

From Don on this side of camp life:

As we have switched gears from campers to retreats and other activities, I see more and more what God is doing with His camp. We have only 5 cabins to be completed on the inside and 11 to put siding on, that is out of 17 total cabins, which makes cabin updating over half done. Thank you to all who have helped with this work.

We do have a couple of large projects to do in the spring; one is to complete the siding on the old kitchen & dining hall, and the second is installing a lift station behind the old kitchen to get rid of the waste water from the older low area of camp. With these two projects along with all the other things that need to be done in the spring, we will only be working on the inside of two cabins - #3 Coffee Creek Association and #8 Flat Rock Association.



I want to thank all of the people who have helped with the firewood supply. The wood shed **was** about 2/3 full, but **now** is only 1/2 full due to the appetite of the wood stove. There is still plenty of wood around here that needs cut if anyone would like some good outdoor exercise.

Well, I hope you will schedule some work time at the camp this winter and spring. Thank you for making camp a place where we can worship God through the abilities He has given us! Hope to hear from you soon. Have a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and may God bless your efforts to glorify Him.

Don

2010 Trustee Meetings:

Sunday, February 7 at 2:30 pm - In case of bad weather the reschedule date will be Sunday, February 21.
Sunday, April 25 at 2:30 pm
Sunday, August 22 at 2:30 pm
Sunday, November 14 at 2:30 pm
All meetings will be at the camp.

Board of Trustees

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Sandcreek Association -
Bob Gant, Judy Malone & Malvin McCullough

If you would like contact information on a trustee that represents your association you may contact Sarah at the camp.

2010 Summer Camp

Camp schedules for 2010 are enclosed with this newsletter. Please make copies or contact the camp to receive more by mail. All of this information may also be down-loaded from the website.

It is important to send your registrations and deposits at least two weeks before attending and earlier if possible. Many things have to be prepared in advance for every single camper - such as a cabin leader, teaching materials, craft supplies, food, and a reserved bed. So, get your information in early and you won't have to worry about getting a spot just before camp starts.

Please do not rely on the option of sending registration forms by fax. This is not reliable and the camp does not have the camper deposit to make registration official.

Check-in Time

Please notice that the check-in time has been changed to 3:00 pm. This change was discussed at a Dean's meeting and highly favored in order to allow cabin leaders to get checked in before campers. We understand that camp day is a rush of time for our cabin leaders to get everything and everyone loaded to travel to camp, since many of them bring campers with them.



It is our goal to get cabin leaders (and the children they bring with them) checked-in between 1:00-3:00 pm, so they can be at the cabins to meet their campers. Please help us inform parents that check-in is not until 3:00 pm and if they choose to arrive earlier be prepared to wait.

Our camps are possible because adults volunteer their time and abilities. Without these volunteers our camp would not be the ministry that it is. If we had to pay summer salaries for what our volunteers do, each camper would have to pay over \$300 to attend camp; which means many children would not be able to participate in Christian camping. Camp as it is, having volunteers, is a great ministry of our churches that we pray continues so that many more children have the opportunity to come to know Jesus through a camping experience.

Thank You Volunteers!

Cabin Leaders

Any adult wanting to attend camp as a volunteer must complete the necessary paperwork and send it to the camp at least 2 weeks before planning to attend, but we appreciate getting this done as soon as you know you are volunteering. This information is needed for the Camp Dean to prepare a high quality camp with the volunteers. The Camp Dean will have information to give you so that you can prepare as needed.

Camp will also be providing informative training sessions for volunteers in the spring. We are still trying to set dates for these sessions. Different topics will be discussed so it will not be the same as last year. If you have been a volunteer at camp the past couple of years you will receive this information in the mail; otherwise, it can be found on the website.

Cabin leaders will have the opportunity to bring their things the day before attending camp and put them in the cabin they will be staying in. Some like to do this because it can really lighten the load for Sunday.

Please contact the camp or Camp Dean with any questions.

From the Kitchen - Chef Pavey

I am a member and a deacon of the Versailles Baptist Church. I attended the camp as a camper for many years when I was younger. I have worked for 12 years in grocery retail and then moved on to factory work for 11 years before realizing that my passion was cooking, so I enrolled myself into Culinary Arts Classes at the Art Institute of Ohio in Cincinnati in August of 2007.



On January 1st of 2009, our church had a work group coming to camp to work on cabin #16 and I came along to help with the construction. While we were working, Don and my mom were talking and she told him about me being in Culinary School, so Don started talking to me about a possible position that I might be interested in. I brought Don and Sarah my resume and began praying that if this was where God wanted me to be then He would make it happen. Within three weeks I began working part-time with Don & Sarah learning how things were done in and out of the kitchen. In May they offered me a fulltime position. I would take over the kitchen responsibilities of cooking and serving meals, order all supplies needed for the kitchen, clean the Retreat Center and Grace Hall, and any extra time available I would help Don. I gladly accepted the position.

I graduated from Culinary School in June and also got engaged on the day of my graduation. In July I was diagnosed with a brain tumor and had it removed on August 4th, Marika and I got married at the camp on August 28! I soon got feeling better and returned to work cooking for retreats, cleaning, and helping Don.

As of November 20th, we were told by the doctors at IU Med Center that my tumor has returned. This time they will cut into my head and are looking for a brain specialist to do the surgery because of the location of the tumor. My next appointment is January 6 (unless they contact me sooner) to prepare for surgery.

I feel very blessed by God to be working at the camp using my talents and abilities to help grow this wonderful place that God has given us to enjoy.

Brent Pavey

Prayers

Steve Malone is to have surgery the week of Christmas to remove a spot of cancer found on his tongue. He said it is a small area where doctors operated before and is not expected to affect his speech or swallowing. Please pray for Steve & Judy as he heals. If you would like to send cards or notes their address is:

P.O. Box 443, Vernon, IN 47282.

Please pray for Brent Pavey with his upcoming surgery. We pray that the tumor will be safely removed so that he can fully recover and continue serving here at the camp. His condition has occurred during a time that he does not have medical insurance, so please keep this in your prayers as well.



Pool Committee

There are several trustees and volunteers serving on the pool committee for camp. This group has become active visiting locations and gathering information.

You will be hearing from them as they research the different options of pools for the camp.

Needs List

We are looking for items to supply the Old Kitchen so that it will be equipped for rental groups. You may even have some of these things around the house that you don't use anymore and would be willing to give to the camp; or maybe you go to auctions or garage sales and can get some of these items for a real good price.

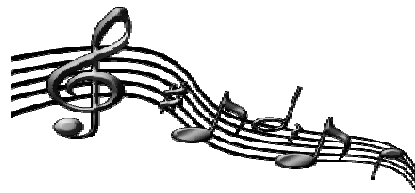
If you come across any of these items please consider them for the camp. If you cannot get it but know it's a good price, give us a call so we can check it out.

Metal cabinets	Pots & pans
Counter top	Skillets
Can opener	Mixing bowls
Coffee makers	Cooking utensils
Colander	Stirring spoons

Truck for Camp

We are on the look out for a nice used pickup truck for camp and road use. The present camp truck is still up and going good but has many miles and requiring more maintenance, so we are planning for the future of this truck to eventually have limited use. If we start looking for another truck before it becomes a necessity then we have more time to bargain shop. Please contact the camp if you see a good deal on the following:

4-wheel drive, 4 door, with a long bed.



Used Music Books

At the camp we have some books left over from recent years of Music Camp and have trouble with the idea of burning them. This type of written material is expensive to purchase and we would be thrilled to give any of it to someone that might have a use for it. We've heard that some churches recycle used Sunday school & VBS material with other churches or groups, so we are wondering if anyone would be interested in music material.

Listed below are the titles and quantity of each book:

- 40 each - "Ready to Sing Youth Choir"
Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing
Used at Music/Drama Camp 2009
- 23 each - "Any Road, Any Cost"
A Youth Musical Based on the Songs of Point Of Grace
- 22 each - Steven Curtis Chapman's
"The Great Artrageous Adventure"
A Youth Musical of Self-Discovery and Hope
Brentwood Publishing
- 6 each - "Amp'd"
Student Choir Arrangements of "Smash Hits"
Originally recorded by today's most popular Christian Rock artists.
Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing
- 2 each - "Worship Together"
A Student-Led Worship Musical
2003 Word Music

If you would like to save any of these books from the fiery furnace, please contact Sarah at the camp as soon as possible.

From the Office

Some days I am surprised at how much everyday stuff there is to take care of in a camp office. I am thrilled that camp is busy all year long. The 2010 calendar is getting filled-in with camping sessions, meetings, retreats, luncheons, and special events. If you are looking to plan an event at camp I encourage you to give me a call so we can look at dates still available.

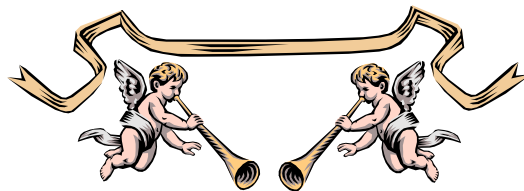
I would also like to encourage groups to think about planning a trip to camp for a meal and a program. This is an idea especially good for Sunday school parties or retired groups. Our staff will prepare the dining area and meal and you can plan your own program/entertainment. Or, if you like we would be happy to do a camp presentation adapted to your group. If you would like a cozy atmosphere we can serve your meal in the Retreat Center by the fireplace. If it is a nice day in the spring or fall you may want to plan on fishing, paddle boating on the lake, walking around the camp or on the trails, playing ball, or just sitting in a lawn chair to visit.

Brent really enjoys preparing meals for groups and I enjoy helping him serve. I believe you will find the cost for an outing like this to be very reasonable. Because groups have different ideas of what they want, I would need to talk to you in order to quote a price.

Don and I enjoy visiting churches, meetings, and groups to share about camp. Of course, during summer camping season our time is very limited. We are already planning and working on preparations for the summer. It seems that camp is one of the places that winter passes by too fast - we never seem to get all those winter projects done.

Sarah

*We wish you all a
Wonderful Christmas Season*



*And hope you have a
Blessed New Year*

*Don & Sarah Snyder - Co managers
Brent Pavey - Food Service & Housekeeping
Judy Morris - Treasurer*