

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Niagara Frontier Christian Service Camping Association, Inc.
November 2008 to October 2009

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*

Executive Directors Report

Building godly families for today and tomorrow!!

Introduction

It has been a wonderful year of ministry at Camp Hickory Hill!!! We have seen God work in so many ways and we know that much more is happening that is not revealed to us. Please thank God for what He is doing and ask him to continue to bless the CHH ministry. Pray that we would be used to raise up men and women of God who are on fire for Him!!!

A Year of Change

2009 began with Camp Hickory Hill placing me in the new position of Executive Director. (I use the terms Camp Director or Director more often.) My son Aaron took over the reins for CSB Ministries in this region and I focused on the ministry at camp. Aaron and I work very closely together, as CSB and CHH are very much connected as well. It has been a great first year and I know I am still learning a lot. Thank you to everyone for your support in so many ways!!

A couple of weeks ago, we had a nice dinner celebration to say thank you to Duane & Marilyn Perry for many years of service. Duane retired as Assistant Site Manager at the end of August. We will miss his daily presence but Duane and Marilyn live just across the valley and plan to help out when they can.

We also had a change at the other Assistant Site Manager position as DJ McNamara headed off to college and Brock Porzio moved in. DJ did a marvelous job with us and it has been great seeing Brock jump in and learn so much.

The final change I will share here has been the building of Trinity Lodge. You are going to love this new cabin with a sleeping area on each end and a meeting room in the middle. It will be ready by the first of the year. One thing that did not change was the tremendous support we received both financially and physically with this project. Thank you!!!!

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"Old" 2009 Programs

Non-Summer: *We are so happy to continue programs that are reaching out to many. As you can see parent/child and family events are a strong point of our ministry in the non-summer months. Although we are pleased with what God has allowed us to do, we desire to fill camp and therefore reach out to more on each of these weekends. (In addition to the numbers reported below, most weekends have between 25 and 40 helpers. Leadership development continues to be a key part of what God has us doing.)*

- Father/Son Snow Overnight - 85 Fathers & Sons; Speaker Matt Ditekowski; Worship John VanZwieten & Caleb Porzio (The weather conditions forced us to make this just a Saturday event, canceling the Friday night portion. An additional 50 had planned to come before this change.)
- Father/Daughter Snow Overnight - 119 Fathers & Daughters; Speaker Pat Tharp; Worship Pat Tharp & Ilya Fedotov
- Mother/Daughter Overnight - 120 Mothers & Daughters; Speaker Lucy Monthie; Worship Bethany Miller
- Memorial Day & Labor Day Family Weekends - 104 and 55 campers respectively
- Torch Open Golf Fundraiser - 38 golfers; earning approximately \$600 for CHH
- Father/Son Weekend 1 - 80 Fathers & Sons; Speaker Dwight Adams; Worship Ilya Fedotov & Pat Tharp
- Father/Son Weekend 2 - 190 Fathers & Sons; Speaker Dave Nauss; Worship Brock & Caleb Porzio

Summer: *It was a wonderful summer of ministry!! Campers are coming to know Christ as savior and growing in Him!! Leaders are being developed and are excited about serving Christ!! PTL!! (We felt the economic conditions with fewer campers than last year but God provided for us in every way, including financially!)*

- Guys' Summer Camp - 339 men and boys attended (309 camper weeks) - 165 spiritual decisions with 26 of these for salvation. PTL!!
- Girls Alive Camp - 161 girls!! 98 spiritual decisions with at least 6 salvations. PTL!!
- Camp Judah - Week 1 - 165 campers; Week 2 - 175 campers
- Ride to Recovery - 45 campers

New 2009 Programs

We were extremely happy to add four programs in 2009! We had modest turnouts with the Men's Retreat and Mother/Son Overnight, but had tremendous first years with the Family Fun Carnival Day and the Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference.

The ISI Conference was co-hosted by CSB Ministries and CHH. Our goal was to strengthen area churches by sharpening Christian men AND for us to connect with new churches, giving us opportunities to work with them throughout the year. At least 56 churches attended and 43 of these were non-CSB churches. With a wonderful one-day event, we have now built a connection with a lot of new churches... One significant praise from the conference was ten salvation decisions!! PTL!!!

- Men's Retreat - 24 men
- Mother/Son Overnight - 52 Mothers & Sons; Speaker Zach & Amy Dunn; Worship John VanZwieten & Caleb Porzio
- Family Fun Carnival Day - 143 people; Campfire Story - Sam Richbart; Campfire Songs and Skits - Summer Camp Staff

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- Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference - 481 men; Keynote Speakers Ken Canfield and Chuck Stecker

2009 Non-Summer Usage

- This year outside of the summer camps, we had approximately 3500 camper days of use and ministry. PTL!! Camp use seems to increase each year!!
- It is a joy to be able to provide a wonderful facility and to facilitate the ministries of churches, CSB groups, youth groups, schools, etc.

2010 and Beyond

Although we cannot be sure of what God will do, we are praying for more campers to reach out to and for more churches to come beside as we partner together in "Building godly families for today and tomorrow!!"

The Summer Camp Committees have been very proactive this off-season to design programs that will fill camp next summer. Extra special attention was given to our half-week program which was only half-full last summer. Popular Airsoft and Nerf Gun programs were added to Battalion and Stockade respectively for this session and the price of the Father & Son Camp was reduced. Girls Alive Camp will again have the popular Horse Camp and we have added a Dance Camp.

By connecting with so many new men and churches at Iron Sharpens Iron 2009, we are looking for growth in our Father & Child Snow Overnights and especially in our Men's Retreat. We promoted these and other events at the ISI Conference and will stay connected with the men through phone, mail and email... As an extra special attraction to our Men's Retreat we have arranged for Nels Cremean to be with us!! Nels is a Christian juggler and comedian that has been a part of several CHH & CSB events.

As we connect with more men and more churches, we also envision our Mother & Child events and Family events growing as well. An additional Family Weekend is already scheduled for the July 4th weekend. It will include a trip over the hill to enjoy the tremendous fireworks program from Buffalo Hill Village!

Why do we want more campers? Why do we want more men? Why do we want more Mothers and Daughters?? That's easy! We want to be used to reach more people for

Christ and to help them grow in their walk with Him!!!

Thank you for your part in this ministry!!

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

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House & Grounds Report

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!!!

- Cabin 13 remodeled
- Drinking fountains installed in Dining Hall
- New roofs on Polands, handicraft bldg.
- 100 cord of wood cut, split, and sold
- New dock purchased for pond
- Trinity Lodge almost completed
- Rifle Range enlarged
- Speed ball range excavated

Christian Service Brigade Region 33 activities at Hickory Hill

Winter Camp O Rama - February 6-8, 2009

Coordinated by Randall Baptist Church

Speaker and Worship Team Coordinator: Jim Walton, Youth Pastor @ Randall

Numbers:

7 Units

64 Boys

39 Men

103 Total

Spring Camp O Rama - May 15-17, 2009

Coordinated by Spencerport Bible Church

Speaker: Lee Balentine, Youth Pastor @ Spencerport

Worship Team: Youth from Spencerport, lead by Levi Fasoldt

Numbers:

10 Units

91 Boys

44 Adults

135 Total

Spring Stock A Rama - May 15-16, 2009

Coordinated by Spencerport Bible Church

Speaker: Tom Balentine, Head Pastor @ Spencerport

Worship Leader: Vince Anderson

Numbers:

13 Units

124 Boys

78 Adults

202 Total

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Spiritual Decisions: 2 or 3 salvations from Hamburg Wesleyan on Saturday Night

August Campout – August 28-30

Numbers:

4 Units - Lafayette, Randall, Vanguard, Hamburg Wesleyan

15 boys

12 Adults

27 Total

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!!

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

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