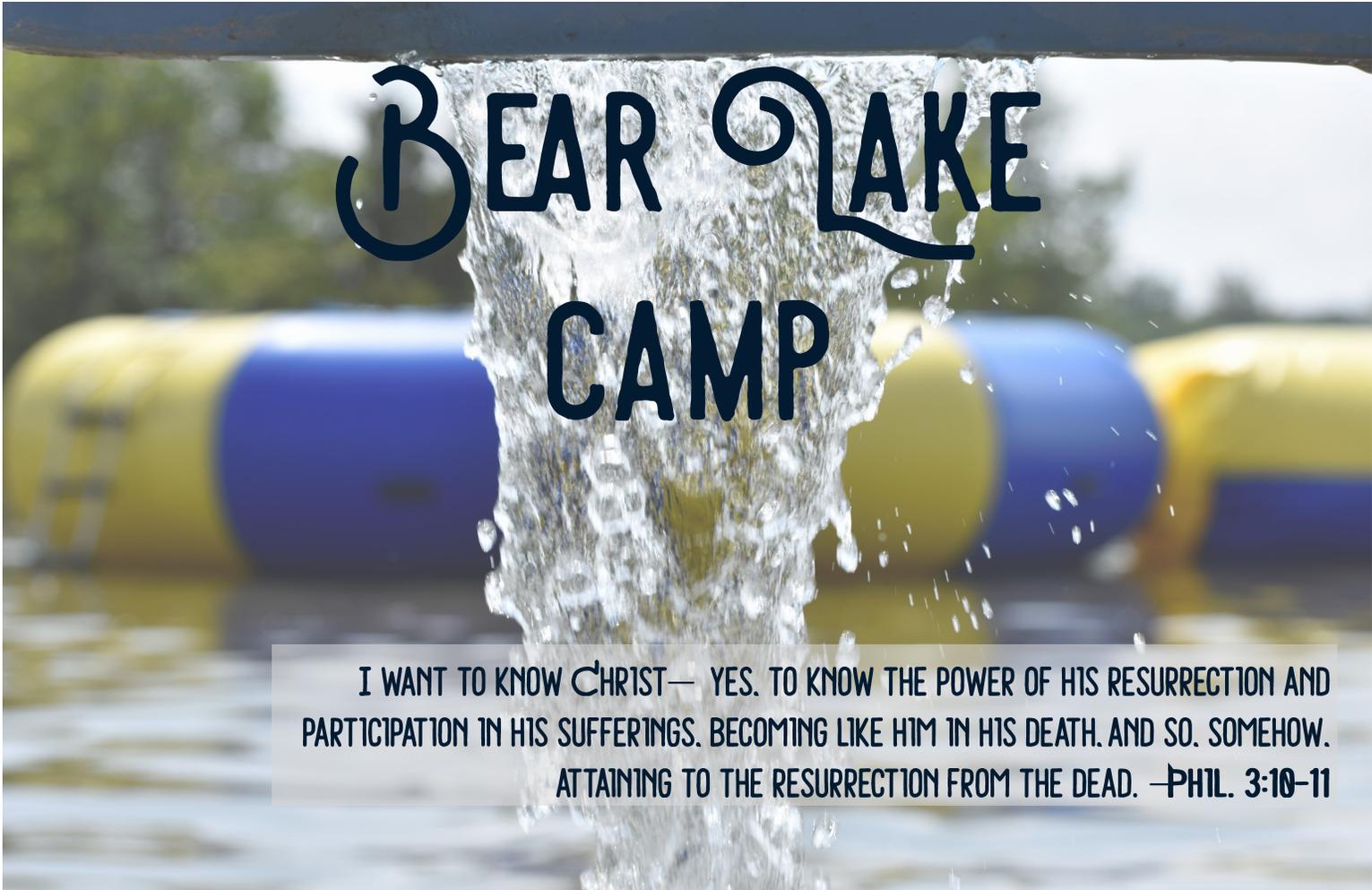


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# BEAR LAKE CAMP

I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST— YES. TO KNOW THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION AND PARTICIPATION IN HIS SUFFERINGS. BECOMING LIKE HIM IN HIS DEATH. AND SO. SOMEHOW. ATTAINING TO THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD. —PHIL. 3:10-11

November, 2017

# BEAR TRACKS



## A Word from the Director

As we rapidly approach the 70th year of ministry and I reflect over my 25 years here at BLC, it is humbling. And we give thanks to God, who has provided in amazing ways, through the gifts of his people faithfully investing their Time, Talent and Treasure in this Kingdom-building ministry.

Bear Lake Camp was founded as an arm of the church to partner in sharing the Gospel through the unique timeless principles of Christian Camping: Outdoors, fun activities, community, unplugged living, Bible teaching and time for reflection. In our fast-moving, highly technology driven culture these principles are being pushed farther to the peripherals of everyday life. That is why I believe, even more strongly today, young and old alike need times and places where they can intentionally come away and refocus on Jesus Christ and him crucified, risen and coming again! – Heb. 12:1-2 says *“let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus...”*

We give thanks for God moving in the hearts of those who have sacrificially given of their Time, Talents and Treasure over the past 70 years! Because of these investments year after year – The Gospel message of Jesus’ love and redemption continue to be boldly proclaimed and experienced by the many campers and guests that continue to journey to BLC. Now, Bear Lake Camp operations and development are dependent upon your support and donations from those who believe in God’s mission and vision for Bear Lake Camp to be a ministry center for this next generation. Your financial gifts allow campers the chance to encounter the gospel, study scriptures and experience a safe community all while having a ton of fun.

Would you prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to partner with me and the BLC staff through the use of your Time, Talents and Treasure as we go into this 70<sup>th</sup> year sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ?

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.

For His Glory,

***“I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore the peoples will give you thanks forever and ever.” Psalm 45:17***

All gifts to Bear Lake Camp are Tax Deductible. For those who would like the convenience of online giving, go to [www.bearlakecamp.com](http://www.bearlakecamp.com) and click on “Give to BLC” Button. This will direct you to our secure giving site where you can setup one-time or monthly giving! Also included is a return envelope (*your stamp is an additional donation*)



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## New BLC Experience— Canoe Trip!

This summer we are offering a new camping experience. We are taking a small group to the U.P. in Michigan for a week long Canoe Trip from June 24-30. On Sunday we will travel north together from BLC and arrive at a camp on Manistique Lake in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Monday morning we will begin our journey down the Manistique River, where we will be canoeing between 4-6 hours a day. We will set up a primitive camp along the river bank and cook our food, have a guided Bible Study, and enjoy God's creation. Thursday night we will head back to the base camp. Friday will be a flex day we can use depending on the weather before heading home on Saturday. This wilderness adventure is open to the first ten registrants who are incoming 10th graders through high school graduates who love the outdoors and are ready for an adventure. However, space is extremely limited! Sign up early to secure your spot for this amazing experience.



## BLC Memory Quilt (on display in MAC):

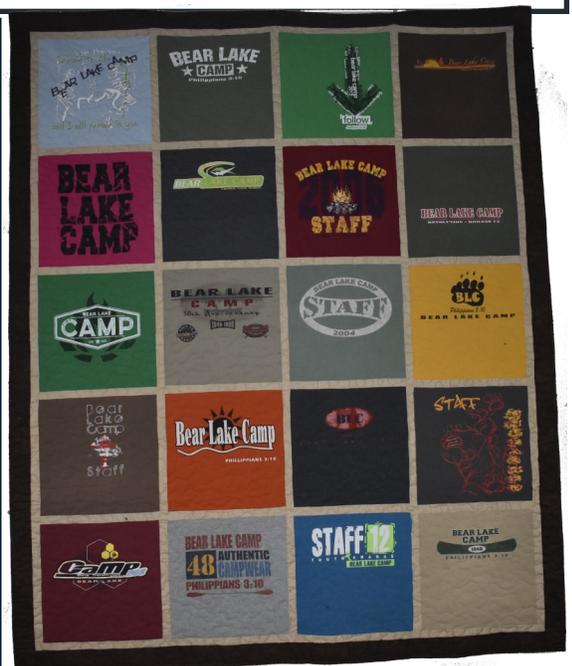
We want to thank Cindy Scheiber for making this wonderful quilt made from BLC t-shirts from years past! She is currently making a second quilt and hopes to have no doubled shirt designs. If you have an old camp shirt you would like to donate to the project, contact the camp office to make arrangements.

## Retreat Rentals

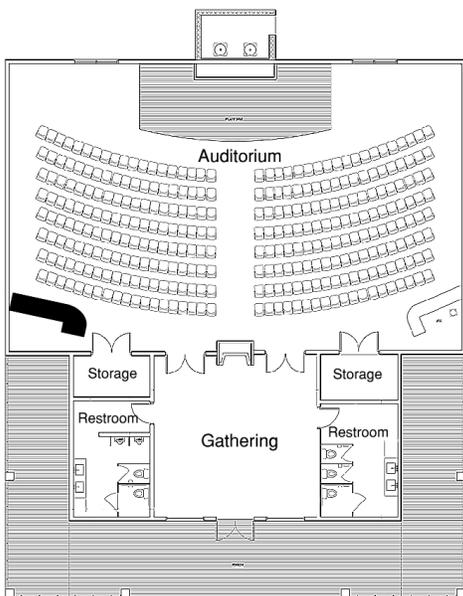
Bear Lake Camp has some available dates through the winter and spring months for you to plan a retreat. We offer great space for you, your small group, or a large group to unplug and get away. Contact the Camp Office for info on pricing and available dates.

### FACILITIES:

- Dining Hall/Lodge (food service available for groups of 30+)
- Cabins ( #1, #2, #3 are heated)
- MAC gym and 4 classrooms
- Chapel
- Picnic Pavilion
- Hillside Amphitheater
- Retreat Cottage (sleeps 2-3 adults) and includes a full kitchen



# A NEW ADVENTURE



The camp chapel... it has been a special part of every camp experience since its construction in 1950. It has been the space where the Good News has been proclaimed to thousands of campers and a space where the praises of our Risen King have been sung with great joy! Over the past several years, this building has been pushed to its limits—as our camps grow, the space becomes more and more cramped—this has made the chapel a limiting factor to the summer programs.

## BLC Wishlist:

- Pump Hand Soap
- 10 Box Fans
- 10 Oscillating Fans
- Acrylic Paints
- Pony Beads
- Craft Paint Brushes
- 5 Portable Fire Pits
- Flagging Tape (bright)
- Sharpies
- Menard's Gift Cards
- 2 Fifth-Wheels/RVs

Presently, the Board of Directors is in the process of establishing the budget and finalizing building plans. As we embark on this new faith journey, would you join us in praying over the whole process? Pray for discernment as plans are finalized and as we seek partners to join us in our objective to keep the camp debt-free!



## Maybe you've heard the phrase "Good News" before...

Well, I have two questions for you: when you think about Christianity, what are the things that make it News and what makes it Good?? Is the good news "believe in Jesus, be saved, and you'll go to heaven?" That sounds more like advice than news. Well then, what is this Good News? This summer at Bear Lake Camp we will dive head first into the Good News that Jesus himself proclaimed during his life on earth: that He has come to Rescue & Redeem! The question is: rescued from what? Redeemed- what does that mean? In Colossians 1:13-14, Paul puts it this way: "For he has **rescued** us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have **redemption**, the forgiveness of sins." N.T. Wright sums it up this way: "Something HAS HAPPENED because of which, EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT!" We are excited to see God work in the lives of campers and staff alike! As this theme takes shape and as we meet with chapel speakers and write Bible Study curriculum, I would ask that you join the Board and Staff as we pray for the Spirit to work powerfully through the teaching and hearing of **THE GOOD NEWS!** It is our deep desire to see each camper who comes to BLC to experience the Redemption offered to us by the King who has given all to buy back from death and restore his beloved creation to its original purpose: unity with Him and community with others.

Ben Harlan (Program Director)

# 2018 IMPORTANT DATES



AN OPEN HOUSE FOR 1ST TIME  
CAMPER AND PARENTS  
APRIL 15, 2018  
4-6PM

## SUMMER 2018



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PRIMARY—JUNE 8—9  
(ENTERING 2ND—3RD GRADE)

JR. HIGH 1—JUNE 10—15  
(ENTERING 7TH—9TH GRADE)

JUNIOR 1—JUNE 17—22  
(ENTERING 4TH—6TH GRADE)

JR. HIGH 2—JUNE 24—29  
(ENTERING 7TH—9TH GRADE)

U.P. CANOE TRIP—JUNE 24—30  
(ENTERING 10TH—GRAD)

JUNIOR 2—JULY 1—6  
(ENTERING 4TH—6TH GRADE)

SR. HIGH—JULY 8—13  
(ENTERING 10TH—GRAD)

JR. HIGH 3—JULY 15—20  
(ENTERING 7TH—9TH GRADE)

JUNIOR 3—JULY 22—26  
(ENTERING 3RD—5TH GRADE)

# 2018 IMPORTANT DATES



Bear Lake Camp

A SENIOR HIGH  
RETREAT

JANUARY 5-7, 2018



**RECHARGE**

A JUNIOR HIGH  
RETREAT

FEBRUARY 9-10, 2018

*Breathe*

A WOMEN'S  
RETREAT

MARCH 9-10, 2018



70TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 8, 2018



A SENIOR CITIZEN'S  
RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

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