



# Smoky Mountain Christian Camp Newsletter

Your Monthly Newsletter

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## Events After Summer Camp

We are planning to do weekend retreats between summer camp sessions. We hope your youth groups would plan to attend a couple of them.

**August 21-22:** High School white-water rafting retreat.

**Sept. 4-5:** Wild Weekend for 5th and 6th graders. Includes bridge jumping and Baby Falls.

**Oct. 2-3:** Caving and Ropes for 7th and 8th grade.

**Dec. 5-6:** All night worship and concerts with a few area bands.

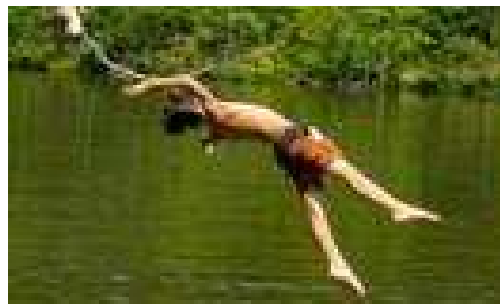
**March 19-20:** Mountain Biking weekend for high school.

**May 7-8:** Wild Weekend for 7th and 8th grade. Includes bridge jumping and Baby Falls.

## Dear Friends of the Camp,

This is our First Newsletter that we are doing through email. This physical copy is pretty well exactly like the electronic one, with a few minor changes just because there are a few things just wouldn't apply to you as they do those receiving by email.

## Summer Camp



We are looking forward to a great summer. There are many changes to look forward to. We have tried to build in incentives that would bring in new campers. \$25 off for anyone who is a first time camper or if you bring a first time camper. I think everyone will have a great impression of the camp this summer. I am excited about the changes we have made, and look forward to taking another step forward next summer. For now, may God bless this summer. Please send a lot of kids.

## The Latest Camp Board Meeting

At our latest camp board meeting, held May 19, we discussed further the lease agreement between the Camp and Cherokee Christian Children's Ranch. We came close to having the agreement say what we want but it was decided to change a couple of things and pay a lawyer to write out a more technical version of what we have. I do not know yet when we will try to call our next meeting to vote on the agreement, but our next camp board meeting is Sept. 10.

If You are a new friend of the camp, we need you

Having gone around to quite a few churches this spring, I was able to get 70 new names of people interested in becoming a friend of the camp. I have sent you 70 info on what that means, but have only received a couple of responses from those mailings. If all 70 were to give 10 dollars per month that would give us an additional \$700 per month. That would help enormously. If none end up deciding to give, we lose \$8,400 potential dollars. You can see just from that what \$10 per month can do. For now, I put you 70 people on our mailing list, at least until we see if you plan on being a supporter. Thank you for at least considering this cause. It goes toward making our young people the people that God created them to be.

## Those Receiving this by regular mail

If you are receiving this by regular mail but are capable of receiving it by email, please let me know. I can send you return address envelopes if you need them; or you can go and make donations on our web site. You can even subscribe on the web site to make your donations automatically so that you don't have to remember to write a check. Our web site is [www.smccamp.com](http://www.smccamp.com).

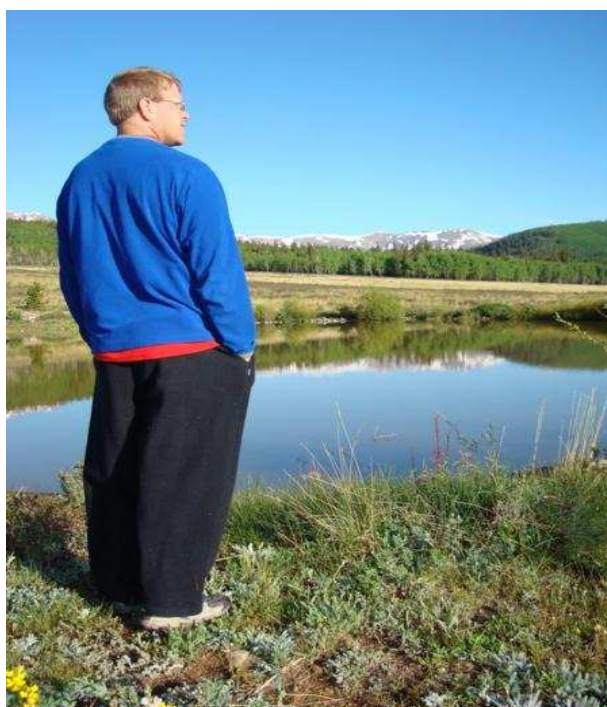
## Additional Summer Camp Staff

Last month I introduced the summer camp staff, but I turned in the information before I knew that Joshua Branson would be working here again this summer. I am looking forward to having Josh back with us again. He is a great young man, comes from a great family, and is a great asset to the camp. His Dad and Mom, Scott and Jill Branson, were actually the previous camp managers before my Dad came in 1990. He will help with the grounds as well as in the dish room.

Thanks for your support. We have made many improvements. They have not come for free, and we couldn't make them without you. Have a great summer, and I hope we see you during it.

God's Servant and Yours, Billy

Sincerely,



Billy Clark  
Smoky Mountain Christian Camp