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Counting Down

As a child I was always fascinated with space. There was something exciting about exploring the great unknown. I vividly remember watching the countdown for the shuttle to take off into the heavens. The announcer would count down from 10 and my heart always raced as he said, “3, 2, 1, lift off!” Countdowns are fun. We usually only count down the days of something exciting, things like Christmas, birthdays, vacation, etc. We don’t count down the days until we have to pay our taxes, see the dentist, or have jury duty. Those things aren’t typically very exciting.

Camp will be starting shortly after you receive this letter! Isn’t that exciting!! But camp doesn’t just “start.” We don’t just “click our fingers” and boom, there’s camp. There are LOTS of preparations that go into camp. One of our biggest preparations is junior staff training. We have more staff than normal this summer, but we are grateful for their willing hearts. These young people have attended one of our two training meetings to learn how camp operates, hear about a few changes, meet their fellow counselors, and be challenged to love the boys and girls as Jesus loves them. We are so grateful for those who have helped prepare our staff for a blessed summer.



We have also been incredibly blessed with four different work days. Our first work day was on a rainy Saturday, but our faithful team cleaned out the creek and trimmed up some old, dead timber. Our next teams were from Cumberland Valley Christian School and Heritage Academy. We are so blessed to be partners with these two schools. Their young people cleaned, folded t-shirts, set up the chapel, puts tarps over our teaching areas, cleaned out the buses, and MUCH more! **Don’t forget to mark your calendars for our final work day on June 1st.** This day will be dedicated to cleaning the chapel, putting out the paddleboats, life jackets, inner tubes, and other various jobs. The work day starts at 8 and ends at 12!



Work days also mean that we find things that aren’t working properly or are just plain broken. Six of our old picnic tables were beyond repair. We reached out via Facebook and within minutes we received more than enough donations to purchase new, long lasting picnic tables!!! We also had a new ministry partner donate another zero turn mower to our ministry!! This means two people can mow at the same time, cutting down the massive amount of time it takes to mow the grass. **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GIFTS!!!**

Outdoor Adventure

We had some very special visitors come out to camp at the end of April. Heritage Academy's 2nd-grade class visited us for a field trip. To our knowledge, this was our first-ever field trip! The weather was gorgeous and the camp was filled with laughter and playing. Their day started with roaming the campground and discovering the multiple play options. Matt had them line up at the flag pole and told them all about the rules; things like "sticks and stones leave alone, and that includes pinecones." He also shared the story of how the camp was formed. The children played, went on Ranger rides, learned how to make dandelion crowns, learned how to play box hockey, and ate a yummy lunch.

The highlight of the day was the creek. They went on a somewhat cold creek walk (maybe cold is an understatement) and then went crayfishing. They were excellent fishermen and fisherwomen. They caught lots of crayfish along with minnows and a few salamanders! They were competing to see who could catch the biggest one! The day ended with popsicles (since we didn't have the snow-cone machine set up). One little girl exclaimed, "**WHEN DO WE GET TO COME BACK?**" We LOVE hearing those words. A huge thanks to Heritage Academy's Mrs. Renner for leading the trip. Mrs. Renner became a follower of Jesus at camp over thirty years prior and now wants to share her love of camp with her students!



Junior Staff Update

Our last letter detailed some of our summer staff. We wanted to provide an update to our staff list. Payge Warner and Rylie Baker will be rejoining our staff this summer. Emmalyn Ray will also become a part of our camp family! We are so incredibly blessed with faithful young people. Don't forget that some of our staff are raising support. Feel free to contact the office to see who needs to raise support and how you can team up with them. Pray that our staff will faithfully follow Christ by serving at camp this summer and that Jesus will grow them!



Emmalyn Ray



Rylie Baker



Payge Warner

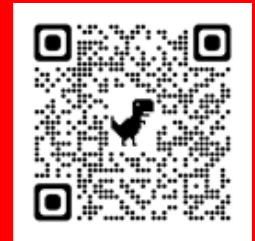
Social Media

Look us up at CEF® Franklin and Fulton County on Facebook. We are sharing updates, meetings, teacher tips, U-nite® videos, devotions, and more.

We have also created an online platform to make giving easier. Here is the website for the online giving:

<https://franklincef.breezechms.com/give/online>

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