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The Mountain Edition

Blueberry Mountain Bible Camp and Retreat Center

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Psalm 78:5-7

“For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; that the generation to come might know them, the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare them to their children, that they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.”

Dear Ministry Partners and Friends:

Greetings to you as we all await the official arrival of Spring! It appears we will have to trust the calendar for that here in Maine...there is still an abundance of snow!

We had a full winter of ministry here on the Mountain! There were 3 Arctic Blast weekends of BMBC ministry and 6 rental retreats of church youth groups. We are praising the Lord for His provision, protection, and perseverance. There were no cancellations, no power outages, and no illnesses preventing the staff from serving.

The above verses from Psalm 78 serve us well in ministry to children and families here on Blueberry, and we raise these verses high as our banner of purpose and vision. We know that God has placed the first responsibility of teaching about Himself through His Word on the family—with Dad being the primary teacher. Families of today need help and encouragement like never before. Along the way, generations have fallen out of step with learning about God through His Word—therefore several generations no longer know of the goodness of God. We know that there is a myriad of reasons behind it...the removal of God from our homes, schools, and Government to name a few.

It is so important, like never before that believers get the truth of God’s Word into the hearts and minds of children—so the Holy Spirit can stir and do a work. Statistics prove that the majority of believers walking with the Lord as mature adults today came to Christ between the ages of 4-14. This has been dubbed the “decade of decision”. Camp ministry continues to reach and gather kids. And Camp ministry continues to need partnerships with the Church—God’s people. It is the vision of CEF to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Jesus Christ and to see them disciplined in a local church for Christian growth—with the hopes of reaching the entire family.

Pray with us as we ask the Lord to enlarge our partnership with Churches. We are so very thankful for the handful that are faithfully partnering with us. Sharing our newsletters, prayer needs, financial needs, volunteer opportunities are all ways to help make that happen.

Let’s claim these generations for the Lord and strive together to share the good news of God’s grace and mercy “so that the generations to come, might set their hope in God.”

Winter Update

Snow! If we had to choose one word to describe our winter, “snowy” would be it! Some years we have had to pray to get enough snow just to sled. This year, more snow has been the furthest thing from our minds! We thank the Lord for the energy He gave us to just keep shoveling, but we’re even more thankful for those He brought to our mountain.



We were blessed to have Arctic Blast Programs in January and March. Our Grade School Retreat had 32 kids and 21 volunteer staff, Junior High had 25 campers and 15 staff, and our Teen Retreat had 23 teens with 17 staff. We had a wonderful time playing in the snow, hanging out with friends, and learning about our Savior. The Lord provided a great volunteer staff that made these retreats

happen without a hitch. From counselors, kitchen help, Pastors, drivers, and maintenance, the Lord filled every little slot. A special thanks goes out to Scott & Tina Farrington for all of their hard work this season. Between keeping all the machines going, the driveway clear for sledding, greeting every guest, keeping our kids safe during sledding, cleaning, feeding everyone, and a million other things, we would be lost without you both!



We also enjoyed hosting 6 different youth group retreats with 235 teens and leaders. We have seen this ministry grow until our winters are bursting with activity and we have been so blessed to be a part of their ministry as well.

Summer Schedule



Arrrr you ready for summer camp?!?! It’s just around the corner and we are excited! Four weeks to choose from, new adventures, old friends, and so much more. Visit us online to sign up today. www.blueberrymountain.org

Teen Adventure Week ~14-17 yrs.
July 7-12, 2019

Junior Camp Weeks ~8-13 yrs.
Week # 1: July 14-19, 2019
Week # 2: August 4-9, 2019
Week # 3: August 11-16, 2019

Can you think of a child or teen that would benefit from a week of camp? Maybe your neighbor’s children, your teen’s classmates, or your grand-kids? Please give us a call or email and we can send camper registration forms right to you. Though we do not advertise this on our website, we do have a scholarship program that provides help for families that can not afford to send their kids at full price. Those that need this assistance just need to call our office to make arrangements.

It’s a Girl!

We are excited to announce that we are adding a little girl to the Bean family this summer! Justin and Eliza will be having the baby right in the middle of summer camp so we could use your prayers. Prayers for a safe delivery as well as ministry still happening without them. The plan is for Tina to fill in for Eliza but that makes a huge hole in our kitchen. Please pray that the Lord supplies staff in the kitchen to make up for it. Interested in serving? Give us a call or email to let us know!

Praise and Prayer

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

Retreat Ministry

•We rejoice for the retreaters and staff the Lord brought to the mountain during our 3 Arctic Blast Retreats.

*80 Retreaters
53 Staff Members*

•We are thankful for the youth church retreats we were able to host this winter.

*6 Youth Groups
235 Retreaters*

Memorial Day

•Would you pray about joining us for our annual Memorial Work Weekend? Pray that all of our projects get finished in time and we enjoy the time of fellowship together.

Camping Ministry

•Pray for our 4 summer camp weeks. We know that the Lord can fill our camp to capacity! Our Goal this year is to get close to **150** kids and teens.

•Pray for staffing, especially in the kitchen as Tina will be filling in for Eliza as the Program Director.

•Pray for male senior counselors.

•We are excited to have 4 young people interested in serving with us as interns. Pray that they can raise the amount they need to participate in the program.

•Pray for a safe delivery for Eliza and the baby during summer camp.

Finances

•We are asking the Lord to increase our regular monthly financial partners. Ministry could not continue without faithful donors.

•We hope to add full-time staff to our team but cannot do that without much needed financial support.

Staff

•We have accepted Rebecca Sampson to complete her 4th year of NBBI here on the mountain this upcoming school year. We are excited to work with her.



Join us for our work weekend and celebrate with us!

When: Starting Saturday (coffee and refreshments will be out by 8 am) until Monday lunch.

What: Join staff and other friends of Blueberry to get the campground ready for the summer. Check out our list, you may see something you would like to help with.

Projects:

- Carpentry**—Many projects need to be finished around the lodge...projects range in levels of difficulty.
- Gardening**—Our yearly cleaning starts here. Have a favorite gardening tool? Make sure to bring it along.
- Trail clearing**—Downed trees and brush need to be cleared to make our trails safe for campers & visitors.
- Lodge cleaning**—Dust bunnies and bugs don't belong in the lodge! Help us round em up...and out they go!
- Firewood**—Our lodge runs on wood heat all winter. Help us get the 2020 logs cut and stacked.
- Sewing**—Aprons, cushions, and curtains are on the docket this year. Bring your own machine.
- Kitchen**—Have experience in the kitchen? Help us keep everyone fed!

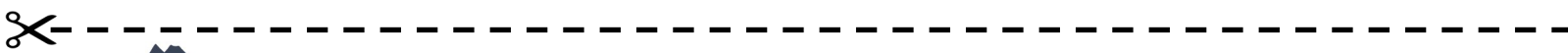
Housing: Bring a tent, small camper, or bunk in our dorms! Bathrooms and showers are available in the lodge for everyone. (It is first come, first served in our dorms)

Food: We will be providing the food and refreshments all throughout the weekend. We will start with refreshments on Saturday morning and will have our big grill roast on Saturday night.

Kids: During working hours, a supervised nursery program will be available for children under 2 and a children's program will be available for kids 3-8. This includes Bible lessons, crafts, and activities. Smaller work tasks will be available around the property for kids 9 and up followed by afternoons of supervised fun activities.

Worship: Join us around the firepit after supper on Saturday night for a time of singing and digging into the Word of God. A church service will also be held Sunday morning.

RSVP: Please let us know if you are planning to attend for housing and food purposes by calling 585-2410, emailing blueberrymountain@cefofmaine.org, or filling in the response card below. We look forward to having you!



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I would like to participate in what the Lord is doing at Blueberry Mountain by:

- Giving a gift of \$ _____ monthly one-time Giving \$ _____ for our Scholarship Fund

I am interested in coming to your Memorial Work Weekend:

- How many _____ I will need housing I am bringing my own housing I will be driving up