

2013

BLUEWATER REFLECTIONS

Outfitters
For Life.

Come For A
Week, Take Home
A Lifetime Of
Memories.



NAILED IT

“And God saw everything He had made, and behold, it was very good.” Genesis 1:31a (ESV)

2013 became the summer of God “Nailing It” at His perfect right time. His provision was providential and sufficient. Whether staffing needs, camper registrations, speakers, or purchasing an adjacent property.

Our spring registration numbers started slow, but increased to a positive year for campers and Family Campers. God nailed it.

Even more inspirational was a provision to help provide staffing during a very full week of camp. We had exhausted our resources of potential counselors. Then the camp director of Covenant Park called and said he had two female staff who he did not need for the week. He felt compelled to call us and ask if we

needed the help. What a blessing and answer to prayer. God nailed it.

The staff and speakers used the theme of God’s perfect creation to challenge us to understand God’s great vision for our relationship with him and this earth. We continue to be challenged to care for creation by reducing, recycling, and reusing. Plus, it caused us to stop and appreciate all that surrounded us and give glory back to God.

God certainly nailed it when He made Bluewater Lake and the surrounding area. Which leads us to the exciting purchase of an adjacent property.

On January 1st, 2013 we had a conversation that lead to their desire to sell their 3.3 acres, house, and cabin. In 1967, our organization had the opportunity to purchase it with the rest of camp. It was Mac’s house and a part of the original property. However, the timing was not conducive.

The Board and I are excited about the possibilities this opens for camp. First, is that it allows the Camp Director to have space from the midst of camp. Second, once this move happens, then the current Director’s house will be used for summer housing. Which then allows us to complete apart of our long range plan of turning the Beach House into a Welcome Center/ Office.



In addition, the current director’s house will be used as housing for fall, winter, and spring retreats. Allowing for adult groups and larger youth groups to use Bluewater during a very pristine part of the season. Ultimately, allowing God to speak through enlarging our camping season.

Above all our desire is to provide an enthusiastic environment where youth adults, and children can come into a loving relationship with God and others through Jesus Christ.

God certainly nailed it.

Chadwick Persons- Camp Director



Anything But Ordinary

God's faithfulness shined again this summer. 835 youth campers came through the gates and it is hard to grasp the ripple effect that will emanate from these students in their hometowns because of their time at Bluewater. We trust that He who began a good work in them will carry it on to completion at the day of Christ. Of the campers who filled out our spiritual decision survey, 557 were Christians before coming to camp. 27 became Christians at camp. 208 followers rededicated their lives to Jesus. 42 stated that they don't know if they are a Christian. 90 expressed that they felt a call into ministry. Our theme of "Nailed It" was based on Genesis 1:31, "God saw all that he had made, and behold, he it was very good."

In an effort to try to grow grass on our torn up game field, we modified our games or chose different games that would not put so much traffic on the field. This gave the campers a chance to try out new games such as all-camp relays or a night volleyball tournament. The new boat gave campers their first chance at wakesurfing and, of course, countless tube rides. The gaga pit was a hot spot this year with kids playing often throughout the day with many watching as well. The most popular new activity by far this year was the blob.

Micah Rude- Program Director

835 Youth Campers

883 Family Campers & Retreaters

27 First Time Commitments To Christ

208 Rededications to Christ

90 Called into Ministry



OFFERINGS

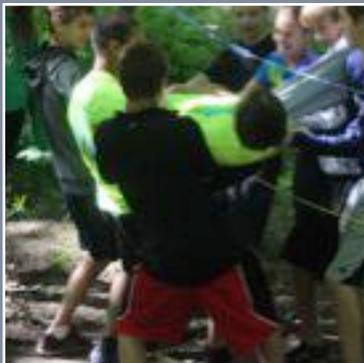
Congo Water Project- \$3,579.28

Our camp mission offering (from the canteen "Congo Jar" and the chapel offerings) went to Covenant Kids Congo this summer. It is a great partnership between the Evangelical Covenant Church and World Vision. The kids were excited to give to this project. To promote it and to give the campers a peek into the lives of children in the Congo, we did an object lesson each week. The campers would walk together with their cabins to Wabana Lake or Trout Lake depending on the age group. They carried a 5 gallon bucket of water back with them, sharing the load among themselves. When they got back they then washed a shirt by hand in the bucket. Although it was an abbreviated version, the campers were able to catch a glimpse into the lives of people in so many other countries. One camper, at lunch on the last day, came up to me and handed me \$40 and said, "Give this to the Congo fund, I know I won't spend it on anything as important as that."



OUTFITTERS FOR LIFE

MEMORIES



NEW PROPERTY



Property Information:

- 3.3 Acres
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom, unfinished basement year round house that needs update.
- 2 car garage
- Guest cabin
- Driveway is to the right of Camp's driveway.
- Investment: \$335,000
- Formerly part of Bluewater Covenant Bible Camp before we purchased the property.

Plans for Property & BCBC:

1. New property will house the Camp Director.
2. Current Director house will become summer staff housing.
 - Which allows for Beach House to be remodeled into a Welcome Center/ Office.
3. Current Director's House will also be a Retreat Center Housing for Fall, Winter and Spring retreats.

Praise God for the gifts towards the \$70,000 Matching Gift.

As we celebrate what God has done and look forward to the future, we ask that you would partner with Bluewater Covenant Bible Camp by giving a donation. Without the gracious hearts of those that come to camp, we would not be blessed with the beautiful and adventurous atmosphere that Bluewater provides. Please take the time to consider a gift as 2013 draws to a close.

Make plans
for Summer of
2014!

Make checks payable to:

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ITEMS NEEDED:

- Minivan or Station Wagon
- Lawn Mower
- Fans
- Garage LP Heater
- 4 Wheeler
- Pickup Truck
- Skid Loader
- Aluminum Dock

WAYS TO GIVE:

- Give a stock option. (Covenant Trust Company will help to sell this option)
- Estate gifts (Covenant Trust Company can help).
- Donate an item for resale.
- Volunteer
- Make a cash donation.

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