

Bear Lake Camp
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I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-6

Or Current Resident



Thank you!

Thank you doesn't seem adequate to express the gratitude we have for the MANY individuals who volunteered their time, talents and resources to make this summer a reality. Work teams came and readied our facility by caring for the grounds, refinishing the porch rockers, planting grass, burning debris, cleaning cabins and windows in various buildings. The new drywall in the MAC was painted in time for camp to start! A sewing team shared their talents by transforming 70 yards of fabric into new curtains for all the cabin bathrooms. Another sewing team made bags to be used for crafts. Another volunteer created and sewed a bear costume, volunteer cooks for staff training, drivers for supplies, and so many others gave time and resources for programing needs. Nurses volunteered their time to provide care around the clock for distributing medications and caring for scrapes, cuts, sprains, etc. as well as listening ears for campers "needing a mother's care". Many hours and many hands volunteered to clear the hillside and construct new steps to make a way from the upper camp to the MAC. When "The Storm" came through, taking trees down and destroying Cabin #1, neighbors, friends, board members and their wives showed up immediately to offer assistance in cleanup so camp programming could continue without interruption. Gifted speakers came and shared not only the Gospel of Jesus Christ but also their time, building relationships with campers and staff. Staff began training in June to become an incredibly unified group for an amazing summer of EXTREMES---most campers ever, hottest summer ever, drought conditions (only 1 campfire during 'Summer 2012' - on the first night of camp!), more broken/damaged equipment/buildings than any summer on record. All reminding us that the ONE that we worship is the ONLY ONE that we can depend on in ALL circumstances... "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever." Phil. 4:19-20.

Kids to Camp (K2C)

"Summer 2012" provided that opportunity for 67 kids who might not have had that experience. Because you responded to the need of \$245 for each at-risk child, **they were here!** In the words of some of them:

"I had so much fun at bear lake camp. I loved to play basketball and other games but most of all get closer to my Father."

"I had fun we got to play games but the best of all we learned the word of god."

"Thank you for letting me come to camp. I'm very happy here. P.S. God is with you."

"Thank you so much for all the awesome fun I had at camp. It had a great impact on me thanks again."

"Thank you for letting me come to bear lake camp because it's fun. I'm glad I got to come to camp because they teach about God."

"Thank you for a great time at camp. I had a lot of fun I really enjoyed these activities: gaga, swimming, tetherball, volleyball and the choice activities. Thank you so much."

"thank you for all these fun activities and chapel I had a really fun time here at camp and I learned a lot more about God. Thanks again."

"I liked every event and activity on the schedule like bible study, kayaking, and everything else and octa ball which was my first year playing it. This was a good memory for life!!"

For your prayers and donations we

Thank you!

Save the Date...Summer 2013!

Primary Overnight ---To Be Announced	To Be Announced	----July 1-6
Junior 1 ---- June 10-15	Senior High	----July 8-13
Junior High 1 ----June 17-22	Junior High 2	----July 15-20
Junior 2 ----June 24-29	Junior 3	----July 22-26



**Bear Lake Camp
 Sweatshirts!**

**Order now for
 Christmas!!!
 \$25 plus \$6 shipping**

**Adult sizes only (S-XXL)
 Red or Gray**

Indicate size and color on enclosed envelope.

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



Thank you!

BLC Wish List

Thanks to the generosity of so many, our most-wanted or "wish list" seems to change with each newsletter. We appreciate those of you who have provided for the camp in the past! Listed below are the items we have the greatest need for at this time.

- Work Teams
- Refrigerator
- Log Splitter
- Sound System for MAC
- \$\$\$ for 60" Round Tables
- \$\$\$ for 100 Folding Chairs
- Small Tractor
- Ground Roller
- Partners in the 200/10 Team
- New Pillows
- Tents

If you are interested in donating or finding one or more of the following items, please contact the camp!



Grants Received

Noble REMC Operation Round-Up

\$500.00 toward the purchase of basketball goals

Corners of the Field

\$650.00 to be used toward 5 Kids to Camp scholarships.

Churches of God Foundation, Inc.

\$6,125.00 to be used for Kids to Camp scholarships

Thank you!

Looking Ahead... Phase 2

**Expanding the usability of
MAC**

- Line, Paint and Seal the Floor
- Exterior Security Lights
- First Floor Interior Doors
- Purchase and Install Upper Level Floor System
- Finish 1st floor south wall with doors
- Complete restrooms (All to be completed winter 2012-2013)

We are repeating this recipe due to the number of requests we have had for it.

Baked Pineapple

20 Oz. can crushed pineapple
2 eggs
½ cup sugar
2 Tbsp flour
2 Tbsp water
Empty pineapple into buttered baking dish. Mix remaining ingredients in empty can. Stir into the pineapple. Dot with 2 Tbsp of butter sprinkle with cinnamon. Bake at 350 for 40 minutes or until set. Enjoy this camp favorite!



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

- 1st Floor Drywall/Finishing/Painted
- Electric Wire and Conduit
- Lakeside Porch Roof (as pictured above)
- Volleyball Standards
- Basketball Goals
- Path from Upper Hill to MAC (as pictured below)



The Truth Exchange

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator – who is forever praised. Amen. Romans 1:25



200/10 Team!

We are thankful for those of you who have recently joined the team. Approximately 10 years ago, we began the 200/10 Factor. We were looking for 200 individuals to commit to giving \$10 per month or \$120 per year, to help meet the monthly camp expenses. If we were to fill all 200 slots, \$24,000 annually would be given. We are thankful for the 45+ faithful participants who have generously given at least \$10 every month! However, with significant increases in utility bills – electricity, sewer, propane - and the fact that several are now in the presence of Christ, the need is great. Would you consider joining us with a monthly gift as we continue to be a "Lighthouse" pointing all who come here to Christ? You can respond by marking the appropriate box on the enclosed envelope.



Bear Lake Camp... Summer 2012! The Truth Exchange!

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