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MVBC WishList

- Air hockey tables
- Taxidermy animals
- Used Skid-Steer on rubber tracks with attachments
- Basketball set-up for the pool
- Commercial Stainless Steel Sink for Pavilion
- Commercial Stove for Pavilion
- Commercial 2 door fridge
- Commercial Stainless Steel work tables
- Board games
- Sandbox toys
- Playground equipment
- New slide for pool

ITEMS RECEIVED

- Some sports items
- Food service items
- Construction supplies
- Craft supplies
- Microwave oven
- Used metal AV carts



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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The Views



Mountain View Bible Camp newsletter for all ages

Spring 2015



Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk

"For he shall be like a tree firmly planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots..."

- JEREMIAH 17:8

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

-MATTHEW 5:16 NKJV

Dear friends of Mountain View,

While following the news broadcast by the media, it seems that every day holds headlines demonstrating acts of unkindness, pain, abuse, hatred, hopelessness... Many are wondering when the next big act of terrorism will unfold and whether it will be close to home. Others seem to be growing apathetic to injustice and suffering. Some simply wander aimlessly, not

knowing what direction to go, where to turn for answers or even find a moment of peace. For many, the questions remain; why are we here and what is the reason for living?

This year, Mountain View's theme will be SHINE! Matthew 5:14-16 reminds Christians that, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (NKJV) When darkness seems to be prevalent, it only takes a small amount of light to penetrate the darkness and cause it to flee. The greater the light, the more things are visible. The closer to the light, the light becomes the focal point, not the darkness.

Last year we considered the theme of being "Firmly Planted". Once we are "Firmly Planted", enjoying nourishment

from roots that have grown deep, there should be visible strength and fruit. Others should be able to witness this in our life and be encouraged to do the same. This year, we want to "Shine" so mankind can see the One for whom we are living. The trend of the day is to read less and watch more media. You and I may be the only motion picture people watch to find the answers they are so desperately seeking. During the few years of my life, I continue to learn that regardless of my age, I am being watched by others. Some are looking for answers; some are looking to see when I stumble and fall. Others want to know if what I say and do matches my "SHINE". All too often, I do not reflect Jesus the way I should. He is still working on me, polishing me to "SHINE" out His hope in this dark place.

Will you make plans to join us at camp this year? Together we can explore being the light of the world, and how we must let our lights shine and glorify our Father in heaven.

Jonathan Stassel
CAMP ADMINISTRATOR

SHINE!

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Prayer & Praise

PRAYER

- For a Food Service Manager
- For additional full time staff
- For a pool of screened volunteers to serve at camp
- For increased attendance at each camp session
- For willing workers and directors for each camp session
- For additional rental groups
- For health and safety for the full time workers
- For the completion of the Bathhouse Pavilion
- For the necessary funds needed to complete maintenance projects, as well as two additional duplex cabins

PRAISE

- For many willing volunteers who have completed the mandatory background screening
- For contributions sent to cover Camper Assistance / Scholarship fund
- For contributions sent to help with new construction and maintenance
- For donations of some wish list items
- For God's blessing on each camp session
- For thankful hearts for all that the Lord has done
- For health and safety of each camper and worker

PA Law now requiring Background Clearances for ALL Volunteers

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. -ROMANS 13:1-2 NKJV

Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. -1 PETER 2:13-14 NKJV

Let all things be done decently and in order. -1 CORINTHIANS 14:40 NKJV

Dear Friends of Mountain View,

At the beginning of this year, camp was notified by our insurance carrier that the state of Pennsylvania had enacted a new law requiring background screening for all volunteers responsible for the welfare of a child, or having direct contact with children. Since the beginning of 2015, we have had numerous discussions with legal counsel, camp's state representative, government agencies, background screening companies, and much prayer to the Lord for wisdom. Camp has put into place a process that we believe will satisfy the requirements outlined in this law. We understand that this process will be expensive and has therefore agreed to bear the financial burden of screening for those individuals wishing to serve at camp. Camp's goal is to gather a sizeable pool of screened individuals so the work of the Lord at MVBC will go on unhindered. MVBC has set up secure online accounts with two state-approved agencies, Safe Hiring Solutions and PA Cogent ID, to help expedite the screening process.

Required screenings include:

Criminal History Record check – obtained from the PA State Police (Done via Safe Hiring Solutions)

Child Abuse Clearance – obtained through the PA Dept. of Public Welfare (Done via Safe Hiring Solutions)

Federal Criminal History Record – obtained from the FBI (Done via PA Cogent ID)

Pennsylvania residents who have lived in the Commonwealth continuously for the past 10 years are only required to complete the first two screenings. Pennsylvania residents living fewer than 10 years in the state, as well as all out-of-state and out-of-country individuals, must complete all three screenings. These screenings are grouped into "Part 1" and "Part 2" processes.

Part 1: Volunteer Screening via Safe Hiring Solutions (for screenings a) and b) above)

Part 2: Federal Criminal History Report via PA Cogent ID (for screening c) above, including fingerprints)

We know it could take a number of weeks for the screening process to be completed. If you desire to serve at MVBC this year or might consider serving in the future, please do not delay starting this process. Beginning July 1, 2015, all volunteers desiring to serve at camp must be screened before they can serve. We believe the process should be started right away, if possible. Once screened, the cleared individual will be able to serve for 36 months. These clearances can also be used by the individual with any other ministry in Pennsylvania during that 36-month period. To begin this process, please contact Jon Stassel right away at jstassel@yahoo.com or 570-274-6979. A helpful step-by-step instruction sheet will be sent to guide you through the process. We are aware that the fingerprint portion of Part 2 may create some difficulties for out-of-state applicants. We are working with the state of Pennsylvania to find ways to remedy that issue.

The cost for most of these screenings will be around \$60 per person, with out-of-country individuals costing somewhat more and PA residents who have lived in-state for 10 years or more costing a bit less. Though MVBC has set up accounts to pay for this process, those wishing to contribute toward this expense can send tax-deductible gifts to help defray these costs.

Please share this information with those presently serving, encourage others to consider serving, and pray for the Lord's blessing at MVBC.



Spring Junior / Intermediate Weekend 2015 Report Jesus is Awesome!

It was definitely an honor to be able to serve the Lord at Mountain View Bible Camp again. Waking up to snow on the ground was definitely a surprise to everyone but the Lord blessed abundantly. The numbers have been steadily increasing over the years, and to see new faces for the first time and old faces returning again definitely warms my heart. We had the theme of "Jesus Is Awesome" over the duration of the weekend. It's always a good reminder to know that He loves and cares for His own, and to have a blessed hope that He will be returning again.

There is something about these kids and this particular age group that humbles me. Seeing them grow over the years and becoming more and more interested in Bible teachings is something I fathom. The staff members play an important role in the success of the camp, and I appreciate each and every one of them. We only have a small window to have an impact on these kids, and they capitalize on this opportunity. When it comes to Jr/Int camp, you come to encourage, but with the help of the Lord, you end up leaving more encouraged than when you came. And that is part of the many reasons why Jesus is so awesome.

-Joval Wilson, Director

Up-date of "The Plan" for Future Projects

*For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD.
"They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give
you a future and a hope. In those days
when you pray, I will listen...."*

-JEREMIAH 29:11-12 NLT

I am continually grateful to know that God has good plans for us, plans for a future and a hope. He surely has blessed this ministry over the years by providing campers, staff, rental groups, volunteers, health, safety, direction, finances... Even though we have made some plans, He has directed us, modifying some of those plans, refocusing some other plans, erasing yet other plans and arranging the timing of them all.

The present: Bath House Pavilion Project: We are thankful this project is nearing completion. Tile is being laid in the bathrooms and change rooms. The food service area ceiling is done, though not the walls. We are waiting to receive a stainless steel sink, commercial stove and other pieces of equipment needed to make this area functional.

Though construction is still in progress, we are thankful that all the funds needed to complete this structure are in hand. Juggling between the necessary maintenance projects, monthly and seasonal task items, new construction, scheduled camps and rentals (requiring set-up, clean-up and food service), there is no lack of things to do. With the Lord's help, we plan to complete the Bath House Pavilion before summer camp begins, knowing that a number of rental picnics have already been contracted to use this area.

The future: Up-Dating of "The Plan": The plan is to complete the bathhouse pavilion already under construction near the pool, maintain the Stony Pine Activity Center and Hardwood Lodge dorm which are in need of vinyl siding (\$ 9,000 funds still



needed), window replacement (\$6,000 funds still needed) and restroom remodeling (\$8,000 funds still needed).

There has been some progress made in preparation to build two additional duplex cabins (\$85,000 per duplex). Originally, we had planned to start one this past

October. That plan had to be modified partly because the Bath House Pavilion project is not complete, but also due to lack of funds and available manpower. We do have building permits in hand for both additional duplexes, but not the funds. The full time staff and Board have agreed to hold off until September 2015 to break ground, and then only proceed if the funds are in place. We anticipate a financial need of \$100,000 which would allow both duplexes to be dried in before winter. **The need to start this fall is urgent.** If delayed, new building permits will be required, causing added expense and construction delays..

Financial Need: As the Lord supplies the needed funds and manpower, we will proceed with construction and maintenance projects. Knowing that Missions-In-Focus (our largest attended program) is scheduled for August 8-14, 2015, we plan to have the Bath House Pavilion finished and some of the Hardwood Lodge and Activity Center projects in progress. We kindly ask you to pray with us for wisdom regarding how quickly we can proceed. If you have time and would like to come and help with any or all of these projects, please let us know, so we can schedule accordingly.

Thank you for your prayers and interest in this area of the Lord's work.

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.

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