

Bear Tracks



BEAR LAKE CAMP

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60th Anniversary Celebration: BEARFEST

Saturday, September 6 was a great day as Bear Lake Camp celebrated 60 years of summer camp. Several hundred people enjoyed meeting former camp friends and spending the day visiting and reminiscing about camp.

The day was filled with food and game booths, pontoon boat rides and hayrides and a cookout. It was enjoyed by kids who had been camp-

ers this past summer and by adults who remembered camp in 1948 and many years in between.

The day concluded with a time of worship and celebrating God's goodness and faithfulness. Several shared memories of camp. It was obvious God has worked in people's lives through the ministry of Bear Lake Camp.

Thank you to all those who helped with and participated in the celebration. Thank you for your faithful support and friendship to the camp.



BLC UNLEASHED 2009

Monty's Message:

Bear Lake Camp's purpose is to **challenge individuals toward maturity in Christ**. Our slogan is "That They May Know Him". After 16 years of being Director of BLC, I am convinced more than ever of the importance of our mission in the context of our culture. I am convinced more than ever that we need places set aside to "get away" and connect with and refocus on our Incredible God and His calling on our lives. There is no better environment for a discipleship ministry than a Christian Camp apart from a committed Christian family. Knowing, growing and serving

Christ are what our lives are to be about. We as a staff at BLC are fully committed to giving as many campers as God sends us a quality time away getting to know God, maturing in Him and having tons of fun! As we update & expand our facilities, programs and staff we continue to depend on both prayer and financial support for this ministry. **Bear Lake Camp is God's Camp** and relies on God to work through his people to provide the resources necessary to provide a quality Christian camp experience for as many kids as possible in N.E.

Indiana. We are excited to begin developing our theme for next summer - "Unleashed" taken from Daniel 11:32 - *but the people who know their God will display strength and take action*. God has called us to live out our faith 24/7. Truly knowing God will create within each of us a passion for God which will be evident by how we live!! Please prayerfully consider how God might have you partner with us in helping kids "Know, Grow and Live in Christ".

Monty

Summer Highlights CONNECT

- 8 weeks of camp
- 530 campers
- 192 First time campers
- 58 Salvations reported
- 1st Mission/Aviation Camp
- Community Day Camp
- 24 Paid Summer Staff
- 40 Volunteer Staff
- A Record Breaking Summer

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Check bearlakecamp.com soon for Summer 2009 camp info!



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CONNECTIONS: A Spiritual Habits Retreat for Women

I AM THE VINE
YOU ARE THE
BRANCHES. IF A
MAN REMAINS
IN ME AND I IN
HIM HE WILL
BEAR MUCH
FRUIT. APART
FROM ME YOU
CAN DO
NOTHING.
JOHN 15:5

November 7-8, 2008
Bear Lake Camp

Develop spiritual habits—points of connection—that will encourage and enable you to stay connected to God throughout your day.

Connections is not your usual women's retreat. Don't just listen to someone talk about being connected to God—Connect!

Connections facilitators are Susan Fenker, Ministry Administrator for Bear Lake Camp and Jolene Gipe Director of Worship Arts for Oak Grove Church of God.

The weekend begins with dinner at 6:00 pm on Friday and concludes at 3:00 pm on Saturday.

The cost is \$60.00 and includes lodging and meals.

Registration information can be found at bearlakecamp.com or e-mail susan@bearlakecamp.com or call the camp office at **260-799-5988**

Please register by October 22.

Have fun connecting with other women—Be refreshed as you connect with God

Come Away and Connect!

IMPACT A LIFE - SEND A KID TO CAMP!!

Bear Lake Camp Wish List

Thanks to the generosity of so many, our most-wanted or "wish list" seems to change each month. Our most pressing needs at the present time include:

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| Canoes/Oars/Kayaks (sit on style) | Work teams for Roofing Projects | | |
| Compasses | Fishing Poles | Staff Cabin Bathroom Remodel | |
| Toboggans/sleds | Board Games | Electric Stove | Top Soil |
| Ping Pong Table | Soccer Goals | Color Laser Printer | Brooms |
| Pool Table Balls | Inner Tubes | Office Chairs | Mattresses |
| Tents (8-10 person) | Chain Saw | Leaf Blower | |
| DVD Player | Weed Trimmer | Log Splitter | |
| CD/DVD Multi Duplicator | Small Electric Tire Pump | | |

If you are interested in donating or finding one or more of the following items, please contact the camp (260)799.5988 or info@bearlakecamp.com.

We believe every kid should have the opportunity to attend a Christian Camp. Realistically there are many kids whose families can't afford the registration fees and the



kids end up missing this great opportunity. Over the past couple of years we have been scholarshiping more kids. We are committed to making it possi-

ble for more kids to attend BLC who otherwise wouldn't attend because of finances. If you would like more information on how your church or you individually can recruit and scholarship kids from your area please contact our director Monty Harlan at: monty@bearlakecamp.com or (260)799-5988.

Your Year-End-Giving to Bear Lake Camp can make a difference in the lives of kids!

At a time when investments seem uncertain, you can be certain that God will use the investment you make in the lives of kids through the ministry of Bear Lake Camp. There are a number of ways you can give:

200/10 Factor: Join others, we're looking for 200, who will commit to giving \$10.00 a month

Camp Scholarship Fund: A gift of \$225.00 to the Scholarship Fund will pay a camper registration fee (See above article). Any amount will help.

Camp Improvement Fund: Provide for the continual need to maintain and update facilities

Gym Project: Help kick off the building of a new Gym and Community Center.

All tax-deductible gifts can be made payable to and mailed to: **Bear Lake Camp, 1805 S. 16th Street, Albion, IN 46701**

If you have questions about giving, please contact Monty Harlan at 260-799-5988 or monty@bearlakecamp.com.

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BLC Staff Updates

New Ministry Administrator



Susan Fenker has recently joined the BLC Staff as Ministry Administrator. Sue will be developing BLC's retreat ministry. Along with scheduling retreats she will also plan and facilitate multiple and single day retreats.

She will also be actively involved in the summer camp development and maintaining the camp office.

Sue has been a camper, served as counselor and dean at BLC and has been a member of the BLC Board of Directors for several years.

Interns

BLC also welcomes interns **Chad Agler** and **Ethan Barr**. Chad and Ethan both grew up in the Bear Lake community and have been involved in BLC as campers and as staff. And are actively involved in the Community Ministry.



Chad served this past summer as Recreation Director.



Ethan served as a Counselor and was part of the BLC worship band.

As interns Ethan and Chad will help maintain and develop camp facilities and programs and help lead the Community Ministry youth group.

Both Chad and Ethan are sophomores at IPFW majoring in Criminal Justice.

Board of Directors



Pastor **Larry Elder**, Grace Christian Church, has been named to the Board of Directors for Bear Lake Camp. Larry has been a friend of BLC for several years and served in many capacities. We welcome Larry to the Camp Board.



A few fall
and winter
weekends

still

available.

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CCCA Convention December 8-11, 2008

The BLC Staff will be attending the Christian Camp and Conference Association Convention in Orlando, Florida, December 8-11. Pray that it is a time for the staff to be refreshed and inspired.



RETREAT AT BLC



Need a place for your church leadership to meet and plan? Looking for a place for a church wide or small group retreat? Thinking about doing a youth or young adult retreat? How about a retreat for men or women?

Need a personal one-day retreat?

Planning a banquet or reception?

Have you considered Bear Lake Camp?

Contact us today to discuss your retreat needs.

- ♦ Quiet, relaxed atmosphere
- ♦ All season accommodations
- ♦ Food service for groups of 30 or more
- ♦ Variety of activities; Close to Merry Lea Environmental Center
- ♦ We can provide programming and leadership