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### Flight of Fancy

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There's still time to join the pack! From June 9th to the 11th you can enjoy a "Barkapalooza" weekend in the Berkshires with your dogs just like Sadie, Roo and I did last September. My pups discovered Paradise and I was lucky enough to be along for the ride.

Captured by the promise in Camp Unleashed's ad, I registered for a doggie weekend to be held at a boy's camp in the Berkshires. I went looking for three days of fun and freedom with my pups and found a lot more. We "ruffed" it with about 70 other canines and 50 of their best human friends. Both Sadie and Roo picked a canine buddy and, fortunately, I got along just as well with their human counterparts. We hiked at dawn, following reveille in the form of "Who let the dogs out?" We participated in workshops and water sports, agility and arts & crafts. We sat around a campfire and made s'mores, then watched "Best in Show." We gathered at the cook tent for three deliciously hearty meals each day, and slept in snug cabins at night. But best of all, for 90 percent of each day, my pups were unleashed, free to romp and play with all their new canine companions in the beautiful Berkshires.

I can't ever recall seeing Sadie and Roo so happy for such an extended period of time. They love their daily walks. They look forward to meeting up with their walking buddies. They greet visitors with unbridled enthusiasm. But at Camp Unleashed, every moment was an adventure--each activity better than the one before--and they just couldn't wait to see what was around the next bend. They made themselves at home, and they were beside themselves with their good fortune. For me, the joy was in watching my pups. When it comes to quality time with my dogs, this experience was as close to perfection as I've ever come.

Turn to page 14 to view some snapshots from our weekend adventure. Then visit [www.campunleashed.com](http://www.campunleashed.com) to see about sharing a sensational weekend with your best friend. The June session runs from the 9th to the 11th. Miss that and you'll have to wait until September 8th to the 10th. For a bit of canine heaven, visit Camp Unleashed! We just may see you there.