

# The Views



Mountain View Bible Camp newsletter for all ages

Spring 2024

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## Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk

2024 THEME:

### The Mountain Is Calling And I Must Go

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains, where does my help come from? –Psalms 121:1*

Dear friends of Mountain View Bible Camp,

As school is wrapping up and summer plans move into full swing, camp is preparing to receive campers and staff. It is always an exciting and extra busy time of year as we move from spring weekends into the summer full week camp programs.

Over the years, camp has been blessed to have a good stream of volunteers who give of themselves to serve. Since the pandemic, we are especially concerned with a shortage of volunteers in many areas of service throughout the United States. This trend seems to be affecting volunteers in all areas of service, not just in Christian camping. For months, the MVBC staff and others have been praying for enough lifeguards, directors, counselors, activities leaders, food service helpers, medical staff, etc... Every area of camp seems to be harder to fill. I remember a statistic from a number of years ago which shared that 80% of the work is done by 20% of the volunteers. That number has shifted to be closer to 90% of the work now being done by 10% of the volunteers.

As a young child, I remember large groups of volunteers who would come to camp to clear brush, clean, paint, pound nails ... build the facilities. Quite often now, folks who attend camp sessions kindly ask what is new. Having been on staff since January 1997, I can attest that there have been a lot of changes and improvements over the years. New construction, remodeling and maintenance all take money, but more importantly,

time and man power. As the facility grows, just the cleaning and maintaining of what the Lord has entrusted to us, takes hours each week simply to prepare for the next camp program. The MVBC 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 the ever growing ministry needs.

How can you help? Please prayerfully consider volunteering at camp. We need good volunteers available to the Lord for His service. We regularly lift up our eyes to this mountain: Mountain View Bible Camp. We know our help comes from the Lord – but maybe He will use you to help us in this large work He has blessed for many years.

Please join us in praying for the staff team, for camp programs and for the equipment and maintenance needs. As the Lord, the one who is our help, 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!"*



# Reminder: Electronic devices and cell phone use at MVBC

## Camper Use

Most electronic devices should not be used at Mountain View by campers, including laptops, music devices, video game players, and similar items. Campers with such devices will be asked to give them to the camp director, who will keep them in a secure location during the camp session and return them at its conclusion.

Campers are not permitted to use earbuds or headphones during a camp session. Campers are permitted to use cell phones within the following guidelines:

- Cell phones are not permitted during lesson and discussion times. (Bible apps may be used at the discretion of the camp staff.)
- Cell phones are not permitted during mealtimes by campers or staff. (Camp staff have discretion to permit emergency use, but only outside of the dining room.)

- Cell phones should not be used during sports or other scheduled activities except for taking photos and videos.
- Cell phones may be used during scheduled free time. However, camp staff have discretion to ask campers to put phones away at any time if the need arises.
- Any camper (or staff member) who engages in inappropriate use of social media, messaging apps, or other cell phone functions will be required to relinquish the phone to the camp director or Administrator for a determined period of time. (In such a case, the camp director or Administrator will contact the camper's parent or guardian.)

Campers and staff are responsible for all personal belongings at camp. Mountain View is not liable for any damage or loss that may occur to campers' electronic items.



## 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to help needy campers (Scholarships) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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
- Please begin monthly charges on or after this date \_\_\_\_\_

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code on back \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Card holder's signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form to:** Mountain View Bible Camp • Attn: Direct Giving Plan • 99 Mt. View Lane, Danville, PA 17821

**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 [www.mvbcamp.org](http://www.mvbcamp.org).

**2024 Camp Schedule**

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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Sunbury, PA  
Permit #30



## 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
- Used Skid Steer on rubber tracks
- Replace 1985 Massey Ferguson 250 Tractor Loader Backhoe
- Upgrade HVAC system in the Activity Center

### Items Received:

- 100 New Dining Room Chairs
- 100 New Main Chapel Chairs
- 10 New lifetime tables
- 84 New Mattresses for Dorm
- 40 New Mattresses for Older Duplex Cabins



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

### Mountain View Bible Camp

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Danville, PA 17821  
Call: 570-672-2296  
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[www.mvbcamp.org](http://www.mvbcamp.org)

## Full-Time Workers

**Jonathan and Annemieke Stassel**  
*Administrator*

**Sam and Ruth Bishay**  
*Food Service Manager*

**Mark and Andrea Fuhr**  
*Operations Manager*

**Fritz and Lottie Geiger**  
*Retired Staff*

**Jim Schulte**  
*Retired Staff*

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