

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Niagara Frontier Christian Service Camping Association, Inc.  
November 2007 to October 2008

## Why are we here?

"The business and object of this Corporation is to own, maintain and operate a non-profit religious Christian Camp. To oversee this Camp as an outdoor recreational facility with camping opportunities for men, women, boys, and girls of all ages. To seek, through these opportunities, to win them to a saving knowledge of Christ, and to promote general growth in their Christian life." (By Laws)

Our By Laws define our mission and vision.

Our mission is the sowing, watering and dressing of the field for the real harvest increase, which the Lord gave.

In the summer camps for boys and for girls we had many recorded spiritual decisions (salvation, assurance, dedication)! These were the easy to measure life-changing decisions, only the Lord knows of all the other silent decisions to follow Him and growth in leadership skills acquired at camp this summer. Nor can we forget that camp is open all year round for all the other Brigade and Girls Alive programs and for Christian groups that use the camp for ministry to their constituencies. *"For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands."* Ps. 92 verse 4

## Summer Camp 2008

Plans are underway for Summer Camp 2009, on the heels of a wonderful 2008 summer season!!

Thank you for praying and supporting us in so many ways!! God gave us a tremendously dedicated staff and more children to work with than ever before. All four guys' sessions were full or nearly full. In our first year with two Girls Alive weeks, we were 90% full and well over our goal. We estimate that thirty-eight children put their faith in Jesus Christ and that over 150 others rededicated their lives to our Savior. PTL!!

Yes, we got our share of rain, but even with this we saw God's creation in marvelous ways. We saw the most beautiful cloud formations, lightning storms and rainbows.

We wish you could have seen them. "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Psalm 19:1

## Torch Open Report

On September 15<sup>th</sup> we had a wonderful time golfing, eating and raising money for Camp Hickory Hill!!! We started in the rain but after a few holes, we had a nice crisp autumn day and a lot of fun!! I think we laughed more than you're supposed to on a golf course.

Thanks to the generosity of the men who participated and from many area businesses who donated prizes, we were able to raise about \$500 for camp. Praise the Lord!!

## Camp Use

In addition to the CSB Region 33 activities, the camp is occupied almost every weekend of the year by a variety of groups. Below is a partial listing of those who have used our facilities:

Journey Christian  
Victory Baptist  
Browncroft Community  
Royal Rangers

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## Camp Use (continued)

Community Bible  
Grace Lutheran  
Lighthouse Bible Baptist  
New Song  
Cub Scouts  
Randall Memorial Baptist  
Elim Fellowship

## **Praise the Lord for What He Has Done!!!**

Psalm 92:1 says, "It is a good thing to praise the Lord, and to make music unto your name O Most High." It certainly has been a year of faith stretching and faith building, but we are so thankful for God's provision. Here are just a few of the things that God has allowed us to do this year. We are thankful for His provisions!!!

- Rebuilt the rifle range
- Repaired Cabin 4 & added porch
- Installed a new furnace in gym
- We now have a new drinking fountain in dining hall
- Renovated pump house
- Painted the interiors of Cabins 2,3,4
- Installed new Windows in cabins 6 & 7
- New roof on cabin 5
- 3 new Adirondack sheds built
- Covered wagon built

## **Christian Service Brigade Region 33 activities at Hickory Hill**

- Father/Son Snow Overnight - 92 Fathers & Sons; Speaker Sam Richbart
- Father/Daughter Snow Overnight - 119 Fathers & Daughters; Speaker Sam Richbart and Zach Dunn.
- Winter Camp-O-Rama - 111 Men & Young Men; Program Hamburg Wesleyan; Speaker Dick Herskind
- Mother/Daughter Overnight - 122 Mothers & Daughters; Speaker Stephanie Lasch.
- Camp-O-Rama - 135 Men & Young Men; Program Hope Alliance; Speaker Andy Ward
- Stock-A-Rama - 200 Men & Boys; Program Randall Baptist; Speaker Dan Anger
- Summer Camp - 399 men and boys attended (347.5 camper weeks) - 142 spiritual decisions with 28 of these for salvation. PTL!!
- Girls Alive Camp - 177 girls!! At least 56 spiritual decisions with at least 10 salvations. PTL!!!
- Father/Son Weekend 1 - 93 Fathers & Sons; Speaker Phil Wade of Nash Rd Free Methodist; Worship led by Jon VanZwieten and Brock Porzio of Hamburg Wesleyan
- Father/Son Weekend 2 - 125 Fathers & Sons; Speaker Andy Ward of Hope Alliance; Worship led by Jamie Cole of Koinonia Fellowship

We are extremely excited about how God is using Camp Hickory Hill to reach so many people. It is impossible in a report like this to convey all that is happening when boys, girls, men and women come to camp. Praise the Lord for what He is doing!!

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## **CHH Executive Director is coming**

A significant decision affecting the ministry of Camp Hickory Hill was made back in February 2006. After more than a year-and-a-half of discussion, planning and praying, the Executive Board of Camp Hickory Hill asked Sam Richbart to become the full time Executive Director for Camp Hickory Hill starting in January 2009.

We believe that our CSB region will be strengthened with this change. The new CSB Regional Director, Aaron Richbart and Sam will work closely together, but Sam's focus will be serving churches through the camping ministry and the CSB Regional Director's focus will be on serving churches through the CSB programs.

Please pray for God's provision and direction during this transition.

## **From the chairman of the board**

We have much this past year to praise God for. We had great attendance at our summer camps this year with many professions of faith and indications of recommitment.

PTL! We have been able to serve as hosts for many other groups that have used the facilities and taken time to enjoy the beautiful surroundings that we have been blessed with.

Major improvements over the last year have included major repairs to Cabin #4, a rebuild of the archery building, and some other repairs following a serious windstorm last fall. We replaced the riflery building, closing a chapter in camp history by retiring the last of the election booths that were donated to camp in 1969.

Thanks to Clarence Havens' shopping skills, camp was also able to replace the aging pickup truck, upgrade some of the golf carts, and replace the dining hall floor cleaning machine. We have had many wonderful volunteers that have helped maintain and improve camp.

Thanks to all those who have helped by praying, by working, and by giving to help camp be a truly special place where the message of Christ's wonderful gift of salvation goes forth.

The Executive Board of the Niagara Frontier Christian Service Camping Association, Inc.

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