



The Hemlock Herald

The Newsletter of Hemlock Wilderness Brigade Camp
Bringing Christ to youth through "wilderness" camping.

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From the President's Desk

by Sam Barrow III

I hope all of you enjoyed the off season from camp and are looking forward to this summer's adventure. God has once again blessed Camp Hemlock this past year. Please continue to pray for God's hand in the ministry of Camp Hemlock.

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This is always an exciting time for camp. I always enjoy this time of year because I get to interact with the upcoming staff through the interviewing & training process. Please also pray for our Sr. & Jr. staff for the proper selection, training & preparation for the summer programs.

Hopefully the snow has melted & we are easily able to get into camp for the 1st workday, March 10th. Please join us on the 2nd Saturday of each month, now through July for workdays. These workdays prepare the property for our campers through spring cleanup, repairs and preparation of the activity areas.

This year in addition to the usual projects, we are embarking on re-roofing a number of buildings. Through a generous donation of sheathing, we will be able to re-roof a number of cabins. In addition, the dining hall roof will be replaced. For these projects, we need quite a few people who can assist in this operation. Please contact me or Chief for details. Do not feel that you need to be a "Roofer" to help with this. Last summer with the help of staffers, adult volunteers and teens the roof for cabin 3 was completely removed & replaced in a few days!

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A Note From the Editor

The Hemlock Herald is printed twice a year in the Spring and Fall. If you wish to write an article for the newsletter about your stay at Camp Hemlock, please submit it to the Editor at: newsletter@camphemlock.org. Deadlines are the first weeks in March & October.

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From the Camp Director's Desk

by Mark Curran

Just around the bend... just over the stream... and just up the drive... is another summer of adventure! How about getting ready to carry the Camp Torch! The Torch of excitement, the Torch of friendship, the Torch of our gospel! Carrying "The Torch" is our summer theme, which will beam light into every aspect of a campers' week. Our staff is ready to be a "Friend in Christ" to each and every camper. They are prepared to lead the way to a closer relationship with our Lord! They are prepared to present "The Light" of our Savior in an exciting, practical and Biblically founded message throughout the summer. Come and learn the Brigade Story of

"The Torch" and how Christian Service Brigade (CSB) is still carrying the Message of The Torch, 75 years after "Uncle" Joe Coughlin began this great story! Come and be part of this message and the excitement of the summer!

The excitement has already begun!! There may be a new slippery curve at the pool. You might get a chance to see a genuine "Hot Rod"! There could even be some splattered paint on trees, bushes and a few campers!! See you at Camp!

The Chief, Bucky & Buddy! (and their 47 cousins!)

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Lastly, I want to thank all of you who partner with us. This includes not only our gifts of time but our monetary gifts to camp as well. I hope to see many of you throughout the camping season. Please drop me a note regarding your experiences from camp. I would love to hear them. Sam Barrow III President

Almost Heaven in West Virginia

by Jacob Brunk

Deep in the mountains of West Virginia lies Camp Hemlock. When you arrive the first thing you see is a large grassy field surrounded by forest. Behind the forest is a receding, majestic mountain. Past the field you will find the aromatic cafeteria where scrumptious meals are served. You will also catch a glimpse at the dazzling staff shack with its brightly lit game loft. Further back you will find a bumpy trail that ascends up the mountain. To the right of the cafeteria are seven cabins. The seventh cabin is at the edge of the field. Across from cabin seven is a large glistening pool. In front of the cafeteria is the bathroom building. To the right of the cafeteria

is a huge, brilliant fireplace. The entire camp has a refreshing aroma of unspoiled air with a slight underlying scent of the hemlock trees.

The sights are not the only things that make Camp Hemlock one of my favorite places. For example, there are many of adventurous things to do. One of my favorite activities is archery. The best I've ever done was 5 out of 10 in the bulls eye from 20 feet away. One time a kid shot the arrow so horribly that it went over a huge tarp and went through a cooper head snake. Another fun thing we do is sit outside in the dark of the night at a huge fancy

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Camp Wildflowers 2009

by Joanne Curran

Two years ago I planned to start recycling some of the great camp themes we've had over the last 12 years. But then... my Soul began to Sing! And if you were at camp last summer, you know the rest! So this summer I really, really planned to start recycling the themes. But then...you can guess what happened! One Sunday our pastor used a phrase that caught my ear. He talked about being a "Key Ingredient". He was referring to being a "Key Ingredient" in God's Plan. Of course, Jesus is The Key Ingredient in God's Ultimate Plan. Without His life, death, and resurrection no other "ingredients" can be mixed together in any recipe to achieve eternal life. Likewise, as disciples in Christ, we are each a "key ingredient" in accomplishing Gods' Purposes here on earth. We are each an important part of the Body of Christ. He has a plan for each of us. At camp we will "Key In" on lots of related Scripture. There are plenty of food ingredient

related verses, such as, the "Bread" of Life, the "Fruit" of the Spirit, "hungering and thirsting" after righteousness, God's Word being "sweeter than honey", "salt that loses it's saltiness", etc! How much fun will it be to "Key In", at our Bible Explorations, by cooking and mixing "ingredients"! Oh no, what if we leave out a "key" ingredient?! Or, oh no! What if we add the wrong ingredient!? Maybe we'll even have a Tea Party!

Cooking is such a naturally fun and "girly" thing that we will have great fun incorporating it into all CAMP WILDFLOWERS activities! Come "taste and see that the Lord is good"! (Psalm34:8a) Remember- YOU are a "Key Ingredient" in making this a *Great* summer for all!

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fireplace. We sit around and watch skits, tell funny stories. During the day we like to hike up a large mountain that is at the edge of the camp. When you get to the top and peer over the edge you see a beautiful, sprawling valley. From the distance the once huge trees look like tiny little specs. Once when we got to the top of the mountain a staff member shot off a rocket. It was awesome to watch it fly and screech up into the sky.

Over the years I have experienced and learned quite a lot of things at Camp Hemlock. I have learned how to shoot a bow, rifle and sling shot. I've also learned how to throw a tomahawk. It is so much fun just to enjoy nature's serenity. I never get tired of smelling the clear air, hearing the chirping birds and babbling creek, seeing the lush green trees and radiance of the mammoth mountain. One of the best things about Camp Hemlock is just being able to get away from it all.



New Battalion Camps

****NEW** Outdoor Adventure**

“WEST VIRGINIA HIGH & DEEP”:

This Climbing & Caving Wilderness Week is guided by Wildguyde.com Adventure Leader (& former camp dad), Lester Zook. The week will start with learning rock-climbing basics on our own rock walls at camp. Then you'll head out to Seneca Rocks and/or the Nelson Climbing Preserve. After all the climbing & repelling challenges there, our own Camp Caver, Bob Robins will take you climbing and spelunking



underground into some of W. Virginia's coolest caves! Add to that the enjoyment of wilderness living & this is an adventure you do not want to miss!

****NEW** Paintball Adventure**

“FOR BOYS GRADES 7-12”:

How about a dedicated 5-acre paintball range! Beginner to experienced players will take their skills further with team building, tactical strategies, camouflage, signaling, and the all around excitement of the ultimate game! Safety gear and guns provided. Bring a team or a couple of friends to develop your skills. This one is going to be awesome!

****NEW****

“WEEK END CANOE TRIP”:

Arrive Friday evening to enjoy supper, canoe instruction, and other camp activities. Then head out for a full weekend of great, river canoeing and camping excitement!

Date: July 16 -18. Cost: \$75.00

More Battalion Camp

Battalion Weekend Canoe Trip 16-18 Jul 2010
Are you looking for a little whitewater action? Do you want to enjoy some cool camping in the middle of the summer, but can't get a whole week off of work? Want to learn some new strokes, or how to "play" the river? Looking for a memorable father-son weekend? Or maybe you're a non-com or lieutenant looking to learn a new river. Whatever your reason, join HWBC for some Class 1-2 paddling, tent camping, and great fellowship. Fri-Sun, July, 16-18 2010. For more information, call Dave Hull at 301-445-5334.

Miss shoveling snow?

Come relive the February blizzard as it melts into some big juicy rapids on the “Yough” and Cheat rivers! Join Camp Hemlock this Memorial Day weekend (May 28-31) for an exciting rafting and canoeing trip. You'll be challenged by the water and the Word. We'll spend three days on the river tackling class II-IV rapids, experimenting with various whitewater boats, building a team, and enjoying fellowship. Each night we'll return to a sheltered base camp to eat great food and study the book of James. This is a weekend you won't want to miss. For more information call Dave Hull or contact Josh Tallman at 2tallmans@verizon.net

My Life at Camp Hemlock

by Ben Deibert, Jr. Staff Lifeguard

I have spent roughly 14 weeks of my life at Camp Hemlock. Some of you older campers may have spent close to that many weeks up at camp. I think back and I can remember amazing experiences from all of those weeks. I have served on staff the past two years and have had some of the best times of my life during those two summers. I had so many great experiences this past summer and am looking forward to this upcoming summer to be even better! I cannot wait for camp to start! Camp this year is going to be great! I am so excited to be able to lead guys through the archery and marksmanship. I cannot wait to perfect my tomahawk throwing skills. I am looking forward to seeing the new Battalion Camps Paintball and rock climbing/caving. These sound like some action packed amazing weeks. Also go-karts hot rods! That will be a week full of gasoline induced adrenaline! I have even heard some rumors that there may be some new crazy funny skits in the works. I am looking forward to the new things that camp has to offer; however, I am also looking forward to doing the things that we always do at camp. I am looking forward to the amazing food, the wonderful Bible studies, the field rotations, the adventure course, and if this is your first year in Stockade you can know take a ride down the zip line! I am also looking forward to going to Trout Pond and swimming and repelling and cooking hot dogs and marshmallows! I cannot wait to open the pool this summer and take a refreshing plunge into the water after a great game of capture the counselor or capture the camper. I am so excited to be going back to Camp this summer and just being in God's wonderful and beautiful creation. It is so beautiful up at Camp. I am really excited about this summer and I cannot wait to see you all up at Camp! I hope we even have more Campers then we did last year who can enjoy the amazing experience that Camp has to offer! See you all there!

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: good, used-

- ▶ Coleman Stoves- 2 burner (non-pump kind)
- ▶ Dutch Ovens- cast iron covered pots, with feet
- ▶ Pool Table-not slate.
Looking for something more easily moveable.
The felt on our old one is beyond repair.
- ▶ Chairs, couches, shelves, or tables
THIS END UP style, to replace some of our worst furniture in the Lodge & Werth Hall Upper Room.
- ▶ If anyone has Kilts and/or Bagpipes please bring them along to camp
- ▶ Roofing and Building Supplies- contact Chief
- ▶ If anyone would like to help out with projects at home, build an Adirondack chair. Everyone loves the relaxation of the Lodge front porch! But many of the chairs are one step away from duct tape support! Plans can be found online at: www.aadirondackchairs.com, or many other sites. -

▶ "Carpetball" game table

This is a great camp game! It is similar to a shuffleboard table, lined with carpet, and uses pool balls. Plans can be found online at: www.ultimatecampresource.com and then type in to Search for "carpetball table plans".

Help wanted:

- Camp Nurse- any week
- Tree Manager: We need someone to love our trees. Someone knowledgeable enough to offer advice and/or labor to manage the health, growth, and reforestation of our trees at camp. This would be especially helpful in minimizing disease to our beloved Hemlock pines, but also to the overall well-being and beauty of the camp landscape. A good resource we have found for more information is a fellow also from a Christian camp background, Juls Wood, at www.reynwoodforest.com.

Wildflower Patch

We'll be doing some fun cooking at Camp Wildflowers this summer!
We'll be following Recipes with many yummy Ingredients!

Here's a game to get us started-

Make a list of all the different smaller words you can make from using the letters in the word:

INGREDIENT

You may include all tenses of words. But you may not use a letter more times than it appears in the key word. (For instance, there is only one "T" in "ingredient" so your words may have only one "T" in them).

See if you can find 10 words? 20? 30? 40? 50?

Now do the same for the word KEY.

How many words can you make using these letters?

You can't make any other words from it.

Because there can be **ONLY ONE KEY**

An Invitation for you!

You are cordially invited to a Tea Party at Camp Wildflowers!
Which of the following are ingredients for a Tea Party?

- A - Tea
- B - Petits Four cakes
- C - LACE
- D - Girls
- E - Sarah Palin
- F - All of the above



Star & "The Great Japutchá" say,
"Yes, my child, it is time...
to see you back at Camp Wildflowers this summer!"

Campers Corner

WORD JUMBLE : Unscramble the letters to find the answers.

(Hint: All the answers start with the letter listed)

BEGARDI _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Hint: C.S.

VIAGELL _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Hint: town

SLACDOTN _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Hint: Country

MEGASES _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Hint: news

RNU _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Hint: go

SOTYR _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Hint: tell

ACTAKT _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Hint: fight

FRETAH _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Hint: dad

SNO _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Hint: boy

SIKP _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Hint: jump

SVEA _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Hint: Rescue

NOW! Unscramble the letters in the (boxes) above to discover below, what you'll have at camp this summer!

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Hint: What do these things have in common?

- The Olympics,
- The Statue of Liberty,
- Australian flashlights,
- the CSB logo shield



VINTAGE STOCKADE HUMOR

<p>John: "I bet I can tell you the score of any basketball game before it even starts."</p> <p>Mike: "All right, tell me the score of any game before it starts."</p> <p>John: "Zero to zero." (submitted by John Marderosian , Worcester, Mass.)</p>	<p>Bill: "What would you do if you found Chicago ILL?"</p> <p>Joe: "I give up. What?"</p> <p>Bill: "I'd get a Baltimore MD." (submitted by Rob Marvin, Boston, Mass.)</p> <p>From a 1963 CSB <u>VENTURE</u> magazine for boys.</p>
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Workdays at Camp

On the 2nd Saturday of every month! Let Chief know by Thursday nights if you and/or your family will be joining us for a fun day/weekend of camp service and fellowship. For possible Easter Break work projects contact Chief at 240-643-2980.



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With the rising cost of postage, and most people having email, I would like to know if you would like to receive the newsletters by e-mail. It would come in a format (a .pdf file) that everyone can open and print. If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail, please send a request to: Newsletter Editor at newsletter@camphemlock.org

Check out Camp Hemlock's new website look at the same place www.camphemlock.org. Robert Jinks created this new look for one of his Herald of Christ activities.

Camp Hemlock is available for retreat rental in the spring and fall for any type of Christian group looking for a great and convenient facility to hold their event.

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