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at

Camp
Yamhill,
Oregon

March 23-26

Theme:
**STOP
Looking
For Easy**

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Wisconsin Workshop Recap

Over 60 camp workers representing 21 youth camps from the U.S. and Canada gathered at Wisconsin Christian Youth Camp at Falhall Glen for the 2003 National Christian Camping Workshop.



LeRoy Latham, WCYC Camp Manager, assembled a wide variety of speakers and organized a great program presenting the theme of "truthfulness." Speakers helped camp workers understand the challenge of always

being truthful and teaching truthfulness to campers throughout their camp programs.

Some of the subjects covered were:
—Where Truth Is Discovered
—Power of Appreciation In Truthful Speech
—Making Sure We Are Truthful
—Healing the Liar

LeRoy also delivered a powerful introduction to the theme. The text of major portions of his speech is found on pages 3 and 4. We encourage readers to read it and order tapes of all the presentations. It is great and useful material. (See page 6)

Thank you LeRoy, the WCYC staff and board members for hosting another excellent Workshop. Well done!!



Almost 40 braved the early morning chill for a devotional at Serenity Point ~ WCYC

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A note from the NACC President

To all of you Camp workers, Howdy from Camp Deer Run!

Yes it is that time of the year when there are so many things going on. There's theme planning, staff recruiting, camper registration, lesson preparing, orientation outlining, camp improvements, camp repairs, fund raising, nurse scheduling, menu planning, Board meetings and quiet time praying that God will once again bless your camp.



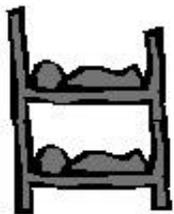
David E. Ward

God has blessed us at Camp Deer Run in so many wonderful ways. 2003 has been one of our busiest years ever. We built a new cabin, a new Hay barn, a new Patio on our dinning hall, a new nurses station with sleeping quarters, and a bridge over our creek. We also had a wonderful summer camping season with 1023 resident campers, 278 day campers and 17 Baptisms.

We hope and pray that 2004 will be just as blessed. One way God can bless you and your camp is to attend the National Christian Camping Workshop. Yamhill Christian Youth Camp in Yamhill, Oregon, will host this year's workshop, March 23-26, 2004. I would really like to encourage all the camps in the Western States to be a part of this wonderful opportunity in your own back yard. If everyday cares and challenges of camping are weighing heavy and bringing you down—if you need to refocus on why we are in this glorious ministry, come get your cup filled to the top. Come and be re-energized, re-vitalized, re-camp-alized!! Come enjoy four stress releasing, rejuvenating days full of camp enhancing ideas. And if that doesn't convince you to come to the workshop, come just to hang out with me and make some wonderful Christian friends. Hope to see you there.

Your President and servant in Christ

David E. Ward



Bunks Beds Available

Michigan Christian Youth Camp has bunks beds available on a first-come-first-served basis. Contact:

Jerry Brackney
820 N. Lake George Road
Attica, MI 48412
810.664.8040
mcy@tm.net

On the WWW?

The NACC web site currently lists links to 57 Christian Youth Camps in our fellowship. Is your camp one of them? If not, please send your web link to us at camptalk@se-iowa.net and we will be happy to add your camp to the list.



Also, if you know of other camp workers in your area that do not receive CAMPTALK, please send us their mailing address. ***Thanks!?***

Christian Camping—A spiritual investment in our youth!



LeRoy
Latham



INTRODUCTION to the National Christian Camping Workshop on *Truthfulness*—April 29-May 2, 2003

SKIT: THE PIG

Setting: The preacher's office as he is preparing his Sunday sermon when he hears a knock at his door.

Preacher: **"Come in"**—enter a Poor man, contrite-looking, wearing threadbare clothing, pulling a large pig on a rope.

Preacher: motioning to chair, **"Please have a seat"**—poor man sits down, pig sniffs around the office.

Preacher: with an eye on the pig asks the poor man, **"What can I do for you today?"**

Poor Man: **"My family is hungry and without food today, so I stole this pig, but I feel I have sinned. Would you please take it?"**

(pig sniffs the preacher)

Preacher: **"Certainly not."**

Poor man: **"Then what should I do with it?"**

Preacher: **"Well that's easy. Give it back."**

Poor man: **"I offered it to the man I stole it from but he refused to take it. Now what should I do?"** (pig sits down beside the Preacher)

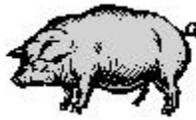
Preacher: **"In that case it would be alright for you to keep the pig and feed it to your family."**

(poor man stands up and pulls on the rope, the pig goes to him)

Poor man: **"Oh thank you for your help sir! I feel much better."**

(with a lighter step and pig in tow he walks out of the office)

Narrator: **"It was only later that afternoon when the Preacher arrived home, that he discovered someone had stolen his prize pig."**



The statements made were technically true. It seems that deceiving others through technically true statements has become something of an art form. What has been learned through this common ploy is just which words can be used in order to infer fact where none is intended. In this way, people can be persuaded to believe what we want them to believe without actually lying (or so we think).

Jesus, through Paul, calls us to a higher standard of truth and integrity. *"In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about you."* Titus 2: 7-8.

Paul admonished the church in Colossi, *"Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self."* Colossians 3:9.

In the fall of 2001 the WCYC Board of Directors approved hosting this Workshop and the theme *truthfulness*. Within the year following its inception, this theme was met with the Enron scandal, the Arthur Anderson cover-up, the Worldcom deception, and more Saddam lies.

The original prompt for us to consider *'speaking with veracity'* were examples already in our hopper that were shouting the world's *'voracious'* appetite for the lie.

A sitting president had redefined immorality to fit his personal situation then denied his immoral actions by citing his contrived definitions. — Select teenage campers painted self-portraits of perceived innocence while truth was revealed in contradictory actions and words.

TV programming, Video Games, Music and Hollywood became even more blatant in depictions of violent and immoral deceit and showing inconvenient truths as just *inconvenient* and harmless to a demanding public.

Christians live by a standard. The world lives by none or some that are transient. When one accepts Christ and his righteousness, the should recognize not only what is right but also what is wrong. It should not be surprising that someone who begins to understand the difference between right and wrong should take a stand against the great wrongs of the day. Many Christians are doing just that.

The big arenas of today in which our children are caught up are so large they slip past perception and concern of many. Most of the big, important issues although part of their daily lives go unnoticed as inter-ceptions and interferences draw their attention away, sort of like the trees before the forest. So, lost, may be the big pictures and the miniscule: The vastness of God's creation, God himself, the intricacies of Medical Science, Global politics, hunger, needs and benefits of an education. These get replaced by the whims of Hollywood, the flash and dash of computer generated virtual events and faces.

Somewhere in the time called childhood are **lost: ethics, diminished: accountability, the swapping of service to the needy: for shielding of self-centered pleasures.** Just one such trend has captured our focus for consideration during this workshop. . **Many young people are losing the intuitive skill of telling the truth.** Many children have become so callused to unreality it is the norm for them to live *in and as* lies.

Our young people, as they gain further understanding of the differences between right and wrong, will take their stand against the great wrongs of today and tomorrow. What then can be predicted, expected and witnessed from teens that learn the importance of truthfulness in their lives? They can be convinced that truth can be believed and with confidence be repeated to the unbeliever and to the ignorant.

Recently we were witness to a University of Maryland *sting operation* on some of its students. A professor was made aware his students were using cell phones during an exam to reach friends who were reading exam answers released to the school's web site during the exam. What the students did not know was the professor posted wrong answers and then flunked the students who entered them on their examinations. So we could say, the professor's *white lie* was justified in that it punished the *larger black lie*. However, what if the professor had just eliminated the privilege of having cell phones in his classroom during class or during an exam. Where is the lesson?

Over the next two days we will hear about little white lies, the vow not to lie again, words like integrity and veracity, phrases like *peace of mind* and *liar, liar, pants on fire*. We may be reminded of old stories

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National Christian Camping Workshop

March 23 - 26, 2004

Camp Yamhill, Oregon

THEME:



Looking For Easy

Many, if not most people, seem to want to find the easy way to do everything. A word search on Amazon.com for the word 'easy' found 11,509 books and 31 magazines with that word in the title. A similar search for 'hard' turned up slightly over 3,000 books and almost all of those were there because they were 'hard' cover.

Some things just cannot be done the easy way - if they are to be done right. Molding character, developing holiness and nurturing spirituality requires discipline and discipline requires hard work. These are goals we have in Christian Camping and achieving them is not always easy. They require planning, individual attention and focusing on the details of a camper or counselor's life.

Our work is not easy, so let's stop looking for easy and start looking for those things that will help our campers stand complete in Christ! And we'll be looking for you at Camp Yamhill in March!

Workshop info on the web at www.naccamps.org

like, the *life of Job* and the *story of Jacob*; both of which are considered by the secular world to be *literary masterpieces*; and both which are filled with lies.

The intent of this workshop is not that we be taught truthfulness, rather, that we gain ideas, methods, take-home words and phrases we can use in the battle against lying.

Where do we observe the lie? IN DECEPTION—
 for comedy ("A good story makes'm laugh.")
 for politics (Reelection at any cost)
 for protection (The best defense is a good offense)
 for profit (Objectives at any cost)
 for emphasis (The *shock factor*)
 for crime (I have it all figured out)
 for love (A little truth, a lot'o lie)
 for impression (Just a little embellishment)
 for vanity (her DL license shows 140 pounds, "arrest her for lying to the police?)
 for fame (Be sure photo is of my good side)
 for prestige (Can you top this?)
 for legacy (Remember me, the saint)

"There are only six questions in all history and truth must be found in each." "How? What? When? Where? Who? Why?"

Aristotle

On The Light Side!

LeRoy has a wry sense of humor that rivals that of Camp Blue Haven's Vance Crowe. Here are a few of LeRoy's humorous sayings...



You know you might be from Fallhall Glen when...

Your idea of creative landscaping is a statue of a cow next to your blue spruce.

Your neighbor throws a party to celebrate his new machine shed.

You install security lights on your house and garage and leave both unlocked.

You carry jumper cables in your car and your girlfriend knows how to use them.

You define summer as three months of bad sledding.

Thanks LeRoy for sharing your heart and humor!



2004 Workshop Registration Form

National Christian Camping Workshop
March 23 – 26, 2004



Attendee Name(s): _____

Name of Camp: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: E-mail: _____ / _____

Would you like us to confirm your registration by e-mail? Yes _____ No _____

Private rooms will be available. Bedding, towels, and washcloths are available for individuals not traveling by car.
Will you require linens? Yes _____ No _____

Please list any special conditions (food allergies, etc.) that we need to take into consideration in providing you a healthy and comfortable stay. Vegetarian alternatives are available at each meal.

Workshop fee is \$40 per person. Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please mail this form with payment to:

Camp Yamhill 19651 NW Old Railroad Grade Road Yamhill, Oregon (503) 662-3710

Workshop Schedule:

Registration will begin at 3pm on Tuesday March 23rd – dinner will be at 6pm. The workshop ends at 10:30am on Friday March 26th. A full schedule is not yet available, but a number of speakers are scheduled to attend; you can also look forward to classes, discussion groups, and other activities. Feel free to come as early and stay as late as you'd like – we'd be glad to have you!

Part of the workshop will include panel discussions and brainstorming sessions so we can learn from each other's ideas and methods. Some of the topics you can look forward to participating in are:

—**Follow-up on Commitments:** Every camp makes commitments; it's making them happen that's the hard part. If your camp does this well or at least has a good plan we'd like you to lead a 45-minute session. Contact Jim Williams if you are interested.

—**Themes and Things that Worked:** Or how about "Themes and Things that Didn't Work"? We all should have a file called "I wish I'd never tried that".

—**Influencing non-Christians:**—Teaching Christians and non-Christians

—**Camp Kitchens:** Please bring some of your recipes and a week's worth of menus. We'll have a session for menu discussion and recipe swaps.

—**Initiative and Challenge Course ideas**

If you have any additional items that you would like to discuss during the workshop please feel free to contact Jim Williams at manager@campyamhill.org or (503) 662-3710.

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2003 National Christian Camping Workshop at Wisconsin Christian Youth Camp Tape Order Form

	Speaker	Subject	How Many
Tape 1	LeRoy Latham Tim Thompson	Why Truthfulness Singing+ Why Wisconsin? Why Christian? Why, God?	
Tape 2	Dale Smith	Where Truth Is Discovered	
Tape 3	Dr. Daniel Stockstill Smith/Stockstill	Speaking the Truth is Easy When You Know the Facts Q & A based on previous presentation	
Tape 4	Andrew Baker	Power of Appreciation In Truthful Speech	
Tape 5	Andrew Baker	Making Sure We Are Truthful	
Tape 6	Dr. Daniel Stockstill	Synergism in Veracity	
Tape 7	Dr. Dale Hawley	There Is A Battle Of The Big V's	
Tape 8		Panel Discussion on Battle Of The Big V's	
Tape 9	Dr. Dale Hawley	Healing the Liar	
Tape 10	Dale Smith	Each Camper Counts	
Tape 11		Singing Session	

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Cost includes shipping ~ Checks to NACC

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