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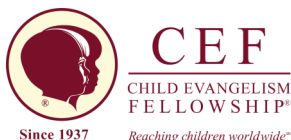
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The Mountain Edition

Blueberry Mountain Bible Camp and Retreat Center

Summer Volume

Dear Ministry Partners and Friends:

*Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them!
For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."
Matthew 19:14*

It does one's heart and soul good to be reminded of this scripture passage. The Lord Jesus Himself set the record straight! Yes, the Kingdom of God is for children too and the world has a lot to learn about the truths of God from the perspective of children.

Camp ministry is a wonderful way to teach children about the good news of the Lord Jesus. It is a week long opportunity to hear and read God's Word; to interact after chapel messages in a small group setting at dorm devotions; to worship and sing of the goodness of God the Father; to hear of the great love and sacrifice of God the Son; and to be reminded that God doesn't intend for us to live for Him in our own strength--that we have a helper in God the Holy Spirit who works in and through His children.

At camp, children are given the opportunity to love and be loved, to have fun, to make friends, to learn personal responsibility, and to hear of their Savior's love for them. Thank you to all our ministry partners for supporting the work of reaching boys and girls at camp on Blueberry Mountain. A week of summer camp is a life changer for many, young and old alike.

This summer has come and gone. Campers are settled back into fall school routines at home. Many are back into the hustle and bustle of sports and activities. Pray with us, that the seeds sown this summer will not be snatched away. And that campers without home churches will be reached in their communities for discipleship. We try to connect kids to churches when they go home.

We had a wonderful volunteer staff this summer. Many of our former campers who have aged out of kids camp have returned to serve on staff. We are so blessed to see these young people serving and living out their faith. Their influence in the lives of children have great impact. It is good to see a generation of young people setting their hope in the Lord.

Ninety-nine summer positions were filled with volunteers of all ages. Many volunteered for all or most of the summer. This stability and continuity made for a wonderful camp family environment. The final Friday of summer camp is bittersweet. Saying goodbye truly is hard to do.

Camp also provides an opportunity for people to serve and for churches to have a bigger impact in their desire for missions outreach--especially in reaching kids. We continue to ask the Lord to expand the work by bringing on more supporting churches and people. Support comes in many ways. Praying, volunteering, promoting, sending kids to camp, financial giving, and skilled labor for special projects are some of the ways people and churches can help to reach kids.

There are far too many people who already are a part of the outreach work to mention by name. But we are deeply thankful to each one.

It's a Baby Girl!

Praise the Lord, Lilliana Rose Bean was born healthy and safely in the midst of the crazy summer camp season! Lilli came late, but that allowed Justin and Eliza to work the first two weeks of camp. Though it was odd for them to not be at camp in a full-time capacity, they were glad to visit with their "camp kids" and were so thankful for the little gifts they received.



Summer Report



We were blessed to have another full summer at Blueberry. The Lord supplied the staff needed to run the programs and the kids to fill the bunks! Activities ran seamlessly and safely, and kids were reached for the Lord. We rejoiced as five Salvation decisions for Christ were made! We pray as these five campers go home, they will continue to grow in the Lord and be a witness in their homes and schools.

We want to say a big thank you to the staff that made this summer possible. Tina Farrington and Rebecca Sampson made an excellent team and were able to lead the work through the summer in the Bean's absence. We were thankful that our volunteer staff were willing to step up in so many amazing ways. From running the kitchen, selling candy in the trading post, leading music, setting up games, and filling the huge roles in the dorms, we could not have done it without you!



We are praying for the direction of our 2020 summer camping year. Please pray with us as we need to decide if adding a week to our summer lineup is feasible. We have a large group of 11-13 year olds that are too mature for the junior program but are not ready to join our teen adventure week. Adding an extra week would mean more staff and enough pre-teens to fill it. We could use prayer warriors to help us find out what the Lord has in store for us in 2020!

Winter Retreat Schedule

Before we know it, the fall will turn into winter and it will be time for our Arctic Blast Retreats once again! We always look forward to this time when our campers can come back to recharge after being busy at home and in school. Kids and Teens deal with so many stressful situations that getting to the mountain to do some sledding and digging into scripture can be a blessing. Pray that the Lord finds the right counselors and support staff to work with us. Mark your calendar! **January 10-12 (ages 10-12)**
January 17-19 (ages 13-17)
March 6-8 (ages 7-9)



Staff

We praise the Lord for Rebecca Sampson who is doing her 4th year internship for New Brunswick Bible Institute with us. She has been an asset all summer and we can't wait to see what the Lord is going to do with her ministry through the fall and winter months.

Praise and Prayer

Join us in thanking God for what He has done and what He will continue to do.

Camping Ministry

- We thank the Lord for the **113 kids and teens** that came to camp.

- We praise Him for the **99 volunteer staff positions filled** that made this summer possible. We would never be able to run camp without these faithful volunteers.

- We rejoice for the **five Salvation decisions** that were made this summer. Pray as these kids go home, they continue to grow in the Lord.

Fall Retreat Ministry

- We enjoyed having our Men's retreat in the early fall and can't wait to see who the Lord brings to our Ladies Retreat in October. Pray the Lord spreads word of our camping ministry far and wide because of these retreats.

Winter Retreat Ministry

- We are praying for the 3 Arctic Blast Retreats scheduled for this winter.

January 10-12

January 17-19

March 6-8

- Pray for plenty of snow and safe sledding for the 7 church groups that are renting our facilities.

- Please pray we get enough volunteers to help us run our retreats.

Finances

- We are looking to the Lord to supply new transportation to get people on the mountain safely in the winter as well as be able to plow.

- We are hoping to replenish our scholarship fund so that kids and teens who can not afford to come can attend.

Staff

- We are looking to add to our full-time staff in 2020. Maybe the Lord is leading you to join our team?

- Are you feeling the call to volunteer at one of our retreats? Contact us to ask about helping on the mountain today!



It's time for Old Blue to Retire!

One of the most endearing things for campers and retreaters to do when on the mountain is to ride together to the top in our old blue plow truck. It is one of those things that makes retreats and sledding special here on Blueberry. Over the years it has taken many to maintain and operate it, but because of its faithfulness, hundreds of kids and teens have made it to the top of our mountain and once here, they have heard of the Lord Jesus and were encouraged in their faith.

We are sorry to announce that it is now time to retire the old truck. Countless trips up and down with campers and retreaters as well as the hours and hours it has plowed the mountain road has earned it a reclassification to occasional duty. It has certainly been a work horse but after much prayer and consideration by our staff and committee members, we believe it is time to ask the Lord to raise up the funds needed to replace this vehicle.

Retiring Old Blue now brings a very crucial need to the mountain. Camp cannot run and the winter road cannot be maintained without a replacement vehicle. We are looking for a one ton plow truck with a flat bed big enough to carry retreaters safely up the mountain. The total we are asking the Lord to help raise is \$35,000. This should get us a good used truck with a v-plow as well as an all-wheel drive van to help transport kids when it is too cold to use the truck.



Would you be a part in seeing the winter ministry continue by giving to the Vehicle Fund? We believe the need is immediate so we are asking God and telling His people. Thank you for praying with us in asking the Lord to meet this crucial need!



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I would like to give a gift of \$ _____ to help replace "Old Blue"

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