



Smoky Mountain Christian Camp Newsletter

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The Winter Months

The Winter Months are coming and here is a look at what is in store for us at the camp during those months. The camp gets much less use during those months. Feel free to book a retreat, as December through February are usually pretty quiet, yet we have heat in the buildings you sleep in and in the dining hall. Also, the hiking trails are nice cause with the leaves down the

Dear Friends of the Camp,

Can you even believe it is October already? Where did September go? This sure has been the wettest fall season I can ever remember. It has been good though. The temperature is nice, and I'm enjoying the season, although not really looking forward to the cold of winter. Hopefully mowing season is going to slow down a little.

Thank You Smoky Mountain Christian Camp

I was thinking about what I want to do for a devotion/lesson with the youth group I help with. One idea I had was to have each person write a letter to the youth group as a whole just sharing what the youth group meant to them. I think I will have them do that, and I thought it would be a good idea to do the same thing in the camp newsletter. So I want to say thank you to Smoky Mountain Christian Camp for meaning so much to me for a very, very long time. You have done so much for me spiritually. You have introduced me to so many friends. You introduced me to my wife, Jenni. You have been a place of refuge. You have been a terrific place to raise my kids. I could not ask for a better camp to be a part of. Your landscape is so beautiful, and you have so much to offer with all the surrounding hiking trails and waterfalls. I am indebted to you and you are a gift of God to me. When I came here for the first time back in 1986 as a 13 year old kid going into his Freshman year in High School I thought sure that God's presence was here. I know that His presence was here and has been here often since then. When I came back here after my years at Johnson Bible College I had no idea I would be here to stay. Those first few years full time when I started Wilderness camp with the help of my cousin Amy were some of the best years of my life. I grew so much spiritually as well as began to be a minister to others. Kenny Shubert and Wes Jones were awesome volunteers who helped make the camp a wonderful experience for the campers. I look back and think we were so young to be leading all the things we were leading. But so many kids were brought closer to God because of this place. There is not a place I would rather be and I can hardly imagine myself

views are more open... We will be doing some work to the kitchen this winter, as it needs some remodeling. The ceiling is looking like it is going to come down, so we will be redoing at least part of the ceiling. Without as many groups in and with our property taxes and insurance due during those months, it is our toughest months financially. We thank you for the help you give and hope each of you can help this winter.

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someplace else. Since those beginning years so much has happened; 10 years of marriage, 2 children ages 8 and 6. Time has gone by so quickly yet the meaning of this place to me has not changed. I hope I get to spend all the years of my life here, and I pray you can mean as much to others and their spiritual journey as you have to me. I pray that is especially true for my two children. Thank you again for all you offer and for being a place my heart loves.

Camp Needs

You can help out the camp in many ways. Churches, we need some of you who can to adopt a portion of the camp and help make improvements to the area you adopt. We also need canoes and/or canoe repairs as well as more canoe paddles. We need to reroof a couple of our buildings and we appreciate the Maryville area churches, Cornerstone Christian, and First Christian Harriman each making special donation.

Camp Board Meeting

Our next scheduled board meeting is on Dec. 10 at Farragut Christian Church at 7:30 p.m. On the agenda is the election of camp officers as well as our status and our salaries. We may have a called meeting before that to finalize the camp/ranch lease agreement. I will be sure to keep you informed of that.

Thank you once again friends. Peace, love, and unity to all of you. Hope all your needs are being taken care of. "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matt. 4:4

Sincerely,



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