

Bear Cracks

"That They May Know Him"

February 2013

This summer we will be taking a close look at the Kingdom of God. What is the Kingdom of God? Does it really have anything to do with us? Here? Now? Each week we will be investigating the principles and values of Jesus that lead to transformed lives. Radical personal change requires that we honor the Rule of Christ not only in the world to come but NOW in ALL areas of our lives...ALL of our choices! Will we join God's forces or be caught up in the web of the other kingdom? It will be a week full of CHALLENGE as well as FUN...New games as well as favorites!... New friends as well as renewed friendships!...New understanding of ageless TRUTH! Please join us in praying that the Kingdom of God will grow this summer!...on EARTH as it is in HEAVEN!!

Kids to Camp...

is a partnership of local churches, charities, businesses and organizations working together with BLC. Our mission is to give a summer camp experience to children who would normally not have that opportunity. Many disadvantaged and at-risk children in our communities would love just such an opportunity. You can make a difference! Please consider partnering with us to give them a summer camp experience. Each gift of \$255 will sponsor a child for a week of camp.

The Power of Camp

10,080 minutes away from the normal pressures of life to...

Decompress, believe, dream!

Experience a temporary community where safe risks can be taken and important questions can be asked.



Primary Overnight Camp [entering 2nd-3rd] - June 7-8

Junior 1 Camp [entering 4th-6th] - June 10-15

Jr. High 1 Camp [entering 7th-9th] - June 17-22

Junior 2 Camp [entering 4th-6th] - June 24-29

Day Camp [entering 1st-5th] - July 1-4

Sr. High Camp [entering 10th thru 12th] - July 8-13

Jr. High 2 Camp [entering 7th-9th] - July 15-20

Junior 3 Camp [entering 3rd-5th] - July 22-26

visit www.bearlakecamp.com

Online registration is available for summer camp. It is very simple. Just click on the image seen at the left and follow the prompts. It is now also possible to donate on line. Click on the image at the right. (A convenience charge applies.)



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

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!

Visit bearlakecamp.com, fill out the SC application and return it to us by April 3, 2013. You will be notified by April 30.

BLC Wish List

Standard pillows
 Pump hand soap
 Masking tape
 Construction paper
 Markers
 Liquid laundry detergent
 Magazines - ~~in~~ Birds and Bloom (please note we want colorful pages w/o offensive ads.)
 Snow cone machine
 Paint brushes
 Paint rollers
 Paint pans
 Canoe paddles
 Beach umbrellas
 Night lights
 Sand toys
 Glue sticks
 Lamps
 Glass jars - any size
 Window air conditioners
 Fans
 Refrigerators

THANKS FOR HELPING!!!



After the storm...
 June 29, 2012



Cabin 1A

After AND After the storm!



Newly remodeled... Cabin 1!

After the storm June 29, which destroyed part of Cabin 1, temporary repairs were made in order to safely make use of the cabin for the remainder of the season.

In September, demolition and reconstruction began to make permanent repairs to roof, ceiling and walls.



September -
 October 2012

We continue to Thank God that there were no injuries as a result of the storm and that God provided help and resources to make the temporary repairs as well as the permanent repairs and changes.

P.s. ONLY 1 sock and 1 flip-flop were lost!

~~~ "NEW" Summer Staff Housing ~~~

Late last fall a neighboring piece of property with a house became available to purchase. Because of its close proximity to camp, the price, and camp growth, our Board of Directors were called upon to make a prayerful decision. The decision was made to purchase the property at \$12,100. A generous donor has provided an interest-free loan for 1 year. We are trusting that God will provide the necessary funds throughout the next 11 months. If you would like to be a part of this faith journey, include a gift identifying 'New Property' on the enclosed envelope.

To God be the glory!

The first and third Saturday of each month,
February – May, has been designated as

MAC Work Day!

9am-12!

You are invited to come and share in the next phases of construction. Call the camp office, 260-799-5988, to let us know of your intentions to come and to receive information about the current work.

Mark your calendar:

March 2 & 16

April 6 & 20

May 4 & 18

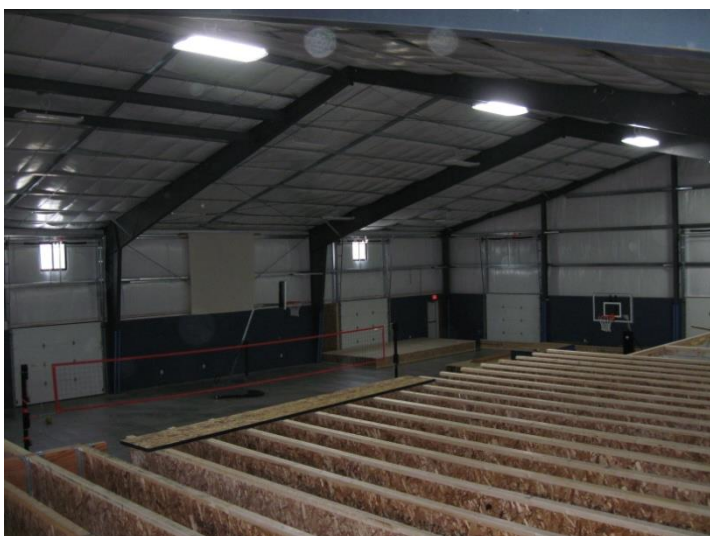


Looking Ahead...

Phase 2

Expanding the usability of MAC

- Line, Paint and Seal the Floor
- First Floor Interior Doors
- First floor lighting
- First floor room ceilings
- Complete restrooms



Phase 2...Ministry Activity Center...Update Completed:

- First floor windowtrim
- Porch lights
- Final lower level wall
- Ceiling/floor joists

The MAC is now well into PHASE 2! We continue to thank God for providing volunteers and financial gifts that have made this ministry center a reminder of God's people coming together for His Glory. The porch was a haven from the heat last summer and is also a wonderful place to relax or meet! Paved Parking Is also available and makes it accessible to all. The rooms on 1st floor have been mudded. The main gym has been painted. It has already had Year-round usage for volleyball and basketball...even though the heat has yet to be activated. The 2nd floor joists are being installed even as you read. The goal is to have working restroom facilities by CAMP 2013! Again, we invite you to consider how you can be involved in this ministry project. Would you commit to praying that God would be glorified through the building of and use of this facility currently, as well as preparing us for the ministries that God has yet to unfold to us. We also invite you to come and be a part of the volunteer work days that will be happening every 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 9am-12pm. We are so thankful for volunteers and the huge role they play in stretching the financial gifts received as well as their encouragement. And as God blesses you, we invite you to share of your resources. We commit to being faithful stewards of the resources God provides through you!



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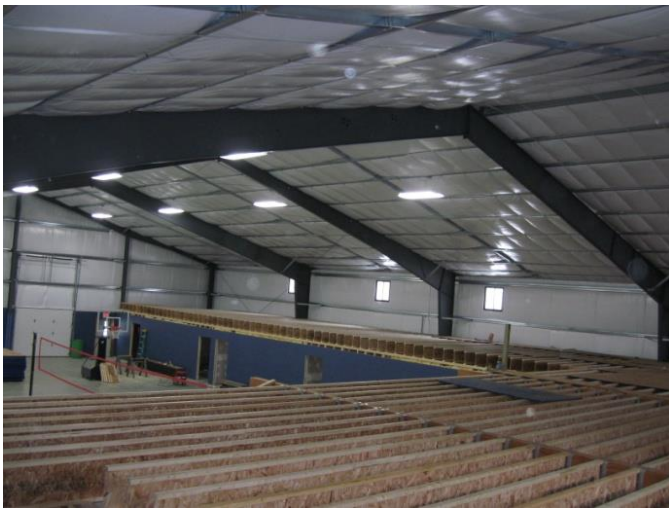


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Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Or Current Resident



May 4, 9am-noon...

***All Camp Work Day
in addition to MAC Work Day!!!***

Individuals, families, small groups, youth groups:

This is your opportunity to come serve by preparing the camp for the summer season.

Cleaning, landscaping (stick & leave removal), mulching paths, log splitting, etc.

Lunch will be served at 12:30.

Contact Information: Email: info@bearlakecamp.com / www.bearlakecamp.com / Phone: (260)799-5988