

## **When Your Rocker Comes Home**

By RCRC mom, volunteer & Ladies Camp rocker, Melissa Adams  
and Kathy Kunkle Garceau, RCRC mom and volunteer

I don't know how many people can say this, but the movie School of Rock made us think. We watched it one night with our 8-year-old daughter, and our 4-year-old son. After, rock and roll mayhem broke out! They were wild, jumping around, singing, screaming, you know... We were a mix of amused, startled (Finding Nemo does not have this effect), and *really* interested in getting them to bed. We found ourselves wanting to quell the party without quelling the spirit. Then it occurred to us that our daughter might be "moved" after Rain City Rock Camp, ready to celebrate a new avenue of self-confidence in as yet unanticipated ways. We knew then we needed to be ready to support the party up front, while maintaining the business in the back. I know you've heard of it...the Reverse Mullet Model of rock and roll parenting...

Of course, as a new Rain City Rock Camp family, we wanted to know what it was like for a current RCRC Mom, whose daughter's (and family's) life was changed by camp.

"Omigosh...the first week was crazy. She was so cocky! I mean to the point where I did want to squish it, but I was good and embraced...It was very enlightening for her...Much after camp, she wanted to go to camp all the time...She continues to write songs...so be prepared: Your kids will want to be rock stars when they grow up...I get way too emotional about the whole thing though. I swear I can't think about (what the girls accomplish) without crying." *(From author: This same camper regularly performs in public now – something that would have been unthinkable for her before camp.)*

Part of the mission of RCRC is "dedicated to building positive self-esteem in girls", which is why I think most of us send our daughters to camp. That increased self-esteem may be a little "crazy" at first, but we want it to stick, so I know that we just need to move the party up front and enjoy.