentor myself) has had a significant influence in my life. I first learned the importance of having role models you can rely on through the Camp Sister program at Robindel. When I first came to camp I was homesick, and a bit lost, but having a big camp sister helped me acclimate, and provided someone who was always there to talk to me. I have seen my older camp sister in recent years, and there's clearly a shared connection from our Robindel days. Even more, being a big camp sister taught me how to give back and help others at a young age.



**CR:** What are some of your fondest camp memories?

**CA:** Blue & White Sundays were always among my favorites at camp, but not because of the competition or divide that occurred during the day, but because of unifying camp fires that occur every Sunday evening. Healthy competition, with tons of spirit, is a huge part of Robindel, but being a part of the Robindel family was always the underlying theme of camp, and still is a part of my life now!

Respect Friendship Honesty Teamwork Empathy Tradition

# Camp Robindel 'ROUND THE WORLD



Maple 2013 campers met for a weekend in NY

&

Renn (Willow 2013) cheered on previous staff member Jami Swegarden who ran a 10k in the snow in Denver!



Marisa, Dana, Kylie (J'14) with Sophie, Remi & Rachel (KP 2013) in NY

Vee with her campers Talia, Nina & Rachel (Juniper 2013) dressing up in NY.



CR Support Staff New Years Eve Party

Sophie (Poplar 2013) showing her Robindel Pride in Maui, Hawaii



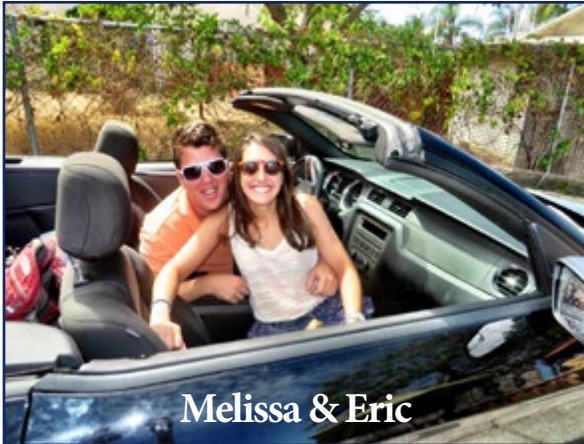
Cori Daniels representing Robindel atop Masada in Israel



Julie Hoffman Klein (Juniper 1975) with her counselor Alice McGee.

# Celebrates

Our warmest Robindel congratulations on these special occasions!



Melissa & Eric

Melissa Ayre (Juniper 2002) with her fiancé Eric Welles. They got engaged on his birthday! This photo was taken on their west coast trip in the fall, celebrating her completion of law school and The Bar Exam. Mazel Tov!!



Haley & Matt

Haley Katz (Juniper 2002) with her fiancé Matt Bachmann. They got engaged on her birthday! They met in college at The University of Michigan and began dating while they were studying abroad in Rome. Haley and Matt now live in New York.



The Frank Family: Robyn (Satnick), Andy and Elliot welcomed new baby Cooper.



## Robindel Recommends



This section features books, news articles, organizations, recipes and other items that we enjoyed...and we hope you will too!

- [Lean In](#) - A book (and organization) dedicated to supporting, educating and providing a community for women to pursue their ambitions.
- [Camp: The Old Neighborhood for a New Generation](#) - Jolly Corley explains why camp is more important for children now than it has ever been.
- [Bunk1's Hilarious Camp Letter Contest](#) - Read this if you need a laugh!

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