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**Camp
Deer
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Texas**

**March
5 — 8**

**Theme:
"Lest We Miss
the Mark"**

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Outstanding Oklahoma Workshop

Christian Camp workers from 25 camps in 16 states and Canada attended the March 2001 workshop at West of Heaven Christian Youth Camp near Stillwater, Oklahoma. The theme, "Reaching The Next Generation," focused on communicating with our youth in the camp setting by using a variety of modern methods and technologies. Sessions on teaching methods, counseling techniques, and preaching to the next generation rounded out the program. One unique session dealt with "What Every Young Lady/Man Needs to Know." Session leaders helped camp workers gain insight into some of the sensitive issues facing our youth and the adults who work with them in the Christian Camp setting.

Audio tapes for all sessions are available by requesting an order form or download the form from our web site.

Once again the traditional Silent Auction was a big hit and generated additional operating funds for the NACC.

Sincere thanks to Kent Houck and his staff at West of Heaven for another outstanding workshop. We appreciate their efforts to help train and encourage Christian Camp workers

by investing time, energy and funds to make the workshop possible. They join hands with the NACC in encouraging all who can to attend future workshops.

~ Christian Camping ~
~A spiritual investment in our youth ~

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Editor's Note: These two articles are from a publication entitled "TRAIL SIGNS" published in the 60's by brother C.A. "Pop" Farley. Pop Farley was associated with Camp Blue Haven in N.E. New Mexico. Our thanks to Vance Crowe, Director of Camp Blue Haven, for sharing these articles with us. Although written decades ago, they are still beneficial to Christian Camp workers today

Editorial - Denominational Campers

C. A. Farley

It seems to me that summer Bible camps are missing a good opportunity by not making a greater effort to get boys and girls from denominational homes to attend camp this summer. Most camps do "accidentally" get a few campers from denominational homes each summer. A few of the campers will invite their friends and relatives to attend with them. However, not more than about 5 percent of our campers will be from denominational homes as a general rule.

We should always keep in mind the fact that many denominational church parents will permit their children to attend a summer Bible camp, but would not think of letting them enter a Church of Christ building to attend worship service or Vacation Bible School.

This field is "white unto harvest" right now, but most of us have done very little to harvest this crop of youngsters who would attend our camps if they were encouraged to do so.

Just how do we go about getting more boys and girls from denominational homes to attend our camps? One of the best ways is by television advertising. This spring Camp Blue Haven is going to have ten advertisements of one minute each on one station in Lubbock and one station in Amarillo. The cost for these ten ads on one station will be about \$200, but we believe that it will be money well-invested.

Another good way to encourage attendance from denominational homes is by placing ads in *daily* newspapers.

Also, we can make a special effort to get our own campers to bring some of their denominational friends, neighbors and relatives with them.

If one of the goals of our camp is to teach the Truth to the lost souls of our land, then we ought to do our dead level best to get those lost souls to attend our camps.

Camping's Worth Cannot Be Measured

Charles R. Jenkins

Where lies the magic of camping? Truly there is no single answer. It can be different things to different campers. But, it weaves a strong spell. It is the little things, half remembered but never wholly forgotten, that come flooding back in future years at the glint of sunlight on still water, the scent of pine forest or wood smoke, the endless, eternal canopy of night stars. It is the undying heritage of childhood that never fully leaves an adult.

Not Monetary

There are some who would measure the worth of a camp by the extent of its buildings, the monetary value of its equipment or the cost of its operation. But the true values of a camp are not for sale. Can one buy pride in accomplishment, close friendship or joy?

There can be no words to catch the spell of camping: no formula to bring its magic within the grasp of the unknowing. It is part of the American heritage, from the days when buffalo ran and our Red Brothers were masters of the woods and streams. Deep in the heart of every child lies the precious spirit of adventure and it is the warmth of this spirit that grows with camping.

Gifts of Camping

Who can measure the silence of the deep woods, the peace of the out-of-doors, the spirit of brotherhood that dwells in such surroundings? Can one hope to recapture that priceless moment when, sleeping under the countless stars, one feels the nearness of Things Eternal and caught a fleeting glimpse of the true power and majesty of God?

Many are the gifts of camping. Sure knowledge in many skills which may be acquired nowhere else, testing and strengthening other knowledge for the Great Game of Life. But, above all these, are the outspoken dreams which capture the American ideal and carry it forward.

The American Indian felt its power and knew its majesty. We but pass on his ideals to others. *A poet writes:*

*"Ye who love the haunts of nature,
Love the sunshine of the meadow,
Love the wind among the branches,
Love the shadow of the forest,
And the rain shower and the snow storm,
And the rushing of great rivers.
Ye whose hearts are fresh and simple,
Who hath faith in God and Nature,
That the feeble hands and helpless
Groping blindly in the darkness
Touch God's Right Hand in that darkness
And are lifted up and strengthened."*

We follow in the prints of their moccasins.

Camp Resources ~ Group Game

WALO - Water, Air, Land Orientation

One of the special events that we do each year at Strawberry Point is called WALO. WALO is a huge relay race between predetermined sports teams and serves as a culmination of our week's sports activities. Each team is made up of 10 - 15 campers and counselors. Our Activity Director sets a course and determines events for the relay. It changes each year, and most of the time it changes each week to accommodate the age of the campers. Each team member participates in at least one event - and some team members may need to participate in multiple events. Each team begins the relay with a Medallion of some sort - it could be anything from a sports medal on a ribbon - to a macaroni necklace --- it doesn't matter what it is. The Medallion is passed from participant to participant as each leg of the relay is completed. The winner of WALO - is the team that finishes the entire relay first - with the Medallion. A sample of relay events is: 1. Run from the starting point to the swim area (1 participant) 2. Swim to the buoy and back wearing a life jacket (1 participant) 3. Run to the ball field (1 participant) 4. Shoot an arrow into the hula hoop - or 4 arrows (1 participant) 5. Wheelbarrow race to the cone and back (2 participants) 6. Run the obstacle course (1 participant) 7. Chug a very large glass of kool-aid and burp (1 participant) 8. Peel a potato with your teeth (1 participant) 9. Spin around 10 times and shoot 2 baskets (or 5 attempts) (1 participant) 10. Piggy back a teammate and run to the canoe bay (2 participants) 11.

Recite John 3:16 (1 participant) 12. Canoe out to the designated spot and return using no paddles - only hands (4 participants) The race is a wild event with events scattered over the grounds of the camp and staff members posted at each event to ensure the integrity of the proceedings. The last event takes several minutes to complete and has the entire camp assembled to cheer on their respective teams. Variations: For our teen session, we have created an IRON MAN WALO - where each event was a physically challenging activity. This was good in a year where we had a majority of very athletic teens in the session. However, each WALO is carefully planned to include a variety of activities so that everyone can participate and feel good about their contribution to the team.

Contributed by Teresa Keefe
Strawberry Point Christian Camp, Canada

Send us information about special camp activities, group games, bible class outlines, devotionals, recipes, and articles about Christian Camping. Others will benefit greatly from your sharing and giving!

CAMP Profile

Wisconsin Christian Youth Camp

On the Web @ www.homestead.com/wcyc/index.html



Located near Black River Falls, Wisconsin on 400 acres of unspoiled natural beauty there is a site known as Fallhall Glen. Cutting a gorge through the heart of Fallhall Glen is Robinson Creek with white water falls and rapids, quiet pools and bends, trout and swimming holes.

Many, many souls have had their sins washed away in the cool, spring fed waters of Robinson Creek at Fallhall Glen.

Campfire circles dot the creek and ridges which provide great places for devos. Cabins are tucked away in the trees. On the 'hill' are the main buildings where we gather for fellowship, classes, and of course Burnside Hall where we gather for nourishment of the body and soul.

Fallhall Glen is the home of Wisconsin Christian Youth Camp which is an organization serving all Christians who can benefit from, and enjoy, its services. It is an organization dedicated to providing service in the name of Jesus Christ.

These services include: Providing the facilities and staff for 9 weeks of summer camp which include Christian teaching, recreation, food and lodging. Providing facilities for congregational retreats, Preachers Retreat and Winter Fest. Providing facilities so Christians can find spiritual renewal and recreation in a controlled Christian environment.

What Others Are Saying...

Why I attend the Christian Camping Workshop

I attended the NCCW for the first time in 2000 and was blessed tremendously by it. After attending the workshop again in 2001 - I am committed to, (Lord willing) attending each and every future workshop. While very different in content, both workshops provided opportunity for valuable exchanges of ideas for programs, teachings, facilities, and fund-raising with people who share my passion for Christian Camping.

Teresa Keefe
Strawberry Point Christian Camp
Canada

I am on the Board of Trustees of Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp in Ohio. Just found your web site from an issue of Camptalk and I must tell you how much I appreciate the work that was put into it. Thanks so much! I will visit often. I noticed that you had a page of links to member camps' web sites. Could you add a link to Fort Hill's web site? It would be most appreciated. Our web site is: www.forthillcamp.org.

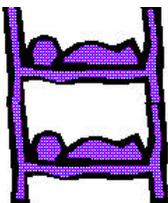
In Him, Bruce Adams

P.S. Keep up the good work! Maybe someday I'll be able to attend one of the workshops.

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Let us hear from U!



Need some bunk beds?

Michigan Christian Youth Camp has used bunk beds available on a first come, first served basis. Contact Jerry Brackney for details.

820 N. Lake George Road
Attica, MI 48412-9729
Phone: 810/644-8040
Fax: 810/644-2863
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Camp Bible Class Outline



Many camps choose to write their own Bible class material. Here is an outline that can be adapted and added to for camp use.

REAL RELATIONSHIPS Ephesians 4 & 5

RELATIONSHIPS BEGUN BY THE SPIRIT (4:1-6)

- Worthy Walking (v. 1)
- Characteristics of Unity (v. 2)
- Preserving what already exists (v. 3)
- One Church, One Lord, One God (vs. 4-6)

RELATIONSHIPS-BLESSED DIVERSITY (4:7-13)

- Christ is qualified to give gracious gifts (vs. 7-10)
- Diversity (v. 11)
- The goal of diversity (vs. 12-13)

RELATIONSHIPS GROWING UP (4:14-16)

- Not as children (v. 14)
- But growing up in Him (v. 15)
- Resulting Unity, or growing pains (v. 16)

RELATIONSHIPS TAKE A WALK (4:17-32)

- A negative walk (vs. 17-19)
- A learning of Christ and a spiritual renewal (vs. 20-24)
- The new man hitting the streets (vs. 25-32)

RELATIONSHIPS IN THE KINGDOM (5:1-6)

- Children of God imitate Him (vs. 1-2)
- Children of God are not sons of disobedience (vs. 3-6)

RELATIONSHIPS LIT UP (5:7-14)

- Children of light do not partake in darkness (vs. 7-8)
- Children of light expose darkness (vs. 9-13)
- Children of light wake up (v. 14)

RELATIONSHIPS SUBJECT TO ONE ANOTHER (5:15-21)

- Wise walking (vs. 15-17)
- Replacing spirits with the Spirit (vs. 18-21)

RELATIONSHIPS GET MARRIED (5:22-23)

- Instructions to wives (vs. 22-24; cf. v. 21)
- Instructions to husbands (vs. 25-31)
- Mysterious instructions (vs. 32-33; cf. vs. 22-31)

Walter Clark
Midwest Bible Camp-Iowa

2002 Workshop Set For Texas



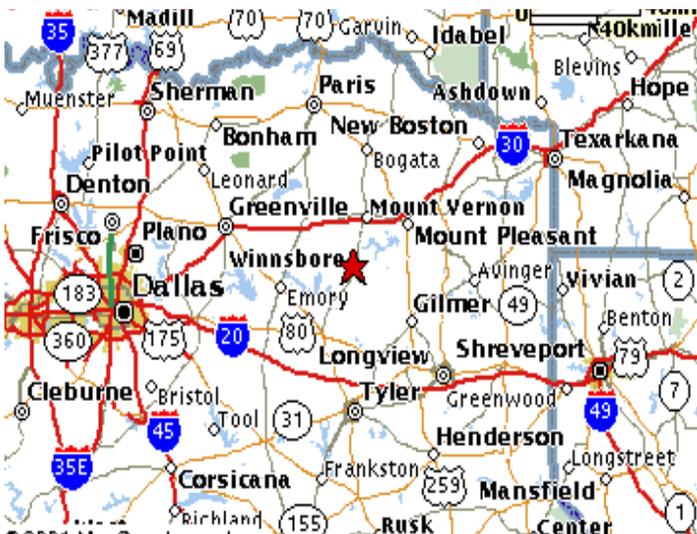
A message from Dave Ward-- Workshop Coordinator...

"We are looking forward to hosting the 2002 National Christian Camping Workshop. We are planning a great lineup of speakers who will inspire you and share with you valuable information about Christian Camping. We would like to encourage all Camp Directors and Youth Directors who conduct their own summer camps to join us. Our facility is located in the beautiful piney woods of East Texas and we are confident that you will enjoy your time spent with us!"

Directions to Camp Deer Run

From Dallas take I-30 East to Sulphur Springs. Exit I-30 on Hwy 11 South to Winnesboro (about 21 miles). Out of Winnesboro, go South on Hwy 37 to Hwy 515. East on Hwy 515 about one mile to Hwy 852. South on Hwy 852 ten miles to stop sign at Hwy 2088. Turn right on Hwy 2088 and go two miles. You will see the Camp Deer Run sign on the left.

We look forward to seeing you there!



See Registration Form at bottom of Page 8

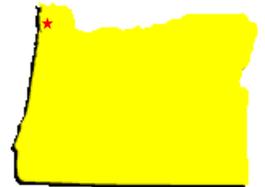
Future Workshop Sites

2002
Camp Deer Run
Winnesboro, Texas



2003
Wisconsin Christian Youth Camp
Black River Falls, Wisconsin

2004
Camp Yamhill
Yamhill, Oregon



2005
Copper Basin Bible Camp
Prescott, Arizona

2006
Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp
Fort Hill, Ohio



Did You Know...

*There are over 230
Christian Youth Camps among
churches of Christ in the U.S.
and Canada?*

Camps on the W W W

Here is the list of camps, known to the NACC, that have informational web sites on the Internet. Surely there are more! If your camp is not listed, please have your Web Master send us your camp's web URL address and we will add your camp to this list and link to it from the NACC web site.

Indian Creek Youth Camp ~ Alabama
 Maywood Christian Youth Camp ~ Alabama
 Wiregrass Christian Youth Camp ~ Alabama
 Copper Basin Bible Camp ~ Arizona
 Camp Tahkodah ~ Arkansas
 Green Valley Bible Camp ~ Arkansas
 Sierra Bible Camp ~ California
 Aspen Wilderness Christian Camp ~ Colorado
 Tidal River Christian Camp ~ Connecticut
 Central Florida Bible Camp
 Florida Bible Camp
 Georgia Bible Camp
 Camp Inagehi ~ Georgia
 Illinois Christian Camp
 Rockford Christian Camp ~ Illinois
 Camp Indogan ~ Indiana
 Spring Mill Bible Camp ~ Indiana
 Midwest Bible Camp ~ Iowa
 Silver Maple Camp ~ Kansas
 Ch-Yo-Ca Christian Youth Camp ~ Louisiana
 Ganderbrook Christian Camp ~ Maine
 Beechwood Hills Christian Camp ~ Michigan
 Michigan Christian Youth Camp
 Flaming Pine Youth Camp ~ Minnesota
 Gulf Coast Bible Camp ~ Mississippi
 Sardis Lake Christian Camp ~ Mississippi
 Gateway Area Bible Camp ~ Missouri
 Nebraska Youth Camp
 Camp Blue Haven ~ New Mexico
 Ponderosa Christian Camp ~ New Mexico
 Red River Family Encampment ~ New Mexico
 Camp Hunt ~ New York
 Carolina Bible Camp ~ North Carolina
 Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp ~ Ohio
 Pettijohn Springs Christian Camp ~ Oklahoma
 Quartz Mountain Christian Camp ~ Oklahoma
 Camp Yamhill ~ Oregon
 Camp Manatawny ~ Pennsylvania
 Camp Kalos ~ Tennessee
 Valley View Christian Camp ~ Tennessee
 Camp Deer Run ~ Texas
 Wisconsin Christian Youth Camp



I BELIEVE IN CAMPING

Fred V. Rogers

I BELIEVE . . . that all children should have an opportunity to live in the out-of-doors: to cook out, sleep out, “pioneer and conquer” the wilderness: to catch, clean, cook and eat a fish: to sit with pals around a fire as night closes in: to defy the elements: to paddle a canoe: to vision tomorrow from the top of a mountain and hear the sounds and symphony of the woods. To know what it means to live comfortably in a group, and feel the glow of friendship and fellowship: to be wanted and needed, and share, cooperate and give as well as receive: to experience living in a democratic community, and be included in the plans and be one of the planners; to have a chance to work and see the fruits of labor; to successfully conquer frustration from failure and feel pride from personal success.

I BELIEVE . . . that youth should know more about his natural surroundings and the inter-relationship of all living things; see wild life in its natural habitat; wonder at the marvels of God's creation and find fun in the simple way of life; live in an atmosphere free from pressures and tensions; climb a tree and build a tree house hut or fort.

I BELIEVE . . . a child should know good communication and relationship with an adult who can be idealized, admired and respected; who has the time to be helpful, patient and understanding; who will help him find excellence in skill and confidence through accomplishment; who recognizes him as an individual in a world of conformists; who will grant the freedom to experiment, to make decisions—for who can resolve big problems without experience in solving little ones?

I BELIEVE . . . that happy, carefree days are a heritage of youth, as is the right to worship; and that through normal growth and such association will come lasting faith in one's self, country and God. **I BELIEVE** that a camp provides the unique setting, the ideal locale for all these things to be accomplished—and that all are possible in a good camp program—so, **I BELIEVE IN CAMPING.**

Share your camp traditions and special events. Others will greatly benefit!

Thanks



Become a Member Camp National Association of Christian Camps

Camp Name _____

Camp Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____



Association Membership for Camps: The annual fee is \$25.00 per year plus 10¢ for each paid youth camper. Example: If your camp had a total of 500 campers this past summer your fee would be \$50.00 plus the \$25.00 base fee - Total \$75.00. Checks should be made out to NACC and mailed to:

National Association of Christian Camps
1101 East Taylor
Washington IA 52353

Each Member Camp will receive a handsome Charter Member Certificate and active workers in each camp will be placed on the CAMPTALK mailing list. Send your list as soon as possible. This list should include your Board Members, Trustees, Managers, Caretakers, and key staff workers.

Association membership for individuals: An Associate Membership is \$25 per year. This category is for those whose home camp is not a member of the association. You will receive CAMPTALK and other Association benefits as they become available.

CAMPTALK will be one of the primary benefits of belonging to the association. Through this newsletter, information will be shared on the many facets of Christian Camping. CAMPTALK will be **your** newsletter. With reader contributed articles, CAMPTALK will be a resource for information and ideas that you can use in your home camp. Articles may be submitted in any form, paper or electronic to:

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Here is a short list of some of the subjects that are planned for CAMPTALK:

- Bible Class themes
- Craft projects
- Fund-raisers
- Camp Profiles
- New songs
- Food service
- Camp safety
- Camp games
- First Aid
- Board of Directors
- Camp Directors
- Renting vs owning
- Liability issues
- Specialty camps
- Budgets
- Insurance

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Workshop Registration ~ 2002 National Christian Camping Workshop at Camp Deer Run

Mail to: Camp Deer Run
Rt. 2, Box 22599
Winnsboro, TX 75494

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2002

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City, State, and Zip _____
Camp _____
Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Please enclose check to Camp Deer Run ~ \$45.00 per person or \$60.00 per couple.

*******Remember to bring items for our traditional "Silent Auction." Proceeds go to the NACC.*******
Past items have included: Bible Class study booklets, plates and cups, craft items, antiques, and paintings.
One year a gas powered electric generator was donated to the auction! So, use your imagination!!