

Bear Cracks

February 2014

"That They May Know Him"

(Photo, courtesy of Defrost 2013!)

The snow will be gone in a few short weeks and winter will be just a memory. Plans are being made for another amazing summer investigating the reality of being a Christ Follower. We will be investigating the reality of daily persevering to hold fast to the truths of God's promises. We will investigate how to live a life of faith in a world that has deceptive philosophies and principals. We will investigate how to grow in maturity toward Jesus by integrating God's word into all aspects of life at camp and then at home. Pray that God would send staff who are dedicated to this mission and pray for campers who are considering a week at camp. As you read this newsletter, allow God to speak to you as to how you can be involved this summer!

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 \$270 will sponsor a child for a week of camp.

Take it Outside!

THE AVERAGE CHILD ONLY SPENDS FOUR MINUTES A DAY PLAYING OUTSIDE.^[1]

When they could spend a WEEK at CAMP!

10,080 minutes

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[1] <http://www.kff.org/online/infodiv/infodiv0203.pdf>



Primary Overnight (Grades 2-3).....	June 13-14
Day Camp (K-4).....	June 16-20
Junior 1 (Grades 4-6).....	June 23- 28
Junior High 1 (Grades 7-9).....	June 30-July 5
Senior High (10-12).....	July 7-12
Junior 2 (4-6).....	July 14-19
Junior High 2 (7-9).....	July 21-26
Junior 3 (3-5).....	July 28-Aug 1

Visit www.bearlakecamp.com

Online registration is available for summer camp.

It is very simple.

Just click "on line registration" and follow the prompts.

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

BLC Wish List

Standard pillows
Treadmill

Exercise Bike
\$\$ for camper mattresses (\$70/)
Pump hand soap
Masking tape
Construction paper
Beads
Markers
Liquid laundry detergent
Paint brushes
Canoe paddles
Beach umbrellas
Night lights
Sand toys
Glue sticks
Lamps
Glass jars—any size
Window air conditioners
Fans
Refrigerators
Picture frames
Sling shots
Hub caps
The Works —(toilet and shower cleaners)
Sharpies, assorted colors
Poster board — assorted colors
Orange recreation cones
Sponges
Electric washer and dryer
Bike flags
Pool noodles

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 www.bearlakecamp.com, fill out the SC application and



"God definitely lead me to Bear Lake Camp as I knew nothing about it, but landed upon it via a Google Search. Once there, God showed me that my relationship with him was dependent on my ability to stop and listen. It wasn't just based on "doing good" and "following all the rules". He opened the door of my heart to see into both the cheerful and hurting hurts of my campers and fellow counselors. It was only when I truly stopped and listened to my campers that I was able to hear The Lord speaking directly to me. While I did my best to share my faith and knowledge with the campers, they changed my life more than I ever could have imagined. While sadly I don't get to reconnect very often with those from BLC, I will always have a thankful and prayerful heart to all those who I crossed paths with during my 3 summers there! Maybe one day I will be able to come back for a cupcake class!!"

---Betsy, former counselor



Partners in Ministry Banquet



It has been a long time since we have seen the green field at BLC! Staff returned to help at the Partners in Ministry Banquet with set up, luminaries, serving, cleaning up...anything that needed done! All were encouraged by the impact camp is having on lives, young and old. Our summer band led us in a time of worship with song, our friends from the Euell Wilson Center presented an interpretive dance and shared several testimonies. Memories from "Summer 2013" were shown as reminders of summer fun to come. And the snow began to fall.....There was fellowship around each table as we shared a meal together, connecting with friends and making new friends...and the snow continued to fall.....It was truly an evening that brought Glory to God! ...the snow came down harder and began to blow....and as goodbyes were said, instructions to 'call when you make your destination' were made....because Staff is like family and the relationships that are made at camp are for a lifetime of loving, caring and encouraging each other. Save the date to join us next year for this evening of celebrating all that God is doing through the giving of time, money, and service at Bear Lake Camp! October 26, 2014---watch for details!



"Defrost 2014"---first ever Winter Retreat!!! Complete with snow!

Let's do it again!!! (January 2-3, 2015) 30+ staff and senior high youth enjoyed a weekend renewing their faith and reconnecting with friends!



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*"In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."
Colossians 2:3*

Or Current Resident



Work Days

March 1 & 15, 9 am-noon
April 5 & 19, 9 am-noon

For more information regarding these
workdays, call the camp office.

Save the Date

Senior Day Away – September 25
Partners in Ministry Banquet – October 26
“Defrost 2015” – January 2-3

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