



Winter Wonderland from Smoky Mountain Christian Camp

Hi Friends,

I hope you all survived the biggest snow we have had in many years. At least, that is what we had here at the camp. I would say we had at least a foot of snow. They do a better job of clearing our roads than they have in the past so it did not take us long to be able to get out and about. The kids of course enjoyed sledding and this is the first year we have had a ATV working, so that has been fun. Trying to keep buildings from freezing up and fixing plumbing here and there have kept us busy enough. We are enjoying the winter wonderland, but hopeful that it doesn't last too much of the year. Seasons Greetings to you all and I hope you enjoy the newsletter and the pictures.

Basketball Roof Destruction



I didn't know how this destruction process was going to take place. I thought it would be a difficult process. Nope; it went down in about a half an hour. Well, we had to do some prep beforehand. We took down the fence surrounding both ends as well as the basketball goals. But after that, we had one of our logging friends come out with his logging skidder. He hooked a cable up to the left side to hold up the roof while he cut wedges out of the telephone poles holding up the roof. The he eased off and the pictures show how easily it came down. The tough part is going to be the cleanup. If any churches want a work project it will be helpful to have a lot of hands on this one.

Summer Camp News



Our summer schedule is set. You can see our summer schedule on the web site. I should have more information available as time passes on. My goal is to have all the deans have their volunteers listed by the end of March. I will at that time put those lists on the web site under each week so that you can see who is helping at each week. Our weeks have had good leadership but we could use more adult supervision at each of the weeks. That is one of my goals for this summer in trying to make camp all that it should be. The summer camp brochure should be ready and sent out to churches as well as last year's campers by the beginning of February. But for now you can get information at www.smccamp.com.

Fundraisers and Retreats



Our fall season always seems busier than our spring season as far as having retreat groups use the camp. We still have plenty of openings on the calendar for retreats if you would like to bring your Church, youth group, Sunday School class, or whatever. In trying to raise funds to help with construction of the new Log Gym, we could use the income that retreat groups provide. Also, we may be trying a couple of fundraiser ideas. We discussed at our last couple of camp board meetings the idea of doing a motorcycle retreat as a fundraiser. The idea is to have a nice dinner and breakfast as well as a ride. There are a couple of guys looking to head this up. If you have an interest in being a part of this retreat let me know. You can contact me at clarkbnj9@aol.com. We may also do a hike-a-thon, which we have not done in a few years.

Summer camp is sneaking up on us. Time is passing by too quickly, as we have so much to do. We thank you as always for the support each of you give. As we have this big project coming up your support and any extra support is very much needed. We are so thankful for those who have already given extra to help with this project; we still have a ways to go to reach our goals in raising money for The Log Gym. We pray and work to bring our goals to realization. May God bless our efforts, and may He get all the glory.

Sincerely,

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