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NEW!

Father & Son Fall Weekends

Online Registration Available

Okay, maybe you were busy and missed the summer Father & Son Weekend. You missed out on archery, riflery, canoeing, fishing, the climbing wall, capture the flag, and other camp activities with your son. You don't have to wait until next summer. We have another weekend planned for you and your son this fall.

Our Father & Son Fall weekends are almost here!!

- October 6-7 Speaker Pastor Vaughn Holmes
Some openings remain.
- October 13-14 Speaker Pastor Doug Sukhia

Lots of room still available.

Note: If you have flexibility in your schedule, please register for the second weekend. There is still some room for the first weekend, but it is filling quickly.

Registration: Online registration is now available. Visit www.camphickoryhill.org to register online or to print out a registration form. Please contact Sam Richbart at 716-631-3498 or Sam@BrigadeNYPA.com for more information.

Only \$20/person (Maximum of \$50/family)

Looking Ahead: Winter will be here soon and with it will be SNOW! Well, you know it's coming, so we might as well enjoy it. The Father/Child Snow Overnights allow you to enjoy the snow with your child. Watch the website for information on these exciting annual weekends.

- January 12-13 Father/Son Snow Overnight
- January 19-20 Father/Daughter Snow Overnight

Hickory Hill Special Dinner

November 4 at CHH

On November 4th, we will be holding a dinner at Camp Hickory Hill

- To Initiate a Fund Raising Campaign,
- To celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness

One of the key goals of this campaign will be to pave the way for our new Executive Director Position. Sam Richbart will be stepping into this position on January 1, 2008. Although Sam will be raising support, we are praying for one year's salary to be raised in advance to be held in escrow. This will help during any low support months during the first couple of years.

Other campaign goals will be unveiled at the dinner.

Please join us and bring others. You will:

- Enjoy a wonderful meal catered by Rosario Ferri
- Participate in a joyful time of worship
- Hear moving testimonies from Summer Camp campers and staff
- See pictures and video from Summer Camp
- Take a meaningful look at our vision for the Camp Hickory Hill ministry
- Help us begin our Fund Raising Campaign

More details will be forth coming, but for now, please reserve the date and spread the word

2006 Summer Camp Report

Guys Summer Camp

What a wonderful summer of ministry at Camp Hickory Hill!! More than 350 boys, young men and dads attended with lots of fun and lots of spiritual growth. God knows the exact numbers, but we recorded 18 salvation decisions, 77 decisions of re-dedication and 27 assurances. We saw God working! PTL!! Here are just a few of my memories:

- Two boys coming to know Christ as Savior during a paintball afternoon
- Counterstrike! Camouflage everywhere!!
- Christmas in July!... Five Golden Rings...
- Really hot days with Igloo coolers of water everywhere
- The tug-of-war over and in the drainage ditch after an extremely rainy afternoon
- The ensuing mass wrestling match in the same drainage ditch
- Leaders' Huddles with cheers when spiritual decisions were reported
- Our new game room looking great and filling the need perfectly
- Waiting at the flag pole to pray with the Program Directors while hearing a Junior Leader tell a great campfire story at his campsite campfire
- Boys coming to know Christ
- Boys and Leaders growing in Christ

God Uses Paintball

Two guys accepted Christ as their Savior DURING PAINTBALL this summer!!! PTL!! Program Director, Aaron Richbart, was with one young man and Junior Leader, Tom Domino, was with the other. Here is Aaron's account:

"While we were playing paintball on Thursday one of my campers had to go to the bathroom. Because he didn't know the way to the four-holer, I had to take him there. This camper "just happened" to be the camper who I had asked God to give me one-on-one time with. As we were walking back to paintball I asked him if he knew what it means to be a Christian. When he couldn't give an answer I asked him if he wanted me to tell him how to become a Christian. **He answered with the most enthusiastic and desperate "yes!" I had ever heard.** I presented the Romans Road and he understood everything in those verses. We were then sitting in the Adirondack shelter at the end of the pond. It was there that he gave his life to Christ. That night at the camp fire he also raised his hand to dedicate his life to Christ."

Praise the Lord!!!!!!

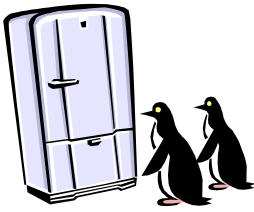
Girls Alive Camp

It is so exciting to see how God is using and growing our Girls Alive ministry. Two years ago we ran a half-week program to get started. Last summer we exploded to a 99 girl full-week program and this year we expanded to 114!! PTL!!

What happens at Girls Alive Camp?? Well, many of the activities are just like the guys camp; archery, riflery, climbing wall, canoeing, fishing, soccer, etc.. Some of the girls have even found our mud pit!! But, yes there are differences; the pitch in the dining hall goes up a couple of octaves, the crafts change, and photography and cup-stacking are added.

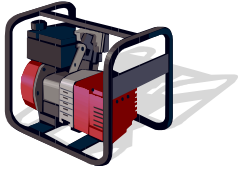
Most importantly our philosophy of ministry doesn't change. We share Christ through building relationships between a Christian woman and a girl. God provided a wonderfully strong 55 member female staff led by Kathy "Mac" McIntosh that reached out and made a tremendous impact on the girls. We observed six salvation decisions, 17 re-dedications and 17 assurances. PTL!! Two of these decisions can be directly traced to the older campers witnessing to younger campers. Wow! PTL!!

Stay tuned for details about next summer! We are working on ways to allow for more girls during the full-week program, and we are looking to add a Mother/Daughter Long Weekend. We hope you can attend!!



Refrigerators Needed

The camp can use a number of refrigerators—anything from dorm size to full size. Call (585) 535-7832 if you can help.



Generator Needed

The frequent power outages this summer were too much for our 5kw portable generator.

If you would like to help replace this generator, call (585) 535-7832

Praise List

1. The 2006 Summer camp Report (Page 1)
2. Our newly renovated Rec hall.
3. The new Adirondack Shelters
4. Our larger and deeper pond
5. Those who faithfully responded to our appeal for financial support this summer.

Prayer List

1. Our upcoming Fund Raising Campaign (see Special Dinner page 1)
2. The addition of our Executive Director in 2008
3. All the boys and girls who were touched spiritually this summer

Donate a day

Camp can use many willing hands any day of the week, any time of the year. Bring yourself, your family, Youth Group, Brigade Unit or neighbor. There is plenty to do for all skills. Come the evening before and spend the night in a cabin. If you would like to help out or have any questions just call (585) 535-7832.

The Chairman's Corner

Greetings!

Wow! Are you ready for autumn? Summer sure went fast this year, as it does every year! Seems the older I get, the faster it goes!

Again this year, Camp Hickory Hill was home for many boys, girls, young men and women for a week at a time to hear and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ! What a blessing it is that hundreds of kids from all walks of life hear that Jesus Christ loves them in a world filled with hate. Your prayers and support help keep that message ringing loud and clear.

This year, the beginning of 2006 was not very good financially for CHH; donations were very low, almost non-existent. We prayed and sent out a letter asking for your help. The Lord's people were faithful and donations came in to ease our finances. I want to personally thank you for your help in allowing CHH to continue bringing the Gospel to those in need! More is still needed and I trust the Lord will provide, as He has shown many times!

If you haven't been to Camp Hickory Hill lately, please stop in or go to the website to see the improvements - what a blessing it's been to watch the new facilities come together and be used so quickly for the Glory of God!

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank you again for your support and prayers and look forward to seeing you throughout the year!

God's blessings to you all! In His service,
Barry Ricketts, Chairman

Leadership Advance 2006

November 10-12

Don't miss Leadership Advance 2006, "Being a Real Man"! This semi-annual leadership-training event is designed to equip, guide, and challenge young men to grow as leaders and to grow in their walk with the Lord. **All young men in high school or college are encouraged to attend.** The weekend includes:

- ◆ Leadership Training at all levels
- ◆ Camping Skills
- ◆ How to Tell a Story
- ◆ Craft Projects
- ◆ Leading Worship
- ◆ Basketball, Football, **Snag Golf, Caiman Golf**
- ◆ Speaker: Youth Leader Mike Bochno (Mike is a dynamic leader that works with the youth and Koinonia Fellowship in East Rochester. Mike's background includes professional boxing.)

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