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ESG FOUNDATION SPECIAL CAMPS

Newsletter

WHEN EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE
CHANGING, WE CAN RELY ON
GOD'S CONSTANTCY.

HEBREWS 13:8

THE WORD FOR THE DAY

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Hear from the Special Camps staff

Most of the time a parent takes the teaching role and the child the student. With Special Camps, the opposite happened in our family. My children Jackie and TJ were “voluntold” by our pastor Larry Stephens, in 2004 that they needed to be counselors for summer special camp. When the week was over, they came home and told us of their adventure. The food was horrible, the non –air-conditioned cabins were stifling, the toilets were needing constant attention, and the chiggers were not pleasant. I said, well I guess you will not be going back. The surprise response was: “Of course, we are going back!”

The next year I came down for talent night. I was taken back by the care being given to the campers by all the volunteers, but especially the younger folks doing their part. Everyone was having fun and you could see the joy on their faces (Campers and Volunteers). I thought maybe I could do this. That fall and all of the summer/fall camps since then, I have been a part of camp. I have to admit that the first couple of times I missed being able to make calls on my cell & wondered why the internet disappeared. But after a few days, I realized that the outside world kept spinning and being disconnected from it added to the blessing of camp.

Camp is really a family affair for a lot of us. My other two children, Joanna & Jennafer have also been part of camp. Other families share this same type of experience where we can spend time with each other while being part of a much bigger family. That extended family includes the camp summer staff, the cooks, the nurses, the other counselors; but most important our guests; our “Campers”.

If you are reading this and have not been part of our current family, please consider being adopted. There are many places to plug into during camp and outside of camp.

I will tell you the food is not gourmet, the cabins are now air-conditioned, the plumbing has improved, the chiggers have not gone away & you do not have to tell anyone that you might be able to receive emails & cell calls. These things will continue to change.

I can also reply, “Of course we are going back!” That is because; the constants of Love, Joy, & Fellowship that we share are the things that have always been and will always be part of the Special Camps Family.

Art Zimmerman - Board Member



SPECIAL CAMPS ANNOUNCEMENTS



Registration
Information

www.specialcamps.com

QUARTERLY ZOOMS

August 18th 6:30pm

December 6th 6:30pm

A yellow graphic with a rainbow border and stars. The text reads "Registration is Open" in a red script font. Below it, a green box contains "Fall Camp Nov 3-6". To the right is a smiley face icon, and to the left are two vinyl records. At the bottom right is the "SPECIAL CAMPS" logo featuring a tree and stars.

DONT FORGET, SUMMER CAMP FAMILY:

We would love to hear from you, please remember to fill out the caregiver evaluation!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYOFjejiqsxLVecQ4ZyP-L_ypTKnKgveKFJ0r08G6wUXS2fQ/viewform

Reminders

Be on the lookout for your Pen Pal letters. If you have not received one, please let me know. We may need to get your address updated.

If you would like to add a memory and or have a spotlight in our Monthly Newsletter please reach out to Darlene.

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Happy

BIRTHDAY

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ERIC HUNTER
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KAYLEIGH TAYLOR
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