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Smoky Mountain Christian Camp

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Summer Camps: Junior/Beginner Week

I think we will have a tremendous week for our 3rd and 4th grade kids to attend this year. We have combined what was 2 weeks into 1 week, and will have strong leadership at this week. Adam Linsenbigler and Hannah Gump are the two deans of the week, and I know other churches are sending their children's ministers to this week as well.



We really wanted to perk this age group up and I think it will be a fantastic week for these kids to go to. Their theme is going to be "The Price Is Right" and they are well on their way in their planning stages of this week. Get the kids in this age group at your church to come to camp; they will have a blast. The same leaders will be leading the beginner overnighter at the end of the week and it will be a great introduction to being at camp for the little ones. Of course, parents are welcome to come and join the overnighter.

Adopt-a-Camp Program

It has been a while since we pushed this program. Several years ago we started this program to get the churches more involved in taking ownership of the camp. It is a way for the churches to serve the camp and make improvements in the camp. The idea is that each of the churches adopts a certain part of the camp and dreams what they would like it to be. They would also help fund any of those projects. Right now Morrison Hill does projects to the lake; usually once or twice a year, and Louisville comes to see to it the basketball court and equipment are in good shape. We would love to reemphasize this program and have churches once again look at adopting part of the camp, taking ownership of it, and helping take care of the camp. Here are some ideas: Adopt the barn behind the chapel and get it back in shape. Adopt the kitchen and dining hall. It always needs improvements and fix ups. Adopt the chapel: it could use sound equipment and lots of upgrades for worship time. Adopt the lodge: the children's ranch will be out within the next year and it could really enhance retreat groups, if organized right. The wilderness camp could use plenty of attention, but not so much attention that it is not wilderness camp anymore. That names a few things; we would love to see more church involvement.

Summer Camp Discounts

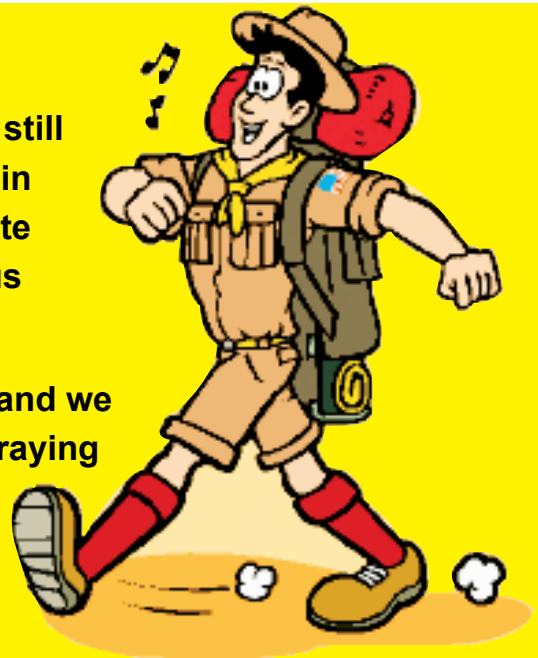
First Time Campers get \$25 off any week except for Junior/Beginner Week

Any Camper can get \$25 off for themselves by bringing a friend if their friend is a first time camper
\$10 off the early rate of anyone registered by May 1

Dear Friends,

The camp is getting by just fine. We are still paying our bills. Not getting rich, but trusting in God, and working hard. We really do appreciate those who responded to the mailing, it helps us know where to go from here.

Summer Camp is coming up very soon, and we are praying for a great summer. I have been praying every day for the upcoming summer, and I would be very grateful to anyone else who would remember us in their prayers as well. We are praying for safety and a great spiritual atmosphere, as well as many more lives fully committed to Christ, but we are also praying for a great summer attendance. Last year attendance was down, and this year the economy is making it tougher on family finances, so we need God's provision both for the camp and for families to afford camp. We are excited about many of the changes being implemented to make the camp a more attractive place to send their kids, and an even safer place for kids to be.



Love,
Billy

Called Camp Board Meeting:

In accordance with the camp by-laws we will be having a called board meeting on May 19, 2009 at West Towne Christian Church at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of completing the agreement between SMCC and Cherokee Christian Children's Ranch for the lease of 9.5 acres for use by the ranch. This has been a verbal agreement voted on by the SMCC board 3 years ago, which we now need to put into a legal agreement. We MUST have a quorum of 60 percent of supporting churches in attendance for this vote in accordance with the bylaws. Each congregation will have one vote. Please make sure you have someone in attendance to represent your congregation so that we can conclude this matter. A supporting church, according to the bylaws, is one which gives at least \$200 per year to support the camp. This called meeting will take the place of the regularly scheduled June meeting.