

**Bear Lake Camp**  
**1805 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St.**  
**Albion, IN 46701**



**THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE RECEIVING A KINGDOM  
THAT CANNOT BE SHAKEN,  
LET US BE THANKFUL, AND SO  
WORSHIP GOD ACCEPTABLY WITH REVERENCE AND AWE.  
HEBREWS 12:28**



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Over the past 21 years, God has been moving and working at Bear Lake Camp developing a ministry center where more and more people can experience true community and hear God's voice. With the construction of new buildings and the remodeling of existing ones, opportunities have been made to encourage youth, as well as adults, to live daily in relationship with Jesus as their Savior. Camp is a safe place, set apart to help young people hear God speaking to them and discern truth in a culture that is void of God. Camp has been ministering to a growing number of kids each year and with the increasing numbers the need for additional help is greater than ever. In July, the board of directors offered the position of Program Director to Ben Harlan. God has been working in Ben and his new wife, Karli over the past several years unfolding His plan for their lives. Ben and Karli share a passion and understanding of all that BLC ministry is and a desire to use their gifts here. As Program Director, Ben's responsibilities at the camp include focus on the summer camping program, staff development, winter youth retreats and Sunday morning worship. In addition, as a couple, they are part of a team that is developing a young adult ministry as a part of Bear Lake Ministries (the church that is part of the camp). For the past several years it has been our prayer, dream and desire to hire a 3<sup>rd</sup> full time person who believes they have been called to join in all aspects of the BLC ministry. Ben and Karli believe that God is calling them, however, we presently do not have funds to offer them. So, together, we are stepping out in faith seeking God to provide the funds necessary. We are asking that you would consider how God might have you support this new growing ministry at Bear Lake Camp. We were reminded this summer through our summer theme: "Kingdom Bound" that each one of us are called to bring God's Kingdom down to earth...to make Him the true reality here on earth. It is an overwhelming task, but as we witness year after year at camp, as we work together and as we are obedient to the different gifts He entrusts to us, together we can help make this come about. May God receive the Glory and honor as we seek to be obedient to His calling on our lives.

*Welcome  
Ben & Karli!*



**Partners in Ministry Banquet  
December 8, 2013**

At Bear Lake Camp  
Anyone who has partnered with BLC or would like to become a partner is invited to join us as we **celebrate** all that God has done and is doing through this ministry.  
For questions about the dinner, call BLC's office: 260-799-5988  
To make your reservations, contact the camp office or email:  
info@bearlakecamp.com  
by November 25, 2013.

**"Defrost"**

Winter Camp experience  
Games, Snow fun, Worship & Bible teaching, Great food!  
For Youth grades 9 - 12 !  
Begins January 3 at 10am - January 4 at 7pm!  
\$50  
(Discount available for bringing a friend who has never been to BLC!)  
Youth Groups that send more than 6 kids...youth leader comes free!

**Senior Day Away**

Thursday, October 10, 2013

10-11 am---Coffee and Fellowship Time  
11-12---Juggler & Comedian, Lance Weirick:

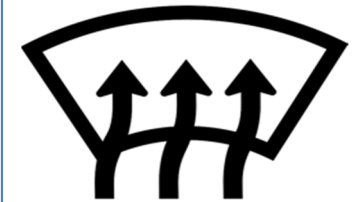
Lance uses his wonderful talents as a platform to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are excited to welcome Lance back to share with us both in entertainment and in the service of our Lord!

12--- Lunch

Cost for the day is \$15

RSVP to Bear Lake Camp



visit [www.bearlakecamp.com](http://www.bearlakecamp.com)

Online registration is available for "DEFROST".  
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.)



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

### ~~~ “NEW” Summer Staff Housing ~~~

Nearly a year ago, 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 made the decision to purchase the property at \$12,100. It has become evident that MUCH work needs to be done in order for us to make use of this property...replacing structural floor supports as well as floors and walls due to water damage; windows that were broken out while it sat vacant need to be replaced. A generous donor has provided an interest-free loan for 1 year. We are trusting that God will provide the necessary funds to pay back the loan as well as supply the funds needed to make these necessary repairs. If you would like to be a part of this faith journey, include a gift identifying ‘New Property’ on the enclosed envelope. We are confident that by “Summer 2014” we will have the additional staff housing that we so desperately need.

**Immunity:** exemption from normal penalties granted to a special group of people. At BLC immunity from doing tasks in ‘jail’ during game of Melee is acquired when camper has learned his memory verses.



*“My favorite game is Melee. It’s easy if you know your Bible verses so you can’t get tagged by the service crew.”*

—Camper

BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM  
AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS,  
AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO  
YOU AS WELL.  
MATTHEW 6:33

### BLC Wish List

A HUGE thank you to many who provided consumable items we could check off our shopping list!

- ✓ Pump hand soap
- ✓ Masking tape
- ✓ Construction paper
- ✓ Markers
- ✓ Liquid laundry detergent
- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ Paint brushes
- ✓ Paint rollers
- ✓ Glue sticks
- ✓ Glass jars
- ✓ Night lights
- ✓ Snow cone machine

We still have need of:

- Paint pans
- Canoe paddles
- Standard pillows
- Lamps (floor or table)
- Window air conditioners
- Fans
- Refrigerators

THANKS FOR HELPING!!!



*“BLC is my favorite place in the whole world and is the second home I need.”*

—Camper



*“I love camp because it is so fun!”*

—Camper



## The Power of Camp

Helping navigate the tough decisions of adolescence

High adventure>caring adult role models>beauty of nature>time to think without distractions

## The MAC In action!!!



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

- Restrooms
- Lakeview Room painted, carpeted
- First Floor Interior Doors
- First Floor Lighting

The MAC is now nearing completion of 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! With the completion of restrooms, the MAC can be the location for Sunday morning worship...for just a few more weeks. Heating options are being considered and estimates gathered so it can be used in all seasons. Meeting rooms need drywall and lighting. The kitchenette is slated for drywall and a counter and sink. As the completion of the first floor becomes reality, work to complete the second floor begins. Volunteers will again be depended on to make rooms with walls, doors and lighting a reality. 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 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!

### Looking Ahead...

#### Phase 2

#### Expanding the usability of MAC

- Heat
- Line, Paint and Seal the Floor
- Tiling Entrance
- Permanent Sound System
- First Floor Rooms Finished

