

OK, so you're probably wondering what's up with the outfit? Well, as I'm sure most of you recall, Petrified Paul was the prior STEICAMP Chief, he was better known as Chief Petrified Paul or Chief PP and had a really cool looking Indian headdress and vest. So, as the new STEICAMP Chief, I and Honeybee Holly, felt that some kind of outfit was required. We thought of several options, some bordering on ridiculous (like a stick with a horse's head, remember that kid's toy???). Anyway, with time running out we decided on this outfit to represent Chief Mustang Mark or Chief M&M. So, who likes the outfit?

OK, before we begin the STEICAMP stories just a quick warning. Some of these stories are true, at least in part. Others are totally fabricated, but could have a sliver of truth mixed in. Judge for yourself, but please remember to be sympathetic towards the story tellers and to the people who wove the tales.

Two (2) score and five (5) years ago, heralding from the clans of Andrew John & Johannah Kathryn Steichen and of Edward Joseph & Alice Agnes Steichen, our forefathers and foremothers representing 12 clans of their own (not unlike the Israelites leaving Egypt), embarked on an epic journey, which continues to this very day, a journey that we call STEICAMP. A journey which demonstrates that the strength of a family that sticks together results in growth of relationships in both depth and breadth. That is, relationship growth not only with family members within the original 12 clans but also with the expansion to other clans including the clans of Alfred Michael & Angeline Lena Steichen, Teresa Marie & William Majerus, and beyond, to Steichen's at heart from all related clans around the world.

And today, we are proud to say that STEICAMP is not just a journey but, it is also a destination as we "Escape to Bear Lake", also known as the "Caribbean of the Rockies". Here in Utah we stand together to honor all the clans, equal and united as one family. Together we honor those who led the way and went before us as well as those who are here now, especially those who are about to receive their lifelong STEICAMP name.

So it is without further ado that I, Chief Mustang Mark or Chief M&M, introduce Goldfinch Gina, from the mighty clan of Jeronimo Jim & Tulip Tina, as she represents the great related clan of Rider Roy and Lilly Lea...let's hear it for Goldfinch Gina!!!

... Goldfinch Gina tells her story

Thank you Goldfinch Gina and welcome to all the new STEICAMPers! And now, it is with great pleasure that I introduce Sagebrush Sherry, as she represents the mighty clan of Maple Margaret & Thunderbolt Ted...let's hear it for Sagebrush Sherry!!!

... Sagebrush Sherry tells her story

Thank you Sagebrush Sherry and welcome to all the new STEICAMPers! And now, it is with great pleasure that I introduce Honeybee Holly, as she represents the mighty clan of Rattlesnake Ramona & Buffalo Bill John...let's hear it for Honeybee Holly!!!

... Honeybee Holly tells her story

Thank you Honeybee Holly and welcome to all the new STEICAMPers! And now, it is with great pleasure that I introduce Cedar Cheryl and Daffodil Donna, as they represents the mighty clan of Milkweed Mary & Dairyland Dick...let's hear it for Cedar Cheryl and Daffodil Donna !!!

... Cedar Cheryl and Daffodil Donna tell their story

Thank you Cedar Cheryl and Daffodil Donna, and welcome to all the new STEICAMPers! And now, it is with great pleasure that I introduce Jellystone Joyce and Landrover Lynn, as they represent the mighty clan of John Alfred & Jeanette Steichen ...let's hear it for Jellystone Joyce and Landrover Lynn!!!

... Jellystone Joyce and Landrover Lynn tell their story

Thank you Jellystone Joyce and Landrover Lynn and welcome to all the new STEICAMPers! And now, last but not least, it is with great pleasure that I introduce Moonlight Mary, as she represents the mighty clan of Trapper Tom & Moccasin Mary Ann...let's hear it for Moonlight Mary!!!

... Moonlight Mary tells her story

Thank you Moonlight Mary and welcome to all the new STEICAMPers. We have one final set of names to provide so come on up Prairie Dog Patrick, Joe and Tina.

... Mustang Mark tells the story of Joe and Tina

And with that, please join me in one final welcome and cheer to all the new STEICAMPers!

Hip Hip Hooray! Hip Hip Hooray! Hip Hip Hooray! That's the STEICAMP way!

(Goldfinch Gina = Reader)

One (1) score and eight (8) years ago a footloose and fancy free spirit came to STEICAMP 1990 in Utah just South of where we now stand where she was aptly name "Karefree Kim". Now Karefree Kim was not one to sit idle, like those who stare at a clock as the seconds tick on by, second after second after second and so on. No, she was on the go, going here and there and everywhere without a care in the world. That is, until her computer crashed, stopping her in dead in her tracks as she pondered her next step...what to do? Go right? ...left? ...back? ...forward? She was quite perplexed! Fortunately for her, the smell of a barbeque wafting by instantly snapped her out of her trance. It was most fortunate as she was both hungry and needed her computer fixed, and she really didn't care how her needs would be met. So she followed the scent. Lucky for her, emerging from the dense smoke from well barbequed meat was a guy named Kevin who by happenstance was also an IT guy. He invited her to join him in eating that delicious barbequed meat, she immediately said, "Yes!". They enjoyed the meal and found they had so much in common. By the end of the meal Karefree Kim was so taken by him that she had forgotten about her computer problems until he asked her, "Mac or PC?". Her response made him fall head over heels for her. Soon they were off together on adventures, wherever Karefree Kim would go, Kevin was not far behind, and their love of camping and the wilderness makes it obvious that his STEICAMP name must be "**Kamp'n Kevin**".

After a bit of time had passed, Karefree Kim and Kamp'n Kevin decided it was time to have an adventure of a different kind. Nine months later their adventure really began! Full of energy and more curious then George himself, they had a daughter whom they named Lilly. Like her parents, Lilly is adventurous and shares a love for swimming and camping but she is also an avid reader who, in one future dream day, as she swims and camps at Bear Lake she might escape reality further by reading stories from the epic fantasy author John Brown from nearby Laketown. It will be at that moment that she will fully embrace her STEICAMP name of none other than "**Laketown Lilly**".

Not too long after Lilly arrived came another bundle of joy, a true boy's boy, who plays with cars, trains, and has an affinity for wrestling, watch out MMA, here comes Deagan! He is strong in stature and will, ready to stand for what is right, but always with a compassionate heart. Somewhat like that of the igneous volcanic rock, which has metaphysical healing properties, that can be found in the hills surrounding us. And so without further ado, I proudly announce STEICAMPs very own, "**Dacite Deagan**".

And now, with their lifelong STEICAMP names, the Rider Roy & Lilly Lea clan sound off with united voices... *"We're STEICAMPers now, as we have now joined other STEICAMP clans in the historic escape to Bear Lake, the Caribbean of the Rockies"*.

(Sagebrush Sherry = Reader)

One day, about a year and a half ago Maple Margaret went on a walk and was admiring all the beautiful stones along the path. One truly beautiful gem stood out, one that seemed slightly familiar but had not been seen for a very long, long time. She excitedly picked up the gem, brushed it off and quickly went home to polish it. Maple Margaret has been admiring it ever since. She has also shared this wonderful hidden treasure to all the Steichen families. Like the uniquely powerful namesake, this gem has transformed lives and continues to this day in a calm and peaceful manner. Well-guarded, protected and entrusted to others for many years, this gem is revealed to all at STEICAMPers through the purple majesty of her STEICAMP name, welcome to "**Amethyst Adele**".

And now, with their lifelong STEICAMP names, the Maple Margaret & Thunderbolt Ted clan sound off with united voices... *"We're STEICAMPers now, as we have now joined other STEICAMP clans in the historic escape to Bear Lake, the Caribbean of the Rockies"*.

(Honeybee Holly = Reader)

This may come as a surprise to some of you who have not known this young lady since birth but there is a little known fact that Rainbow Rachael has always been enamored with the Asian culture. She loves the food, the art and the lifestyle. One day, Rainbow Rachael went for a walk and found herself by a lake. She stopped to admire all the vegetation and lo and behold she saw something move in the water by her feet. As she continued to look she noticed a school of fish but something was different about one of them. It stood out, it was more vibrant, a different shape, and seemed enamored with her. Rainbow Rachael was taken aback by this fish, she knew she had to have it. So she took her sports bottle and filled it with lake water and as soon as it was full that gorgeous fish jumped right on in. After Rainbow Rachael went home she researched this new found housemate. It was vibrant red, with soft flowing fins, she found out it was of Asian descent and with that her fate was sealed. The two became very close and she started spending more and more time admiring this beautiful fish. She decided that she needed to name him. Rainbow Rachael decided to give it a name that represents the most important color of a rainbow, a color that is also known to be lucky and represents love and passion. It is with those attributes that we bestow the STEICAMP name and welcome **“Ruby Robert”**.

Now, let's jump over to the story of Huckleberry Hannah who has been for some time living in Arizona and attending college. While in college our dearest little darling has been spreading her wings and trying new things. Being an avid outdoor-woman, Huckleberry Hannah is always looking for a new adventure. One day on a hike near Sedona at a place called West Fork Trail, Huckleberry Hannah was in search of, you guessed it, “Huckleberries”. She heard through the grape vine that these scrumptious berries grew near the water line by a towering rock wall. As Huckleberry Hannah always does, she greeted all passer-byers. As she was strolling along she was humming to herself a great little ditty when just within earshot she heard a sound that was unfamiliar. She listened intently and started walking towards the sound. The closer she got the louder it became when finally, in front of her was a huge bush of Huckleberries and an amazing man next to it mixing some great music for his next gig. From that moment on the two became fast friends. And to us here at STEICAMP he will be known forever more as **“Jukebox John”**. Whatever adventure they continue on they'll listen to great music and be in search of Huckleberries, Hannah's favorite fruit.

And now, with their lifelong STEICAMP names, the Rattlesnake Ramona & Buffalo Bill John clan sound off with united voices... *“We're STEICAMPers now, as we have now joined other STEICAMP clans in the historic escape to Bear Lake, the Caribbean of the Rockies”*.

(Cedar Cheryl / Daffodil Donna = Readers)

We welcome Jersey John, Tioga Tracy, Northfork Nic, Cassidy, Todd, and Connie to the spotlight. But the spotlight is really first on our nephew Northfork Nic's friend Cassidy who has dated him since 2011 in high school and has continued dating as they attended Minnesota State University of Mankato (or Mankato State) where she is finishing her nursing degree. Through all that time she has demonstrated her love for nature (and Northfork Nic) while participating in outdoor activities...camping, hiking, boating, etc. ...all familiar activities at STEICAMP. But her STEICAMP name did not materialize from that. It is actually from her love of running 5K's/10K's/21K's (also known as half marathons). While Northfork Nic doesn't share the same love of running, he has cheered her on from the sidelines and he'll cheer now as he learns of her STEICAMP name which is "**Kilometer Cassidy**". Accompanying them are Kilometer Cassidy's parents, Todd & Connie Schelling, both who have stood by her through the seasons of her life, being supportive as they are now, and for this reason we are glad to bestow the STEICAMP names to them of "**Tamarack Todd**" & "**Conifer Connie**".

And now, moving on toward one of the youngest ever new STEICAMPers to be named, we welcome Jigsaw Jerry & Jasmine Jen who already have a sizeable clan by themselves with Apple Audrey, Enchanted Ella, Adrenaline Andrew, Azure Adam, Impala Isaac, and now ...introducing the newest member...Adeline! The fact is, of the second generation families Jigsaw Jerry & Jasmine Jen now have the most kids, maybe they deserve a trophy??? Well Adeline is certain all that and a bag of chips, and cute as can be as well. After STEICAMP 2016, Jigsaw Jerry & Jasmine Jen were looking for a true gem of a child, it's taken five (5) kids to get there and they finally have it in Adeline. Her STEICAMP name, like the gem it represents, reflects the change that she will go through into becoming even more precious, like the gem namesake which is a cherished prize from antiquity to now, and so it is with that mindset that we announce "**Amber Adeline**", one of the youngest ever STEICAMPers.

Now regarding the youngest of the Milkweed Mary & Dairyland Dick clan, we bring to you Canteen Katie. Rumor has it that she was out roaming the African wilderness where, with a full canteen of refreshing beverage of some kind, she happened across a man parched by the heat of the day. Given they were miles from the nearest grocery store, he was more than glad that she shared her beverage, and he liked her too, so we're told. Anyway, one thing led to another and here he is, with his new STEICAMP name of "**Safari Steve**". But we've skipped some of the most interesting parts, right? Yes indeed, for between that clandestine meeting out on the safari until now there have been several years and three (3), yes three (3) kids who arrived on their doorstep...Sophia, Corina, and Conrad. Rumors again says that, while out on safari, Canteen Katie and Safari Steve fell in love with a delightful confection, a concoction of

graham crackers, chocolate and marshmallows. If you haven't guessed it yet, that's what lead to their first born's STEICAMP name of "**S'more Sophia**". But rumors don't stop there, no way, for you see that while on safari Canteen Katie and Safari Steve also got lost, they had no sense of direction! But this is no longer an issue as they now also have "**Compass Corina**" to guide their way. And the last known rumor has it that, while on Safari, they had precious few supplies...no tent, backpack, Gameboy, nothing!, ...they were ill prepared for sure! So that's where "**Camper Conrad**" will help out to remember to bring all the supplies they need...so now together they can all return to many future STEICAMPs prepared to camp.

And now, with their lifelong STEICAMP names, the Milkweed Mary & Dairyland Dick clan sound off with united voices... *"We're STEICAMPers now, as we have now joined other STEICAMP clans in the historic escape to Bear Lake, the Caribbean of the Rockies"*.

(Jellystone Joyce & Landrover Lynn = Readers)

On behalf of the John Alfred & Jeanette Steichen clan, I, Jellystone Joyce along with Dipper Dave and Starlight Stacy stand before you with Thomas, a returning attendee from STEICAMP 2016. Can you believe it? He met all of you and still was willing to return. Well I for one can certainly believe it because you are all awesome. Our story begins when, while camping, Starlight Stacy went on a walk one evening to admire all the stars. Before she knew it she was lost in the wilderness amongst the tall pine trees without a clue of the direction to return. But before she started to panic, out of the blue, her saving grace appeared. A man, a mighty gorgeous man indeed, approached Starlight Stacy and asked if she was lost. Although proud, she quietly said yes. He was hoping she would say that so he could spend time with her and be able to guide her to safety. They walked and talked for what seemed like hours, got to know each other and found they had a lot in common. Before long they were at her campsite. She had forgotten for a minute she had been lost, but then remembered that without him she would still be in the woods forlorn. It was at that moment she decided to take him everywhere she went for now on and that he should have the STEICAMP name of **“Trekker Thomas”**.

Also on behalf of the John Alfred and Jeanette Steichen clan, I Landrover Lynn, along with Dakota Dave and Taxi Tommy stand before you with Laura, a first time STEICAMP attendee. It was during college, way back in 2014, that Taxi Tommy, although born on St. Patrick’s Day, seemed to be finding himself down on his luck. When on one blustery day, after spending all night working on one of his final projects, Taxi Tommy was running from the library when a sudden big burst of wind came and blew all of his papers out of his hands to the four corners of the campus. He was devastated. All that hard work was gone. A couple moments later a beautiful woman walked up from behind him and asked if he was looking for this. She handed him the completed project, in order and nicely bound. He frantically said yes. But how? When? Where? She just smiled and offered to get him a cup of coffee on the way to class. The rest is history. But from now on she will forever be known to him and all of us STEICAMPers as **“Lucky Charm Laura”**. Seems pretty fitting for a guy who was born on St. Patrick’s Day, don’t you think? Now you may ask how she found all the pages and handed them to him that fast. Well, truth be told, he had nodded off in the library right before leaving in a hurry to his morning class. Laura noticed how hard he had been working and was quite attracted to him so decided to help him out. She had taken the pages and then organized and bound them. Before she could return, he woke up, realized he was late for class and grabbed the remaining papers in front of him and left in a sprint. She went looking for him and had run outside to witness his luck seemingly run out, we know otherwise, it had just gotten as good as it could ever get!

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(Moonlight Mary = Reader)

Ramrod Richard and I, Moonlight Mary, along with Zuni Zak and Sarah are delighted to represent the mighty clan of Trapper Tom & Moccasin Mary Ann. This is a story about Zuni Zak and Sarah, who started as friends in High School and began dating after Graduation. They both went off to different colleges but through it all remained together. Even with different schedules and distance they still found time to reconnect on a regular basis and to go fishing and hunting during their school breaks. No matter how cold or wet it was Sarah never complained or threw in the towel. She has been a trooper and has proven again and again what a true sportswoman and great markswoman she is. Little did Zuni Zak know that she had so many hidden talents. Everything that Zuni Zak did, Sarah has done, sometimes even better. And She has the trophy deer head hanging prominently on her wall to prove it. Which leads us to why we're telling this story. Sarah has definitely earned her new STEICAMP name, so please join me in welcoming "**Sharpshooter Sarah**"!

And now, with their lifelong STEICAMP names, the Trapper Tom & Moccasin Mary Ann clan sound off with united voices... *"We're STEICAMPers now, as we have now joined other STEICAMP clans in the historic escape to Bear Lake, the Caribbean of the Rockies"*.

Prairie Dog Patrick, from the might clan of Deadwood Dave & Chuckwagon Carol, has brought two (2) friends from a distant land, let's hear a big STEICAMP welcome for Joe and Tina!

Joe has been on his journey of life which has taken him to the four corners of the world. Along the way he has shown great discipline as he walked a straight and narrow path. We honor him for his service. And also honor him for his bravery facing the Steichen family by attending an event such as this. With that introduction, we welcome him as "**Jarhead Joe**"!

Now Jarhead Joe has traveled far and wide as we've already said. Along his journey he was always walking to the beat of his own drum...but it wasn't really a drum he was walking to...he was actually walking to a tambourine. Since their meeting they have made great music together, and so with this we welcome "**Tambourine Tina**" to STEICAMP!

And now, with their lifelong STEICAMP names, the Deadwood Dave & Chuckwagon Carol clan sound off with united voices... *"We're STEICAMPers now, as we have now joined other STEICAMP clans in the historic escape to Bear Lake, the Caribbean of the Rockies".*