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Thank You

To all of you who have so faithfully supported BLC through your generous financial gifts, diligent prayers, and continual friendship, we say *thank you*. You are making an eternal impact on the lives of children and youth. We look forward to many more years of ministry with you. In the economic uncertainties of the day please pray that we will be good stewards of all that God has given and that we will remember he is the one who is in control and the source of all we need.

BLC Pre-Camp Wish List

These items are needed by May 30, 2009.

- 20 New Mattresses: \$50.00 each
- 3-4 New Canoes: \$439.00 each
- Fishing Poles
- Good Used Push Mower
- Gas Powered Leaf Blower

A complete list can be found at www.bearlakecamp.com



- Pray for the ministry of BLC
- ♦ Vision and Wisdom for the Staff and Board of Directors
 - ♦ Summer Camp Ministry
 - ♦ Community Ministry
 - ♦ Campers and Summer Staff



By purchasing gift cards to give to others or to use yourself you can financially support BLC. A percentage of the value of each card is given to BLC but does not affect the value of the card. Visit www.bearlakecamp.com and click on the **SUPPORT US** link. Do your regular shopping and support the camp.



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February 2009

UNLEASHED

Those who know their God will display
strength and take action.
Daniel 11:32 (NASB)

Ever wonder if there is more than the mundane, normal daily life? We know there is and expect God to do unbelievable things this summer as BLC is

UNLEASHED!

CAMP	GRADES ENTERING	DATE	REGISTRATION FEE
Primary Overnight	2-3	June 5-6	\$ 50.00
Junior 1	4-6	June 8-13	\$225.00
Junior High 1	7-9	June 15-20	\$225.00
Junior 2	4-6	June 22-27	\$225.00
Missions Week	9-12	June 28- July 3	See Below
Junior High 2	7-9	July 6-11	\$225.00
Senior High	10-12	July 13-18	\$225.00
Junior 3	3-5	July 20-24	\$225.00

MISSIONS WEEK

Sunday, June 28—Friday, July 3, 2009
For Campers Entering Grades 9-12

Community Day Camp

Lead a day camp for the children of Bear Lake and surrounding communities. Prepare and present fun filled days of adventure and learning about God's love.

\$225.00

Urban Ministry Camp

Work side by side with ministries who share the love of Christ through the unique challenges, needs, and opportunities of people living in the inner city of Fort Wayne.

\$250.00

Aviation Camp

Gain insight into the world of Mission Aviation. Experience actual flight time as you explore the importance of aviation in reaching people for Christ.

Conducted by Brigade Air, Inc

\$400.00

All Mission Week camps are limited to 12 campers, so choose your camp and register today! Mission Week begins June 28 at 7pm, ends July 3 at 6:30 pm.

Registration forms available
online at
www.bearlakecamp.com
or by request at 260-799-5988
or info@bearlakecamp.com

Kids To Camp Fund-Raisers

Saturday, February 28
Pancake Breakfast
8am—11am

Free Will Donation

Anthony Wayne First Church of God
6012 South Bend Drive, Fort Wayne

Saturday, April 25
Pancake Breakfast
7am—11 am \$7/person
Grace Christian Church
2727 Reed Road, Fort Wayne

All proceeds will be given to the "Kids To Camp" Program. See more details on "Kids To Camp" on page 2.

Why is
sending a kid
to camp a
worthy
investment?

- Kids need a safe refuge from the traps of our culture!
- More families are struggling financially and many children live in poverty!
- Kids need to experience an environment full of God's love.
- KIDS LOVE CAMP and benefit from the experience!

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"KIDS TO CAMP"

Show you care! Make a difference in a young person's life—help send a child to camp this summer! "Kids to Camp" is a partnership of churches, charities, busi-



nesses and organizations working together with Bear Lake Camp. Their mission is to give a summer camp experience to children who would normally not have that opportunity. Many underprivileged and at-risk children in our communities would love just such an opportunity and our hope is to work together to give them that special gift.

Please consider partnering with us to give children and youth an opportunity to have a summer camp experience. Each gift of \$225.00 will sponsor a child for a week of camp. Checks may be made payable to "Bear Lake Camp—Kids to Camp". All gifts are tax deductible.

If you would like to learn more about Kids to Camp and how your church, business or organization can be involved, please contact Monty Harlan at 260-799-5988.

Camp Work Day—Saturday, May 2, 2009 Help prepare buildings and grounds for the camping season!

Work begins at 9:00 am—lunch will be provided. Please call 260-799-5988 to let us know you plan to help that day.

Do you have more than a casual interest in the ongoing ministry impact of Bear Lake Camp?

If so, then please consider joining those who are already giving at least \$10 monthly or at least \$120 annually and become a member of our **200/10 Program**. Bear Lake Camp cannot exist independently. Support from the Christian community and individuals makes it possible for us to do what we do: grow and encourage the Kingdom in a camp and retreat environment. A big part of making the Camp what it is today is the strong support of Kingdom focused individuals standing behind this ministry in prayer, in volunteer work, and in financial support. If you would like to be a part of this network of support, please consider making a financial gift today to the ministry of Bear Lake Camp. Becoming a **200/10 member** is no small commitment. When a friend makes his/her gift to BLC, it's combined with the gifts of other friends to make a powerful contribution to the ministry. Monthly, quarterly, and annual contributions are critical to the ongoing success of our ministry. Thank you for partnering with us!

I recently read of an elderly couple who had financially supported a Christian camp for more than 40 years, the wife expressed feelings of failure over not being used by God during her lifetime. She hadn't led anyone to the Lord, and as a result, feared her life was a waste.

She never realized that her family's giving had been used by God to reach thousands of people. The Bible teaches that those who stay with the supplies and send the supplies will share equally with those who are on the front lines of ministry.

I Timothy 6:18,19 says, "Command those who are rich...to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age." **From an investor's perspective, giving to the Lord's work is the safest and wisest investment we can ever make.** Our giving will pay heavenly dividends throughout all eternity. And God promises we will share in the reward. "For God is not unfair. He will not forget the love you showed for Him by the help you gave and are still giving your fellow Christians." (Hebrews 6:10).

Monty

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RECONNECT
High School Retreat
March 6-7, 2009
\$25.00
Register at www.bearlakecamp.com

ReConnect is an opportunity to revisit the excitement that you experienced this summer as you left camp. It may be a much needed opportunity to reconnect with God, or just another chance to see your camp friends. Whether it has been a rough 8 months or an awesome time since you left camp in July, ReConnect has something for you. Spend a couple days retreating from the busyness of your life and take a little time to ReConnect.

Start talking to all your friends now about another chance to come to BLC—
ReConnect

March 6-7, 2009

ADOPT-A-STAFF

Encourage Our Summer Staff!

Be One of our Adopt-A-Staff Encouragers!

Here is your chance to be an important part of the summer ministry. When you adopt a staff person, we will send you the name and some brief info about one of our staff. We encourage you to pray for him/her daily and send notes of encouragement throughout the summer. Do whatever you can to support and encourage your adoptee. Our summer staff do a great job, but the days can get long and exhausting. They need someone daily supporting them and covering them in prayer. Enroll by calling 260-799-5988 or e-mail susan@bearlakecamp.com



Bear Lake Ministries

COMMUNITY MINISTRY MISSION TRIP

A team from BLM will be traveling to Haiti April 4-11, 2009 to join GAP Ministries for a mission experience. Steve Mossburg of GAP Ministries recently visited BLM to share about the ministry in Haiti and to begin working on details for the trip. Please pay for BLM Mission Team and GAP Ministries.

BLC—Camp Otyokwah Partnership

BLC to send traveling Counseling Team to Camp Otyokwah in Butler, Ohio.

During the week of June 28-July 4, during BLC's Missions Week, a few members of our Summer Staff will be going to assist the volunteer staff of Camp Otyokwah. Pray that this will be a fruitful experience for both camps as we work together to build His kingdom through Christian Camping.