

Shelby's Senior Will

Pilgrim pines camp has always had a special spot in my heart. Coming up the hill for the past 12 years has been amazing. This place to me is my home away from home. Knowing that I will be leaving is sad but I know I'm coming back as one of the counselors and/or staff member. Not only has the place and nature impacted me but a wide variety of people including my pinester buddies Harry and Richard (Rick). Just to name a few, Jules my first ever counselor as a mini, she made me feel welcomed and at home at camp. She made my first experience of camp a memorable and positive one. To my best friends Kathryn, Danica and Naomi even though she is a counselor this week I wanted to say thank you for everything you guys do for me. We have been through thick and thin but we made it through. We may be going our separate ways in college but we all know that when we are at camp we automatically just reconnect and catch up on anything and everything that has happened in between our last get together. I thank you guys for always can come to you with anything and just talk. I wish you guys all the best in college. ☺ To my other good friends David (Bob), Ben, TC who isn't here this week and all my cabin mates, thanks for making camp such a great place to come to every year. I will always cherish the memories we have made. Roundtable friends I just want to thank you for putting up with me and not being there as much as I wanted to be. You guys supported me when I was there and included me in all the events and activities. I will always remember our inside jokes and silly memories. And last but certainly not least to Tracy, Neal, Myrna, all my first church family, and Wally even though she's not here thanks for all you guys do to make all of this happen and keep it fun. I will miss Neal singing "Rise and Shine" in the morning during Roundtable meetings. And having Tracy in my cabin and telling us to be quieter during quiet time and FOB/cyesta. One last shout out to my parents, for all they do for me. They have been there through so much with me and are always there to support me. Thanks again to everyone and I LOVE YOU ALL SO MUCH!!!!!!!

Danica's Senior Will

Pilgrim Pines has an incredible place in my heart. Ever since I have been coming up here in family camp, and later to actual summer camp in junior high, I have felt lucky to be part of something special. The campers and staff I have met have taught me so much about relationships, leadership, how to have a good time even with the most mundane objects, and I guess, in general, life. Every time I come up to camp, I feel an enormous amount of stress instantly released, knowing I can put away all worries with school and sports and be myself. And even better, that the people here can accept me for who I am. The saying "The Mountains Shall Bring Peace to the People" is absolutely true. What is also true is that just thinking about Pilgrim Pines even when not physically present can bring a peace of mind. Pilgrim Pines like a second home to me and a huge part of my childhood revolves around Pilgrim Pines—weddings (Tracy!!!), retreats, whatnot are memories that are embedded in my mind.

I think that it is amazing thing to have CYMC as a program—not only does it create a close community for the week of camp, but the bond is continuous, allowing this community to share year after year special memories made here at camp. Although I am leaving, I know that I can always return and feel like nothing has changed. Each of you this year has been instrumental in my CYMC overall experience and I love you all. But I know that my time at Pilgrim Pines and the feelings I have felt could not have been possible without a few people: (and in NO way does this list include everybody that need to be thanked)

Naomi, Shelby, and Kathryn: to my best friends who have been with me through thick and thin and have the most infectious smiles and laughter, something I see a lot of when I'm with you guys. You mean the world to me and I know our friendship knows no bounds or time limits. I will miss you when we go our separate ways, but no matter where we go in life, we can come back and pick up like not a day has gone by. I'm so lucky to have known such amazing good friends.

Bob, Ben, and Greg: to my heroes who always have a smile and a hug for me and tell the best jokes. Each of you has taught me so much about life and I am truly grateful. I wish you the best in the years to come. Ben, Greg, high school can be a scary place, but with your maturity and intelligence, you'll be just fine.

Bailey and Morgan: I have looked forward each year since what? (Three/four years ago?) to seeing you and hanging out. You guys have the best personalities and light up a room with your smiles. I will miss you dearly.

Tracy: words do NOT express my gratitude towards you. You are my mentor, a constant source of guidance and support and I love you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for everything.

Bryce and Clayton: to the jokers who provide the ever present source of entertainment at the camp. Thanks for putting up with our crazy shirt ideas, strange jokes and us in general. You guys are awesome and I will miss our bell trips and great times in rehearsal, not to mention here at camp.

Tom-Tom and James: I love you guys. 'nuff said.

And to everyone in the Elmhurst cabin—you girls rock!!!

Words of Wisdom from Bob and Scott

- Never forget. Never forget the friendship, the love, the experience that is Pilgrim Pines camp.
- Love always. Hate is a word not spoken up the mountain.
- “The mountain shall bring peace to the people” is our code, live through this experience.
- Nothing is more important than camp. No exceptions. Do whatever you can to make it up the mountain, whenever you can.
- Life is different up here. Things are simpler. Straight forward.
- There is so much support for anyone who asks up here. Just open up and you will find someone who will take care of you.
- You are all my brothers and sisters, I may be closer to some than others, but you are all my family.
- I know most of us will lose touch over the years, but the few who will remain together, live to be the closest of friends.
- Trust is a concept people don’t understand until they see it up here. We bring the definition to a whole new level.
- The magic of the mountain moves our spirits in ways we can’t understand. When you first learn and believe in the possibilities it brings, you change. You find your true self. And you hope that you can take this magic with you back in your hometowns, sometimes it sticks, sometimes it doesn’t, but I know that when it does, miracles occur in your life, and you can be the happiest you have ever been.
- Every day at camp lasts what seems like a lifetime, just as the memories will. There is no way you could do as many things as we do in a week as we do here in CYMC. It must be another one of those camp magics that no one can figure out or understand.

- Meals at camp are one of the most important parts of my life. I don't think I have had any better, more personal, or more special meals, ever.
- I know I will come back as soon as I can, as often as I can, maybe not as a CYMC councilor, but my roots will always remain deep in the soil of Pilgrim Pines.
- I know many of my peers did shoutouts, mentioned people or memories, but I know I'll forget something and I'll regret it for the rest of my life. Here is the shoutout for all of you:
 - Here's to all of you who have helped in my growth; to all of you who have ever shared a cabin or family group with me; to all of you who have ever shared a laugh with me; and even to those I haven't said more than hi to.
- It feels so weird, saying goodbye, it won't be forever, but it will be so long and farewell. We have lost others who have graduated or moved, or have simply not been able to come back, I can't believe that I am finally going to be one of those "former campers" who everyone that remembers talks about, even if half the camp doesn't even know them. (Nikko, Joel, this is for you.)
- **YEAH TOAST!!**

Senior Will Annalise Washburn

I've been going to camp since I was 7, but CYMC has meant the most to me. I'm so thankful for all the people I've met over the years. You are all special, never think otherwise. There are a few select people that have brought something special into my life. (in no specific order)

Whitney Alicia Washburn- Although you are not a camper anymore you have been there with me for my entire camp experience. You are my seeeeeeeeeester and my best friend. Our relationship never changes on or off the mountain. I'm glad that you have been here as a camper or staff member to share my camp experience with me. <3

Avery Osajima- I met you at confirmation camp, at low ropes, many moons ago. We lost touch for about a year and then you got my number again and I told you to go to cymc and we've been best friends ever since. I love getting to see you and you have been there for me through so much and I'm so thankful to have met you and shared my CYMC experience with you. You are such a beautiful person inside and out and I look forward to the future of our friendship.

Carrie Orozco- My gorgeous best friend, I'm so happy we have stayed friends this whole time, since summer before 8th grade. You are so incredibly funny and sweet, and I enjoy all the time I spend with you. I feel like every time we see each other we get closer. I love your attitude and your outlook on life. Don't ever change, we will most definitely be friends forever babygirl.

Laura McClain- Although sometimes I give you a hard time, you know I absolutely love you to death. You are such a sweetheart, and you have and I know you always be there for me. I'm so happy you, Carrie, and I have stayed so close this whole time and I hope it doesn't ever change.

I LOVE YOU LADIES ALL SO MUCH, I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU GUYS GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL AND SEE WHERE THE FUTURE OF OUR FRIENDSHIP LEADS. NEVER FORGET THAT YOU CAN ALWAYS CALL ME NO MATTER WHAT. YOU'RE ALL BEAUTIFUL INSIDE AND OUT.

Max Carter- We have definitely had our ups and downs, but you have been there for me for a lot. I'm glad that you have been on roundtable with me for 2 years. You are the most amazing guy friend I have ever had. Don't ever settle for

anything, you deserve the best. I love you so much and I can't wait to see where the future takes you and our friendship.

Melissa Fine- Girl, you are so crazy, and I'm happy you got on roundtable and that you were a delegate to synod. You definitely made it so much more fun and you are the sweetest girl. Don't ever lessen yourself cause you're more than anyone deserves. I hope you know that you can always talk to me and I'll always be there for you . You are such a beautiful and fun-loving girl Don't ever change.

Bryce, Clayton, James and Kelly- You guys never fail to brighten my mood and make me laugh. Please don't ever change, I hope that even though I won't be going to camp anymore we still stay friends. You guys are definitely the sweetest.

Scott Erickson and Brenna Tucker- I'm so glad you were on roundtable with me, you 2 are so incredibly amazing and down to earth. You guys definitely made roundtable better and I'm sad that I would get to see you every couple of months, but I hope we stay close.

EVERYONE AT CYMC, ENJOY THIS TIME IN YOUR LIFE, AND NEVER FORGET THE MEMORIES AND THE PEOPLE YOU MEET AT CAMP. I HOPE YOU ALL CONTINUE TO GROW INTO BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE.