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Philippians 3:10**

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September 2009

GOD AT WORK AT BLC

It's very common for people to ask me what's next at the camp. Especially now that summer camp is over people are curious what projects we are working on. As we seek the direction for BLC, the question I keep asking myself is *“WHERE IS GOD WORKING AT BLC?”* Where is it evident that he is moving and how can we follow his leading? So many times we make plans and then ask God to bless our efforts. It is our staff's prayer to be still and quiet and listen to where we see his hand at work.

It is clearly evident to us that God is very much at work in this place. As I reflect back over the summer, I quickly think about the testimonies I heard at the campfires of how God had spoken to campers and staff and how they shared from their hearts their desire to live for Him. I think about the love and unity experienced among our summer staff - how they were a living testimony of the body of Christ contagious to all the campers. I think about all the kids who memorized God's word for “Melee” and were encouraged in their faith. I think about the many discussions between staff and campers making their faith applicable to their lives. I think about the 50+ young campers that have signed up to be a part of our discipleship program (Cub Club) throughout the year. I think about the new families that have come to know Jesus and have gotten involved with Bear Lake Ministries over the summer months. I think about our full Fall Retreat Schedule.....

GOD is working here at BLC and I am convinced He only wants to impact more and impact deeper those who step foot on these grounds. It remains our mission to challenge individuals toward maturity in

Christ and provide an environment that will help people hear His calling and discover His will for their lives.

We as a staff at BLC would like to invite you to join us as we join God in His incredible ministry and vision for BLC as we continue to partner with God in reaching out to more people through Christian Camping, remaining faithful to his desires for this ministry - further developing BLC tools for ministry - our facilities, grounds, staff and program.

Areas where you can join God in his work at BLC:

- Prayer support
- Work team Opportunities (Roofing Cabin # 2, Siding the Chapel, Landscaping)
- Financial Contributions to our
 - 200/10 Program (donor club helping meet our operational needs: \$10 min/month)
 - Scholarship Program (allowing underprivileged kids to attend camp)
 - Gym Project (a need to help us continue, expand and strengthen our year round ministry. Estimated cost - \$200,000)
 - Sr. Project - Replacing our 20 yr old fleet of Canoes (\$3,000)

What a great opportunity to give to a place where there is evidence of God at worka place where God is changes lives. Please embrace this opportunity to be at work with Him. To God alone be the glory!!!!

God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' (Acts 17:27-28)

Marty

Summer 2009

- 7 Weeks of Camp
- 489 campers
- 153 first time campers
- 22 reported salvations
- Numerous recommitments
- 19 Full-time Summer Staff
- 19 Service Crew members
- 12 Guest Summer Staff
- 6 Leadership Staff
- 52 scholarships given
- 97 churches represented
- Another great Mission Aviation camp!
- 5 BLC staff helped with a week of camp at Camp Otyokwah in Ohio.
- Lifetime friendships were made and strengthened...
- Life changing decisions for Christ were made...
- Kids were unleashed as they found freedom and strength in Christ...



Senior Day Away

Thursday, September 24, 2009

\$12.00 per person

10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship

11:00 am Program

12:00 pm Lunch

Bear Lake Camp Dining Hall



Featuring the banjo playing talents of Paul Creager and Sam Tash, members of the Northeast Indiana Banjo Society.

Register by contacting Lloyd Harlan at 260-657-1024 or at lloydjeanharlan@gmail.com or the camp office at 260-799-5988.

Reservations must be made by Monday, September 21.

Celebrate the Stories of Summer Embrace the Vision of the Future Fall Fundraising Banquet Sunday, October 25, 2009

6:00 p.m.

Join us for a evening of celebrating what God has done and looking ahead to what He will to do. Come ready to be a part of the future.

*Required reservations may be made by calling
260-799-5988 by September 30, 2009*

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Counselor Reflection:

"God showed me that even when I am not constantly seeking him, he still reveals himself to me. What I thought were some of the [most challenging] weeks of the summer were the weeks that I felt God challenging me to not settle for mediocrity. I struggled before the summer with being very complacent with my spiritual life. I felt God challenging me this summer to be constantly seeking after him with a burning, passionate fire."

- Brian



"K2C: KIDS TO CAMP"

The first year of the **Kids to Camp** scholarship program provided camp tuition scholarships for 33 kids to attend camp this summer. For many of those kids it was the first time they had ever attended camp and they had a great time.

Charitable donations from individuals and organizations made the scholarships avail-

able. A generous grant from the Midwest Region Church of God Foundation was greatly appreciated.

Amie Loubier of Vincent Village, an organization that supports homeless families and received four scholarships, shared this: "Thank you so much for the opportunity for our kids to attend camp! They all had an amazing time and in fact one gentleman didn't even want to leave! We literally had to carry him to the van! What you were able to give these kids was a lifetime memory that they would never had the chance to make if it wasn't for people like you! They not only made an ever-

lasting memory, camp was able to open their minds to many new experiences, swimming in a lake, 'camping', sitting around a fire, things that we take for granted everyday! Also the kids had the opportunity to either welcome, reconnect, or build on a prior relationship with Christ!...I look forward to next year's summer camp!"

Because you gave, these 4 lives, and others, were forever changed. As you continue to give more lives will be changed and more everlasting memories will be made. Give a kid a chance that can make an eternal difference. Give to K2C by making a check payable to: Bear Lake Camp and write K2C on the memo line.

Counselor Reflection: "This summer I grew in relationship more with God. I realized just "knowing" who this God person is isn't enough. I learned that I need to know ABOUT him. I have spent more time in the Word which has helped me really get to know who He is and what His plan for me is." - Nichele

Alumni Search.....

Were you a camper at BLC in your youth?

Did your kids attend BLC?

Did you work at BLC during a summer?

We want to hear from you.....

We want to form a BLC Alumni Connection and we want to start by gaining as many names and addresses as possible. We want to provide a way for you to connect and reconnect with those who remember great times at BLC. We need your help:

- Names, addresses, dates/years attended and/or worked
- Memories and reflections

Send info to susan@bearlakecamp.com or

BLC, 1805 S. 16th Street, Albion, IN 46701



G3 RETREAT

OCTOBER 9-10, 2009

BEAR LAKE CAMP

HIGH SCHOOL EVANGELISM TRAINING

FOR STUDENTS READY TO SHARE THEIR FAITH WITH THEIR FRIENDS AND COULD USE A TRAINING TOOL TO HELP.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
DEVIN REED 574-328-0062

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Introducing.....CUB CLUB

A Bear Lake Camp Bible Adventure Club for

Junior Campers

Continue the BLC adventure all year as you stay connected to God and his word.

- Stay connected to BLC all year
- Earn Cub Points
- Invite friends to join the Club
- Registration discount upon completion
- Be eligible for a free camp registration

Become a member today at cubclub@bearlakecamp.com!

Give us your name, address, and birthday and the first adventure will be on its way to you!

CUB CLUB... 56 members already!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS!

- Complete each Adventure and return the Discovery Page to Bear Lake Camp.
- Once your Discovery Page has been received at BLC, we will send you the next Adventure.
- For each Adventure you complete you will be awarded Cub Points which can be used in the camp store during summer camp. 1 point = 50¢
- Complete 8 Adventures and get a \$20.00 discount on your camp registration for the following summer.
- Every Discovery Page returned puts your name in a drawing to win a paid camp registration (for you or a friend).
- You have until April 2010 to complete all the Adventures.

A Day Away is Waiting for You... info@bearlakecamp.com 260-799-5988



Need a personal one-day retreat that allows you some solitude and rest? Call—a quiet day away is available ...260-799-5988

Group Retreats—a few fall weekends and weekdays are still available for your church, youth, or business retreat. Call today to schedule your retreat.

BLC Wish List..... Thank you for responding to our wish list in the past! Here are a few more items we are wishing for....

Appliances: Washer, Dryer, Refrigerator, Water Softener (\$1300), Microwaves

Waterfront: Canoes, Paddles, Children's Small Life Vests, Big inner tubes, Fishing poles

Office: CD/DVD Duplicator, New Computer, Adobe Premier Professional Software, Color Laser Printer. Prosumer Grade Video Camera

Programming: Tents (8-10 people)

Camp Improvements: Scholarship/K2C Donations; Volunteer work teams, Improvements projects

Facilities & Grounds: Hammer drill, Generator, Top Soil, Shovels, Log splitter, Push mowers, Road-worthy pick-up truck, Trees, Leaf blower, Wood chips.

If you help fulfill one or more of these wishes please contact Monty or Tim at 260-799-5988.



Counselor Reflection: "The campers helped me see God in different viewpoints. It was refreshing to see how someone else views a passage or situation." - Trent