

The Views



Mountain View Bible Camp newsletter for all ages

Fall 2023

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2023 THEME:

**The wise build on the Rock.
Build on the solid Rock.**

Matthew 7:24

Dear friends of Mountain View Bible Camp,

With only a few weeks to go in 2023, it is a good time to pause and review the many blessings of the year. Though camp had a few gaps in the summer program schedule since Covid, the fall has been busier than ever. We thank the Lord for sending some nice guest groups to help fill up the ministry calendar.

The 2023 camps, for the most part, were well attended. From my perspective, I would always prefer to see every camp session at maximum capacity. Over the years, I have learned that the Lord has plans that I am not aware of until they unfold at the actual session. At times, we are in need of additional staff members. Other times, it looks like we might be over staffed, but the campers that arrive are more challenging than expected. Spiritual, emotional and physical needs are ever changing for the campers we serve. We are very thankful for those who made a profession of faith, recommitted their life to the Lord, and grew in their faith. We are also thankful that our Rock is solid and has proven faithful for the 55 years that camp has existed. We continue to be grateful for each camper and volunteer staff member that attends and serves at MVBC.

As the facility ages, there are growing challenges that we face in the maintenance area. For the past few years, we have upgraded numerous HVAC systems to more energy efficient ones, upgraded lighting, replaced a number of roofs, added ramps and sidewalks to better serve those that utilize camp, and worked on water runoff management. Though we have made good progress in these efforts, we still have more to do.



There are also equipment needs to consider. The camp bus is 32 years old, our maintenance tractor is over 35 years old, and some food service equipment has been in operation for close to 40 years. Like the children of Israel passing through the wilderness, the Lord has helped us maintain what He has entrusted to our care.

Additionally, the staff is also aging and at times we notice some physical limitations. Should the Lord tarry, additional full-time staff will be necessary to keep up with ministry needs.

Please join us in praying for the staff team, for camp programs and for the equipment and maintenance needs. As the Lord, the solid Rock, provides through His people, we will continue to serve all who pass through this ministry.

On behalf of MVBC,

Jonathan Stassel

CAMP ADMINISTRATOR



"Offering Mountain-Top Experiences Every Day since 1968!"

DARE TO BE A DANIEL

Report for Intermediate Camp 2023

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself" (Daniel 1: 8)

A total of 42 campers (17 boys & 25 girls), attended Intermediate Camp 2023. Two boys made a profession of salvation during the week following the presentation of the Gospel, while four other campers stayed behind for one-on-one counseling. Our brother Steve Campbell covered the book of Daniel during the morning lesson which was followed by afternoon discussions on the content that was covered during those lessons.

The Lord provided excellent staff to work during this week and this truly made a difference to how the camp was managed. We realize that our camp sessions serve multiple purposes: the primary one is to introduce campers to the Lord Jesus as Savior, in addition to encouraging these young believers to continue in the faith during these difficult days. We also feel it is a time to prepare the next generation of servants and we have been truly

encouraged by the involvement of our young men and women who volunteered to be counselors and assistant counselors (2 Timothy 2:2). If there are others who would like to be involved, we would encourage them to complete the Pennsylvania clearance process which would make them eligible for 5 years. Please get them to contact Jon Stassel (jstassel@yahoo.com) for more details.

Please continue to pray for those who serve at Mountain View full time. It is a blessing to have this facility available to house the various programs during the year.

Sam Headley,
DIRECTOR



MVBC Rates for 2024

	Discounted Rate OL	Regular Rate OL	Late Reg
Men's Retreat	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$95.00
Senior Weekend	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$160.00
Family Weekend Adult	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$160.00
Family Weekend Age 8-12	\$115.00	\$125.00	\$150.00
Family Weekend Age 4-7	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$140.00
Family Weekend Age 0-3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jr/ Int Weekend	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$160.00
Young Adult	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$160.00
Family Week Adult	\$420.00	\$450.00	\$480.00
Family Week Age 8-12	\$295.00	\$315.00	\$350.00
Family Week Age 4-7	\$220.00	\$240.00	\$280.00
Family Week Age 0-3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Senior Week	\$420.00	\$450.00	\$480.00
Intermediate Week	\$410.00	\$440.00	\$470.00
Junior Week	\$400.00	\$430.00	\$460.00

	Discounted Rate OL	Regular Rate OL	Late Reg
Ladies Weekend	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$160.00
Ladies Weekend - Sat Only	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$95.00
Wilderness Wked Adult	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$160.00
Wilderness Wked Ages 8-12	\$115.00	\$125.00	\$150.00
Wilderness Wked Ages 4-7	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$140.00
Wilderness Wked Ages 0-3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Winter Escape	\$305.00	\$330.00	\$370.00
Optional Family rates:			
Family Weekend	\$450.00	\$480.00	\$550.00
Family Week	\$1,450.00	\$1,550.00	\$1,700.00
Bus fees:			
Weekend (no meal stop)	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Week (meal stop \$10)	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00

Mountain View Bible Camp Credit Card Direct Giving

Please divide my gift in this way:

I would like to contribute to the General Fund \$ _____
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 I would like to help meet the 15% to 25% gap between fees and expenses. \$ _____
 I would like to contribute to the MAINTENANCE Fund \$ _____
 I would like to help support the full-time staff living expenses \$ _____
Total amount of charge: \$ _____

Type of card: ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ Discover

- Please charge my card ☐ **one time** ☐ **each month**
- I would like the charge to be done on the following day of the month: ☐ 1st ☐ 15th ☐ Doesn't matter
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Why join this plan?

1. Administrative time/costs will be reduced, enabling your gift to work faster to spread the gospel.
2. It works automatically, so you don't have to remember to mail your check.
3. Saves on postage cost.

How to sign up:

1. Fill out this form (be sure to sign and date it).
2. Send this form to Mountain View Bible Camp.
3. MVBC will do the rest.

Notes:

- Credit Card Direct Giving Plan gifts provided to Mountain View Bible Camp are tax deductible.
- If at any time you wish to increase, decrease or suspend your giving, you can contact Mountain View Bible Camp at 570-274-6979.
- When you sign up for the Direct Giving Plan, your gift will be charged to your credit card as noted. With many new banking options available online, scheduled gifts can be sent directly from your financial institution to camp. This option does offer about 3% savings over a credit card gift.
- Mountain View also accepts PayPal contributions. A link is provided at MVBCamp.org.

**Thank you for supporting
the Lord's work at
Mountain View Bible Camp!**



2024 Camp Schedule

January 20	Board Meeting @ Mahwah
March 2	Men's Retreat
April 5-7	Jr/Int Weekend
April 19-21	Spring Family Weekend
May 18	Board Meeting @ MVBC
May 31 - June 2	Young Adult Weekend
June 30 - July 6	Family Week
July 7-13	Senior Week (Ages 14-19)
July 14-20	Intermediate Week (Ages 11-13)
July 21-27	Junior Week (Ages 8-10)
August 10-16	Missions-In-Focus
September 14	Board Meeting @ MVBC
September 20-22	Ladies Retreat
October 4-6	Jr/Int Weekend
October 18-20	Fall Senior Weekend
December 26-30	Winter Escape (Ages 13-19)



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Mountain View's Mission

This ministry will strive to provide well maintained residence facilities and grounds in order to:

- Disseminate the truths of the Bible and glorify God in all areas of camp ministry.
- Stress the necessity of salvation, sound Biblical doctrine and a deeper consistent walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Provide innovative, challenging, nature-based educational camping for people of all ages.

MVBC WishList

- Gaga Pit
 - Upgrade Activity Center Chairs
 - Upgrade Main Chapel Chairs
 - Purchase 10 new lifetime tables
 - Used Skid Steer on rubber tracks
 - Upgrade old foam mattresses in dorm and older cabins
 - Upgrade HVAC system in the Activity Center
- Items Received:**
- Basket Balls
 - Golf Balls
 - Animal Mounts
 - 50 Bibles for camper use



This newsletter is published for those interested in Mountain View Bible Camp. Letters, comments and questions are welcome. Please send them to:

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