

Join us for the Second Annual Fall Fest at Chanco!

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Are you a member of the Tribe Mattaponi, Pamunkey or Powhatan? Are you one of the distinguished Old Order of Chanco? Have you ever experienced an Indian Night at Camp Chanco's Amphitheater on the Bluff as the stars twinkle overhead in the night sky, the crickets chirp and the James River laps on the shore? Lately, in the day to day grind of your life, have you heard nothing but the natural sounds of the outdoors – no traffic, or horns piercing, or televisions blaring in the night? Do you miss your Chanco buddies with whom you slept under the stars in tents (at the Old Chanco site) or Chalets (at the new Chanco)? If so, contact them all and come to Chanco's first ever Alumni Overnight Reunion!

The Chanco Board of Directors have already been in contact with Alumni from the 70's, 80's, and 90's to gather folks young and old to attend the first ever "Smoke Signal Sleepover". Chanco Alumni, it is time to re-ignite the spark for Chanco and Pass It On. In order to pass on the fire of the Spirit of Chanco, we need **YOU!** Unfortunately, Camp Chanco on the James in Surry, Virginia is in a dire financial state. There are many of us Alumni, who cannot imagine Chanco not existing for our children as it did for us. Yet, this is a distinct possibility if the Alumni and Friends of Chanco don't unite for the cause of Chanco's Future. To this end, The Board of Directors of Chanco on the James is pleased to announce its first annual fund drive, "The Chanco Fund for the Future." This campaign will be initiated with the Fall Fest 2007 overnight on September 22nd, 2007 and the day picnic on September 23rd. This year's Fall Fest will include a Silent Auction/Raffle offering items such as an I-pod, a free Camp Tuition, a week at a timeshare in Myrtle Beach, and a personal Chef for a dinner for two! These are just a few of the wonderful items that will be raffled with 100% of the profit from these items going to much needed refurbishment and improvement projects for the Chanco on the James Camp and Conference Center.

The "Smoke Signal Sleepover" will begin with registration on Saturday, September 22nd, 2007 at 3 pm. From 4 – 5:30 pm, there will be a Happy Hour to include a slide show of Camp Chanco photos from the 1970's to current photos from this summer! At 6 pm, Chanco will serve a delicious dinner to our guests. At 7 pm, we will have Live Music for your entertainment and enjoyment as you reminisce and catch up with Chanco friends old and new. At 8:30 pm, we will have an Indian Night at the Amphitheater on the waterfront complete with a bonfire led by our Legacy Chanco Alumni and current Out Trips Coordinator, Charlie Hughes. The Live Music will continue on the bluff from 9:30 pm until late into the evening to allow plenty of time to reunite and re-connect with friends. On Sunday morning, there will be a Eucharist on the Bluff and lunch along with free time to tour all 125 acres of the campus, enjoy the pool or waterfront, attempt the Ropes Course or for the more adventurous, the Zip Line with a certified instructor. The cost of The Smoke Signal Sleepover is \$30 per family to stay in a Chalet (no electricity, communal bath - true camp living!) or \$60 per family to stay in a Conference Center (located on the bluff at Chanco) room with a private bath. The room contains two single beds and has space

for sleeping bags for children. Meals, drinks, Live Music, and certified instructors/life guards for the waterfront and ropes course are included in the cost – a great deal!

On Sunday, the Camp will be open to all who come to enjoy the Fall Fest picnic. So, if you are unable to make the “Smoke Signal Sleepover”, please consider visiting us on Sunday for the free Fall Fest picnic complete with live music, the Silent Auction/ Raffle, and bar-be-que to be enjoyed by all. The Day Event will begin at 2 pm on Sunday, September 23rd and all festivities will end by 5 pm.

The Chanco Board of Directors is very enthusiastic about this first Alumni overnight event to reunite and re-connect the folks who have been the grassroots of Chanco for almost 40 years. Please join us for a time of reflection of the meaning of Chanco in our Diocese, rejuvenation of your spirit and soul, and re-connection with Chanco Friends young and old.

Chanco Alumni, remember “It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and then all those around will warm up to it’s glowing. That’s how it is with God’s love, once you’ve experienced it, you spread His love to everyone, you want to Pass It On.” We sang this song in our youth at our beloved Camp Chanco, now it’s time to live it in our adulthood and re-ignite the spark of Chanco with donations of our time, energy, money, and/or prayer for the Spirit of Chanco to exist for the next generation of Episcopal youth. Please prayerfully consider attendance at Fall Fest and/or a monetary donation to Chanco’s “Fund for the Future.”

You may respond for Fall Fest, get more information, and/or give a donation by contacting Chanco at chancoctr@aol.com or calling **1-888-7CHANCO**. God bless you and remember **Chanco is YOU!**