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Smoky Mountain Christian Camp Newsletter

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If you wish to see pictures this summer of camp on a daily basis you can follow us on facebook. Join the group. Our group name is Smoky Mountain Christian Camp.

Dear Friends of the Camp,

Thank God for warm weather and sunshine. I'm not sure I needed the bad weather to appreciate the sunshine; but either way I am happy for the arrival of Spring. Summer Camp is coming up quickly. We are getting the camp ready for that. The Children's Ranch will be out of the lodge, many projects will be done, and our deans of each week are preparing for wonderful, spiritual, fun, and creative weeks. Can't wait to see you and your youth.

Register Online



Hopefully everyone who needs a brochure has one. If you need one feel free to contact me at clarkbnj9@aol.com. You can also view all the events that are available on our web site as well as register. www.smccamp.com. If you register by May you will receive an additional \$10 off the week of camp. There are other discounts available. You can view descriptions of each week of camp by clicking on the week on the events page. Other discounts include discounts for first time campers and for bringing a first time camper. We do this to encourage new people to come to Smoky Mountain Christian Camp. Our fees for camp are considerably less than most other camps that I am aware of. Hopefully, each of you has the capability of online registration. If for some reason you do not, please call me for a physical registration form. 423-261-2197.

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because his mind is on you

1 Thess. 5:16-18:

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus

Psalms 118:8-9

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

Important Meeting



We have an important meeting coming up. It is probably going to be a called meeting for May 13. Each church will receive notice by mail very soon. We need as many supporting churches represented as possible. The meeting will be called by the camp president, Mark Overton. It will be for the purpose of signing the lease agreement with Cherokee Christian Children's Ranch. A committee was put together to come up with terms of an agreement to sell the 9.5 acres that we will be leasing. We will vote on this proposal as well at the called meeting. These 9.5 acres is acreage that was purchased along with 19 other acres some 10 years ago. It does not affect the original 40 acres of camp property. Selling the 9.5 acres was discussed by the camp board in the last camp board meeting and the representatives all seemed to favor doing this over leasing the property.

Why Come To Camp



John Pryor recently sent me an article by Jim Burns about the effectiveness of summer camp. If you wish to read that article here is a link to it: <http://www.ymtoday.com/articles/article.php?aid=2548>. Camp really has and still does affect many young people in ways nothing else does. It is rare for kids to set aside an entire week to get away from the world's distractions, be around other Christians, and totally focus on worshiping and learning about God. Camp is exciting; it gets kids out of the ordinary routines of life; provides a setting that is relational; opens kids up spiritually; and builds lasting memories. I am thankful to those who come to camp because of their love for camp and the impact it has made on each of them. They come to serve and try to make an impact on others in the same way they have been impacted. There are so many great things about Smoky Mountain Christian Camp. I hope I am here forever and that I can continue to make this place an even better place.

Thanks for those of you who took the time to look through this newsletter. Let us continue to work together at God's business.

Shine On,



Billy Clark
Smoky Mountain Christian Camp