



The TELOS Times

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Former Resident Provides Telos Fantastic Fishing in the Farallons

Jason (Sacramento), a former Telos resident—now an adult—who found a pathway to health through his participation in the Telos wilderness program, motivated his fishing club, Full Speed Fishing, to donate a world class sea-fishing trip to Telos. Not having enough residents to fill the

18
available
slots
aboard

Stevie (Marin) cranks up a Rockfish, while Seth (San Joaquin) watches for it to break the surface and show its size.

the Northern Salmon Queen charter boat based in Emeryville, Telos teamed with Foster Family Services, a local foster finding agency that has served many Telos residents over the years, to allow some of its foster children to share the opportunity. Two Telos staff and two foster parents accompanied the eighteen boys.

Assembling at 3:30 AM for the carpool to Emeryville, upon arrival the sleepy bunch found Jason and five other Full Speed Fisherman, Captain Simms, and the able deckhand, Tony, anxiously waiting for them to board.

Quickly underway for Fisherman's Wharf to pick up bait fish, the excited boys enjoyed the sights, smells, and sounds of a side of San Francisco they had never experienced before: Dawn slowly encroaching on the fog, gradually uncovering the splendor of the city itself, passing ships, a lighthouse perched precariously on a cliff, sea birds including pelicans, seals and sea lions, and the Golden Gate Bridge, its redness exquisitely side-lighted by the rising sun, climbing into a cloak of golden fog.

While Making way for the Farallon Islands, 2 hours and 26 miles offshore, the boys shared food and drink provided by their hosts, got their sea legs (some a little more robustly than others), familiarized themselves with the vessel and its electronic fish finding equipment, and spent time with Tony, a premier deck-hand, learning proper fishing techniques.

What was to become riotous fun, the fishing began immedi-



With rapt attention that their teachers would envy, Rudi and Alex (Napa), listen intently as deck-hand Tony explains the intricacies of catching Rockfish.



Open Bed Announcement

Telos is presently full, and one new recruit has already been selected for an upcoming graduation. However, openings can occur unexpectedly.



Donovan (Kern) holds up a pair of Rockfish he caught simultaneously while fishing the Farallon Islands 26 miles off the coast of San Francisco.

ately upon arrival at the rocky Farralons. Bait barely hit the ocean floor before one or two fish were on each rod. A Full Speed Fisherman was assigned to every three boys to help manage the fun, and to assure their safety and fishing success. Each boy had a gunny sack assigned him to hold his fish and by 2 P.M., all boys had limited out!

On the ride back each boy placed his largest fish into consideration for the first, second, and third prize ocean fishing rods and reels, high quality prizes donated by sponsors. Though no Telos boy found himself in contention for the three top prizes, all participants re-

Zack (Yolo) displays a beautiful fish he pulled from the deep.



ceived a special event T-shirt, and a tackle box designed to encourage them to try ocean-fishing again.

While underway home, many caught up on needed shut-eye, some enjoyed the passing wildlife and scenery, but most gathered at the stern of the boat to watch Tony expertly clean and fillet the fish.

Each boy took home about 10 lbs. of Rockfish, their prizes and presents, but most importantly, a memory of an adventure like no other they ever experienced, provided by a few great men who took a day out of their lives to provide children they had never met before with a high quality sea-fishing experience!

Telos has long been a touchstone for former residents, both graduates and non-graduates alike, who over the years have called, written, and visited—often with their wives and children. But for Jason to envision, organize, and manage such a world-class trip for the children's home in which he once resided is a first, and speaks volumes about the success of the Telos goal of touching residents deeply in an attempt to reach the farthest reaches of their inner nature, or as we call it: Their inner Telos! Thanks Jason, for an awesome job, terrifically done; you in turn touched the inner Telos of others!



Alex (Napa) learns the intricacies of fish cleaning and filleting from Tony, the New Salmon Queen's masterful deck hand.

The slide show of the trip is available on the Gallery page of the Telos website at www.telosyouth.com, or you can request a free CD by calling Telos at 530-626-0345.

Feedback from A Former Telos Resident

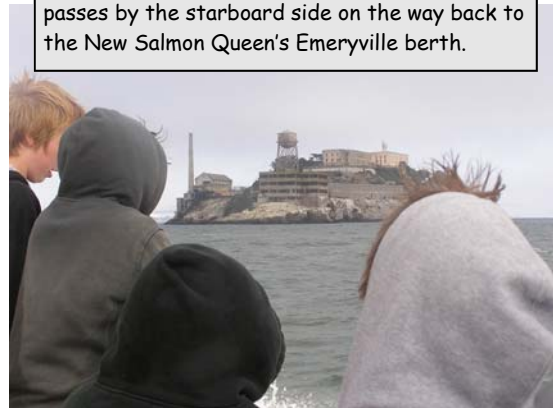
today began. ... (One benefit of having lived at Telos) is that I can now see clearly the solution to a problem." —A former resident from Sacramento County—now an adult—shortly after earning his G.E.D., and shortly before enlisting to serve his country.

"You don't see the benefit of Telos until after you leave. ...I don't think much about my life before (I arrived at) Telos. ...Telos marks the point at which my torture stopped. ...Telos was the beginning of who I am today. ...I look at Telos today as the point where my life

Up close for perhaps the first time in their lives, successful fisherman enjoy Alcatraz as it passes by the starboard side on the way back to the New Salmon Queen's Emeryville berth.

The TELOS Times Returns to Twice Yearly Editions

Last year in these pages, it was announced that The TELOS Times was going to a single annual edition as a cost saving measure. Well, it so happens that a former resident—Frank (Sacramento), now age 36—was perusing the Telos website, and happened upon that edition. It also





Traveling on the Northern Salmon Queen through the San Francisco Bay enroute to the Farallon Islands, Giordan (Placer) excitedly points out a sight for all to see.

so happens that Frank is a partner in a West Sacramento printing company, Capitol Envelope. So Frank has offered to print The TELOS Times in color, twice a year without charge, allowing us to return to our former biannual production schedule.

Having found one of our own in the printing business, you can bet that Telos will be using Capitol Envelope for all its printing in the future. We ask our readers, who also have printing needs in the Sacramento area, to consider Capitol Envelope as well. Let's support those who

have grasped the opportunities we in this industry have dedicated our lives to providing!

For those who remember Frank, he lives in Folsom, is married, and has three children, two daughters and a son.



Riding a quick drop on the Klamath River 80 mile river trek on a hot August day.

Residents Raft River: 80 Miles Down the Klamath

Thanks to the fortuitous hiring of a stalwart staff two years back, Kory Groves, who in a previous life was a professional river guide on the Klamath River, Telos was able to chart new waters this summer. Under Kory's leadership, a hot August week was spent descending more than 80 miles of the Klamath River, from the Trees of Mystery near Yreka, to a take-out not far above Somes Bar and its unrunable Ishi Pishi Falls.

When not enjoying the river's scenery and excitement, rafters spent time swimming, snorkeling, and camping on sunny riverside sand bars. Wild land fires were burning in the area and the aerial firefighting activity held the rafters' rapt attention. However, there was no threat of fires burning into the area Telos was using, and if one did, plentiful take-outs and a highway that would allow evacuation were available.

Enjoying a riverside lunch alongside a quiet section of the Klamath River.



As with all Telos wilderness trips, outdoor staff had years of river guiding experience, included swift water trained rescuers, and also an Emergency Medical Technician. Among other important safety requirements, participants

were required to have a life jacket on and buckled anytime they were within 10 of the water's edge!

On the return from this safe and memorable trip, the resi-

dents enjoyed dinner at their favorite north country restaurant: The Somoa Cookhouse in Eureka. Then they camped under the gigantic redwood trees in the Redwoods State Park before returning to Telos the next day.

Giordan (Placer) tries on new type of earring: A live crawdad the boys caught.





Kory Groves Named 2007 Staff of the Year!

Kory's infectious sense of humor and engaging disposition work magic corralling the moody teens she encounters at Telos. A popular staff and supervisor, Kory previously served several years as a professional Class 5 (highest) river guide, running primarily therapeutic women's groups down many of northern California's exciting rivers.

Upon joining the staff at Telos, she immediately volunteered to join the wilderness leadership team as well, and began accompanying residents into the wild where she handles her responsibilities and charges with well deserved aplomb.

Kory is also conscientious in ensuring resident safety, and is planning to study to become an Emergency Medical Technician in addition to already being a trained Swift Water Rescue Technician.

With a "can-do, no problem" attitude, Kory does whatever it takes to assure the successful outcome of all endeavors she undertakes. She also is an excellent communicator who makes sure that her peers and charges understand where it is she stands on any given issue. Telos is proud to honor Kory with the 2007 Staff of the Year award!



The staff and residents of Telos Youth Outposts wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

News From Former Residents...

...Dominic R. (Shasta) has completed his four year enlistment in the Navy. After graduating Telos he lived in foster care and then transitional housing. His former foster parents have offered him a home until he gets back on his civilian feet.

... Justin B. (Nevada) is a sales manager at a Los Angeles area Toyota dealership. He is married with two daughters. His wife is a nurse, and together they own their own home.

... Dante P. (San Joaquin) has recently earned his GED, and is planning to attend Jr. College. He works in retail sales and proudly reports 3 years sobriety, and has had no legal trouble since leaving Telos.

...Alex R. (Shasta) continues to work in landscape contracting, as he has for several years. His has his own apartment and lives with his longstanding girlfriend.

...James C. (El Dorado), now age 30, lives in Tacoma, WA. with his wife. James works in shipping and receiving and his wife works for Apple Computer Corporation. He has two children.

Congratulations to...

***Chris (Mendocino) for his first semester of college effort, and for returning to Telos as both staff and wilderness staff. Chris previously earned his Diamond Peak Award in the Telos wilderness program and graduated to foster care as a Trust Level 5 resident (highest).

***Donovan (Kern) for his 1st quarter straight A report card, for which he earned the \$25 Telos Challenge award.

***Giordan (Placer) for earning his Green, Blue, and Gold Peak Awards in the Telos wilderness program. He camped 30 nights, hiked and paddled 256 miles, climbed 7 peaks, rappelled 6 times, and completed 30 hours of community service, and 18 conversation projects.

***Donovan (Kern) for earning his Green, Blue, and Gold Peak Awards in the Telos wilderness program.

***Reggie (Kern) for earning his Green, Blue and Gold Peak Awards.

***Patrick (San Luis Obispo) for earning his Green, Blue and Gold Peak Awards.

***Kory Groves for completing the in-house staff certification program.

Our Mission...

...is to provide the children entrusted to us with a well organized and structured home in which they can live safely, in pleasant surroundings, as friends, while receiving professional services aimed at motivating their substantially improved academic performance, behavioral choice-making, and responsible citizenship.

Telos Youth Outposts, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, charitable corporation which provides residential care and psychological treatment to males ages 11-17 who are abused, neglected, delinquent, or who have a failed adoption. Private placements are also welcome. Coupled to the Telos treatment program is a challenging wilderness adventure program.