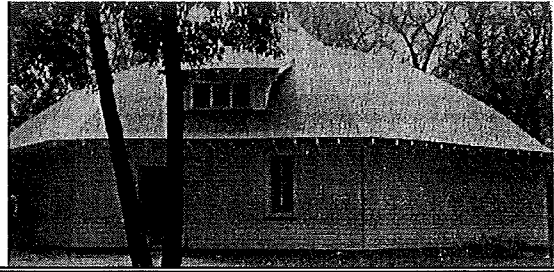


Tabernacle Topics

Where you move from life's routine – into God's renewal!



Written for the supporting churches and friends of Cooperstown Bible Camp



High school students enjoy fun in the sun at the pool with their campers. High school students can serve as counselors-in-training through the Youth Missions Corps.

Youth Missions Corps makes students into missionaries

There is nothing quite like leading someone to Christ. It's an opportunity to share with a person who Jesus is and how He offers abundant and eternal life to everyone. An experience like leading someone to Christ can motivate a person to be bolder for and more excited about Jesus. It can give a person a heart to serve Christ for the rest of his or her life. This is what the Youth Missions Corps is about: making high school students into missionaries through creating in them hearts to serve and know Jesus Christ.

"Youth Missions Corps is a unique opportunity for high school students to serve the Lord at Cooperstown Bible Camp," Aaron Ziebarth, Program Director, explained. "It is a time for senior highers to share their talents and abilities with campers. It is a time for them to make new friendships. It is an opportunity for them to learn new skills and grow spiritually, emotionally and socially."

Students who are selected for the YMC program will commit four weeks of their summers to CBC. One of those weeks will consist of intense training in the Word and camp ministry, as well as bond-building within the Corps and the rest of the staff. The other three weeks will be spent serving in different areas of camp. A YMC might serve as a counselor-in-training, wrangler-in-training, kitchen assistant, grounds crew assistant, etc. These

experiences serving in different areas of camp may give them a chance to actually lead someone to Christ, or to understand the importance of serving in more "behind-the-scenes" capacities.

Throughout their weeks in different areas of service they will meet daily with the other Corps members for study of the Word, prayer, encouragement and accountability. They will also meet with a YMC mentor on a weekly basis. YMC members will need to raise both prayer and financial support.

Students interested in this discipleship training program may contact camp for more information. Applications will be sent out soon.

Meeting the needs of campers

As we witnessed so many people losing their homes to the flood last spring, we at camp knew we needed to do our part. Thus the Flood Assistance Scholarship Fund was born, and because of the generous gifts of many churches and individuals, we were able to provide full camp scholarships to any campers who needed them. Because of its success, we have decided to continue the Cooperstown Bible Camp Scholarship Fund. The fund will assure campers that they can attend CBC regardless of their financial situation. If you would like to contribute to this fund at any time, please designate your gifts to "Scholarship Fund." Please pray with us that all campers will have the financial provision they need.

Prayer needed

for behind-the-scenes servants

Few people know of certain intense monthly meetings taking place at various locations across the eastern portion of the state. Fourteen men and one woman discuss, debate, decide and pray about crucial aspects of the ministry of Cooperstown Bible Camp. Their meetings go late into the night, often reaching early morning hours. These are the CBC board members and they need your prayer. CBC board members generally serve 3-year terms. They are elected at each annual meeting, and no more than two people from the same church can serve. Four of the board members must be pastors, and one is the non-voting district superintendent (currently Mike Boyle).

Here are the names of current board members. Please pray for them. They are helping further develop the ministry of your camp.

- ◆ Keith Anderson, camp administrator, non-voting
- ◆ Loren Bervik, Grand Forks
- ◆ Rev. Mike Boyle, district superintendent, non-voting
- ◆ Rev. Phil Brown, youth pastor, Salem EFC (Fargo)
- ◆ Rev. Dale Clifton, pastor, Wolverton EFC
- ◆ Robert Evenson, Wahpeton
- ◆ Scott Fredrickson, Cooperstown
- ◆ Terry Gortmaker, Valley City
- ◆ Rev. Daryl Griffin, pastor, Cooperstown EFC
- ◆ Beth Henning, Moorhead
- ◆ Eldon Hermunslie, Wahpeton
- ◆ Rev. Jon Hildebrand, youth pastor, Faith EFC (Grand Forks)
- ◆ Blake VanderVorst, Bismarck
- ◆ Reuben Viland, **camp board chairman**, Valley City
- ◆ Aaron Ziebarth, program director, non-voting

In Memory

Recent gifts to have been given to CBC in memory of:

Louella Hoffacker Aldo Iverson
Mrs. Frank Karges Oscar Norman Jane Olafson

Let us praise the Lord together that these camp supporters have been called out of suffering and into their heavenly home!

Looking Ahead

Salem EFC Stephen's Ministries	Jan 1-2
Men's Retreat	Jan 9-11
CBC '97 Staff Reunion	Jan 30-Feb 1
Fire & Ice (Sr. High: grades 9-12)	Feb 13-15
Sudden Impact (Jr. High: grades 6-8)	Feb 20-22
Father/Son Retreat	Feb 27-Mar 1
Faith EFC (Grand Forks) youth	Mar 6-8
Salem EFC Sr. High	Mar 27-29
Salem EFC Jr. High	Apr 24-26

Dates are available for your church or youth group. Please call CBC for availability and rate structures.

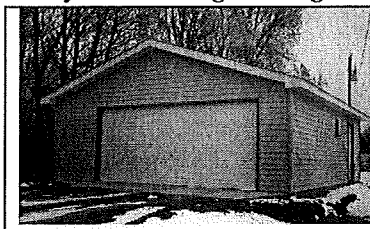
To highlight a couple retreats ...

Sudden Impact (Feb. 20-22): We have secured our speaker and musician for our first annual Sudden Impact junior high retreat. Tim Johnson, a youth pastor at Oxboro EFC in the Twin Cities, will entertain you with his humor, lead you into worship with his music, and increase your love for the Lord through his stories and sharing of the Word. *Earlybird and regular reg. deadlines: Jan. 20 & Feb. 13.*

Father/Son (Feb. 27-Mar 1): Coming at the end of February is the always-exciting Father/Son Retreat. Speaker and musician is Vern Baardson. Fathers and sons will enjoy a weekend of worship and bonding together as they participate in everything from singing to

snowmobiling. *Earlybird and regular reg. deadlines: Jan. 27 & Feb. 20.*

***Remember to register early for the Men's Retreat (Jan. 10-12) and the senior high Fire & Ice retreat (Feb. 13-15). Men's Retreat reg. deadline: Jan. 2. Fire & Ice earlybird and regular reg. deadlines: Jan. 13 & Feb. 6.**



We at camp are proud to present the latest addition to our facilities: the Program Director's garage. Thanks go to the MMAP'ers, who put in all the long hours needed to complete it.

Praise the Lord for:

* The progress being made toward raising the needed funds for the Ludvig Lodge Bathroom Addition. **Update:** So far, we have raised \$13,437 of the \$50,000 needed. However, we also have received pledges and donations of labor, which bring down the cost significantly. Please continue praying for this project.

- * The provision of inner-tubes for upcoming retreats.
- * Faithful prayer and financial support of supporting churches and people.
- * The life-changing retreats planned for this year.
- * The completion of the program director's garage.

Pray for these material needs:

- * Camp is particularly in need of further financial support to compensate for lower registrations this past summer. Please pray about how you can help.
- * Quality photocopier.
- * Old brooms to be used for broomball.
- * Cross-country skis for retreat attendees to enjoy.
- * Adequate staffing for retreats.
- * Nurses for next summer.
- * Continued giving toward the upstairs lodge bathrooms.
- * Ten twin mattresses.

Pray for these specific ministry goals:

- * Speakers and staff for retreats would be focused on Christ and able to clearly communicate this through words and deeds.
- * Retreat attendees would come to know Jesus Christ in new and deeper ways.
- * Jesus Christ would be glorified through all activities.
- * That all campers whom God desires will come to retreats and other activities at camp this year.
- * God's guidance in programming this year's new retreats.

Coming next issue ...

An opportunity to battle on behalf of camp ministry as a *Warrior in Prayer!*

"But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness..." (Matthew 6:33)

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