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# Bear Tracks

February 2015

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*"That They May Know Him"*

## NEW CAMP 2015 SCHEDULE

The 2015 Camp Schedule is out! You will notice 2 significant changes for this summer. Many will notice that the DAY CAMP option is not available. Although we are aware that it leaves a hole for the youngest campers, the decision was made after careful evaluation and consideration of many details. There has been a steady and significant decrease in day-campers since its beginning, which would have led to a considerable cost increase for that week. In addition, we have also been welcoming more resident campers every summer. As all of the factors were considered, including the short summer camping season due to school calendars, the varied family schedules and our commitment to being good stewards of the financial and physical resources that God has entrusted to us, the BLC 2015 Camp Schedule is finally able to include 2 options for our increasing number of Senior High campers! BOTH Senior High weeks will be programmed similarly...with the exception that ALL Senior High campers won't be at the same week...UNLESS YOU ALL COME BOTH WEEKS!

### **“Summer 2015”**

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| <b>Primary Overnight</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> ): | <b>June 5-6</b>       |
| <b>Jr. High 1</b> (7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> ):        | <b>June 8-13</b>      |
| <b>Junior 1</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> ):          | <b>June 15-20</b>     |
| <b>Sr. High 1</b> (9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> ):       | <b>June 22-27</b>     |
| <b>Junior 2</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> ):          | <b>June 29-July 4</b> |
| <b>Sr. High 2</b> (10 <sup>th</sup> -Grad):                   | <b>July 6-11</b>      |
| <b>Jr. High 2</b> (7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> ):        | <b>July 13-18</b>     |
| <b>Junior 3</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> ):          | <b>July 20-24</b>     |

**Weekly cost:** \$270 (\$285 after 5/1)

**Primary Overnight:** \$74

*Please consider donating to our ‘Kids to Camp’ scholarship fund. Call the office for more information.*

**www.bearlakecamp.com**

### **New Website!**

A new and improved Bear Lake Camp website is up and running...more efficient and easier to navigate to find the information you are looking for. You will be able to find the NEW “SUMMER 2015” camp schedule, as well as register for camp or make an online donation. You can also be transported to videos or slide shows that will allow you to experience a “taste of camp.” New campers and their parents will have a better idea of what to expect and returning campers and families can enjoy reliving a few of their own stories. If you are looking for a place to gather for your next ministry retreat or you just want to “visit” and see the changes since your last visit, you can take a look inside our facilities via the Virtual Tour bar.

*“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”*

*Matthew 16:24*

## Wish List Update

We are amazed time and again at how faithful and generous the friends of BLC are and have been! We truly are reminded that God provides...and often in amazing ways when we keep our eyes wide open and wait on His timing. So, again we thank you and give glory to God for the many responses to the many items that we dare to put on the "Wish List." HOWEVER....some things we wish for but don't even dare to put on the list because it seems so extravagant, unlikely or even impossible...like heavy duty bunk beds and sturdy wood cupboards and chalkboards or dry erase boards! BUT that's what God is in the business of doing: SUPPLYING NEEDS through His people...24 bunk bed units, WITH MATTRESSES, 3 solid wood cupboards, (all in excellent condition) and many truckloads of other helpful camp items as well as dry erase boards! We are so thankful that God has used HIS people to redistribute and recycle some very useful items here at BLC...before they were literally trashed! AND WE ARE THANKFUL FOR HIS PROVISIONS!!! NOTE: If you hear of something that seems too good to trash, but don't really need it, consider referring to BLC! We always try to be good stewards...donated items truly help reduce costs!

### New Needs:

4 – 60" Round White "Lifetime" Tables

Floating Pier

Gator with plow

Kayak Paddles

Bibles: 1 case of 24 = \$55---contact the office for more info

*\*(This might be a great group project for collecting money!)*

### "Bear" Essentials:

Masking tape

Duct tape

Colored Field Marking Tape

Hand Soap Pumps

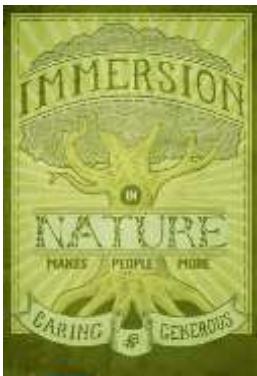
Markers---Sharpies and Washable

Poster board---All colors

Menards, Lowes, Wal-Mart gift cards

\*\*\*Check website "Wishlist" for monthly updates!\*\*\*

**"FOLLOW ME."**---These simple two words from Jesus are an invitation to a whole new way of life. Who did he invite to follow him? Why did he invite them? What does it mean to follow someone, especially Jesus? What's the catch with this invitation? This summer at BLC, we're going to explore what Jesus has in mind when he uses that phrase. We want to move from just being people who listen to Jesus and become people who will follow in his footsteps, thinking and acting like he would. Jesus stated that, "If anyone would be my disciple, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16:24). Sounds easy enough, right? No? You'd be right. Why would we want to be his disciples if it is not easy? There must be some kind of payoff for following Jesus. Do you know what it is? You might be surprised by what he offers to those who follow him...It's something every human being has longed for since time began, but the only way to get it is by **FOLLOWING JESUS**. And the best part? No matter what you've done, no matter who you are, Jesus still invites you to **FOLLOW**. Join us this summer as we take this journey together and respond to Jesus' call!

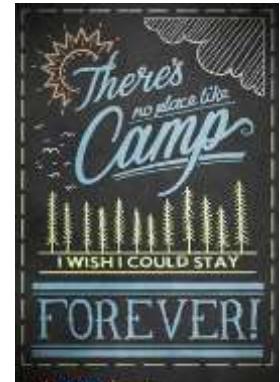


### Apple-Cinnamon Oatmeal

2 cups oatmeal  
½ cup brown sugar  
1 tsp. baking powder  
½ cup melted butter or ½ cup applesauce  
1 egg

Mix ingredients together and pour into a greased 9"x9" pan.  
Bake at 350 for 30 minutes.

1 cup milk  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 apple- grated  
½ cup raisins





## Welcome, Ryan!

As many of you know there is always more work to do at camp than time, money or strength available. We are thankful for another way that God has been providing and at work. Ryan Guiff has been on Summer Staff in the past and knows that first hand. As he has been doing life he had the notion that, "Hey, I could help at BLC!" Through prayer and processing and inviting friends and others to join him in this faith journey, Ryan left his job and has raised financial support for a year to come and assist Tim with the facilities. We are thankful for Ryan's willingness to join in this ministry. Please pray for Ryan and his fiancé, Emily, who has also ministered on Summer Staff, as they walk by faith and prepare for their life together. Ryan and Emily will be married in May after Emily's college graduation. This is an exciting time for them but also a time that is full of change and decisions, so we invite you to encourage them through prayer as their story unfolds.

### MAC Update...

To date, the MAC is putting finishing touches on the downstairs--sound room, children's room, heat, tiled entryway, outdoor parking area lighting...and the upstairs has begun its next phase of drywall and ceilings and stairway access. There is lots to be done!

#### Workdays have been scheduled for:

- ❖ February 21
- ❖ March 14
- ❖ March 28

Call the office for more information about the work that will be done on those days.



***Second Floor--first room***



***Second Floor---second room***



**SUMMER STAFF APPLICATIONS & SERVICE CREW APPLICATIONS:** For more information or to apply, visit the BLC website at: [bearlakecamp.com](http://bearlakecamp.com) and click the 'Summer Program' bar.

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**Summer Staff**  
BLC's summer counseling staff is comprised of carefully screened and selected, college-age young adults who are committed to Christ. They bring an excitement for life and a love for kids. It is our mission that each camper have fun, be challenged, experience God's love through dedicated, trained, and caring staff. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of giving campers the opportunity to meet the Lord Jesus Christ and equip them to grow toward maturity in Him, please find and fill out an application on our website. [www.bearlakecamp.com](http://www.bearlakecamp.com)

**Service Crew Qualifications:**  
Completed first year in high school  
• Have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and a desire to know him better  
• Desire to serve others through your service at BLC  
• Willing to serve in a support role, carrying out "behind the scene" tasks  
• Able to work and live alongside others  
• Able to serve at least two weeks on SC  
• Able to have fun!

Find and fill out the SC application at [www.bearlakecamp.com](http://www.bearlakecamp.com)

**"FOLLOW ME"**