



# CAMP TALK

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**2003  
National  
Christian  
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Workshop**

at

**Wisconsin  
Christian  
Youth  
Camp**

**April 29-30  
May 1-2**

**Theme:  
VORACITY**

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## It's Camp Time!

**B**y the time this issue of CAMPTALK arrives in your mail box your camp will be in full swing. The lives of thousands of young people will be impacted with the power of God's word as it is taught in the Christian Youth Camp setting at **your camp** this summer! And... your personal example as a faithful Christian will also be felt as you share the power of Christ in your life with today's youth. So, fellow camp workers, rejoice and give God the glory for this opportunity to serve! May He bless you in your ministry. And remember....

***You are making a big difference!***

*The following words of encouragement come from the Spring Mill Bible Camp (Mitchell, IN) website. They speak to the heart and core of our work.*

"To the casual observer, SMBC might appear as a simple parcel of land dotted with assorted structures. Without campers and staff, it is merely a well-furnished campground. However, when the campers and staff arrive, it becomes a living, breathing entity. Each person present during a weekly session shapes the atmosphere of the camp. From late spring through the end of summer, SMBC takes on a constantly changing personality. The one constant throughout the entire summer is the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Just like the smell of the campfire on a starry night, that love permeates everything that goes on at SMBC. This aroma is carried outside the property lines of SMBC when a week together ends and good-byes are exchanged. The memories carried home live on day by day in the hearts of those who have had their life forever changed at SMBC."

*Curt Parsley, for the SMBC Board of Directors*

## Magnificent Texas Workshop

Thank you, David Ward and staff at Camp Deer Run, near Winnsboro, Texas for a magnificent Christian Camping Workshop. The theme, *Lest We Miss the Mark*, was very timely and fitting for camp workers of today. Excellent, quality presentations inspired everyone.

Christian Camp workers from 25 camps in 18 states + Canada came to this year's workshop. Some of the nearly 75 attendees are pictured here.



Audio tapes of all sessions are available. (See page 6) We especially recommend the session entitled "The Power of Cheese" (a powerful lesson on the Cross) by Mike Lincoln of Camp Wyldewood, Searcy, AR. It will inspire you!

And speaking of being inspired...why not make your plans to be a part of the 2003 Christian Camping Workshop in Wisconsin. You will come away uplifted, inspired, and filled with ideas that can be adapted for use in your home camp. A preview is on page 3. Hope to see you there!

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## Camp Resources ~

### The Camp Rena Collection

Recreation Leadership Resources

(In other words, songs and games and other fun stuff!)

This company has been around for a few years but is "new" to the NACC. Info offered as a possible resource for items you may be looking for to use in your camp.

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### Share the info...

If you know of other resources for camps and camp workers, please send us the contact information so we can share it here.

**THANKS!**

### SEND US NAMES

Help the NACC promote the ministry of Christian Camping. Send us names and addresses of key workers in your camp for the CAMPTALK mailing list.

*(NACC membership is not required)*

## CAMP Profile

### Nebraska Youth Camp

[www.nebraskayouthcamp.com](http://www.nebraskayouthcamp.com)

**N**ebraska Youth Camp is an organization of Christians who joined together in the early 1960's to provide opportunities for young people to enjoy camping in a Christian setting. In 1965, the "Trail Junction" campsite, near Kearney, Nebraska, was acquired. The campsite is just north of Fort Kearny where the Oregon Trail, the Oxbow Trail, the Nebraska City Cut-Off and the Pony Express Trail came together.

Trail Junction is a sixty acre area of light woods which is bordered on one side by the Platte River. It contains a five acre lake with a sand beach, a dining hall/lodge, 2 staff cabins, 11 camper cabins, shower house, craft cabin, 2 covered picnic shelters, basketball court, soccer field, 8 campfire sites and numerous hiking and tractor trails.

NYC provides 8 weeks of youth camping each summer at Trail Junction along with several activities for families. Members of the Churches of Christ from around the Midwest have weekend retreats throughout the camping season.

The camp is governed by fifteen directors who are chosen by the general camp membership at its annual meeting in September.

***The world has a voracious hunger for “the lie.” It works hard to have its insatiable appetite for untruth adopted by our children—to win them over as young liars. At our camps we have such a small window of opportunity for instilling veracity as a replacement for “the lie.” Two ‘V’ words at war. Come to Fallhall Glen and help with the battle plan!***

## **2003 Workshop Preview**

**Where: Wisconsin Christian Youth Camp  
Black River Falls, Wisconsin  
At Fallhall Glen on the banks of Robinson Creek**

**When: APRIL 29, 30, MAY 1, 2, 2003**

**Theme: VORACITY**

Voracity is a BIG word. Why should anyone believe you? Do we have to be believed? Our USA culture values appealing lies. Society sees truth as inconvenient.

*“...your word is truth.”* When someone accepts Christ’s righteousness he should recognize not only what is right, but also, what is wrong.

Let us join hands in bringing young people to a full understanding of truth in the cause of Christ. As they gain fuller understanding of the differences between right and wrong they will take their stand against the great wrongs of today and tomorrow.

**SOLDIERS OF CHRIST ARISE!**

**Workshop Presentation/Discussion topics:**

**Glamour and Fame ~ a little truth, a lot of lie. (school, pop artists, Hollywood)**

**I’ll treat you right; please don’t wrong me**

**Black/White very clear—Grey very deceitful**

**Honest begins with truth... *“thou then canst be false to any man.”***

**Ruin comes like tooth decay, one ache at a time**

**A Weakest Link—a little white lie**

**Salt and Light**

**Discovery of *truth*:**

—In the forest

—In a cabin

—On the creek bank

—Around a campfire

—At a songfest

—During sunrise

—Musing a falling leaf

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Workshop Hosts  
LeRoy & JoAnn Latham

## Things to Remember

Dick Robey

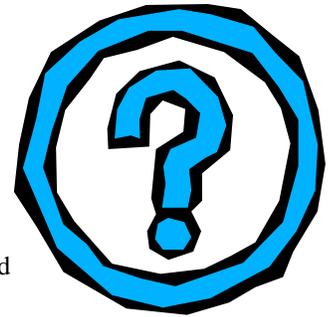


1. The center of **[your camp]** is the camper ~ the only reason for operating this camp.
2. Boys and girls come to have fun. We should do our best to see that they do have plenty of fun and adventure.
3. While boys and girls are having fun, we can teach them a great many things: How to grow spiritually, how to get along with others, how to live in the out-of-doors, and how to make new friends.
4. The spiritual welfare of the camper is our first and foremost concern.
5. Every staff member must strive in every way to follow Jesus. Every effort should be made to conduct oneself just as Christ would conduct Himself if He were in your place. The camper should be urged to follow your example as you follow Christ. Every staff member should be a living example of the power and presence of Jesus Christ in human hearts.
6. Cooperation and a friendly spirit among ALL members of the staff is a very necessary thing if the camp is to run smoothly. We expect each staff member to be friendly, tactful, patient, and loyal to each other. **[Your camp]** is no place for idle gossip and evil speech. If you can't say something good, don't say anything.
7. Every person at **[your camp]** is expected to help with certain work details essential to the physical operation of the camp.
8. If the program of **[your camp]** operates smoothly, everyone must be conscious of camp routine and follow the daily schedule. Always be prompt.
9. One of the worst things for camp morale is complaining on the part of staff members, especially if done before the campers. If you have any criticisms to make, please make them to the proper authorities.
10. Helping maintain good discipline at **[your camp]** is the responsibility of every staff member. When you see any camper doing anything contrary to the camp rules, please feel free to correct, then and there.

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## What If ?

(Musings of your editor!)



As this issue of CAMPTALK goes to press there are 1053 names on our mailing list among the 230+ Christian Youth Camps in our brotherhood that we know about. And I was just wondering.....

- What if just one person from each of our 230+ camps would take a few moments to share something that is working in their camps?
- What if just one person from each of our 230+ camps would share just one, long standing, favorite camp tradition?
- What if just one person from each of our 230+ camps would share just one camp group game that campers love to play?
- What if just one person from each of our 230+ camps would share just one favorite meal recipe that campers rave about?
- What if just one person from each of our 230+ camps would share just one idea for a fund raiser that was successful at their camp?
- What if just one person from each of our 230+ camps would share just one Bible Class theme or outline that impacted campers in a significant way?
- What if just one person from each of our 230+ camps would share (*in a general, anonymous fashion*) how a sensitive issue was handled or resolved?
- What if just one person from each of our 230+ camps would share how Christian Camping has influenced their lives and the lives of others?
- What if just one person from each of our 230+ camps would commit to attending the 2003 National Christian Camping Workshop in Wisconsin?
- What if, out of our 230+ camps, just 100 camps would commit to becoming a member of the NACC?

I just wonder, what if — what if? How would God bless the response? Please think and pray about the possibilities!

I look forward to hearing from.... "just one person."

Hal



## Become a Member Camp

### National Association of Christian Camps

Camp Name \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_



The National Association of Christian Camps (NACC) is a service organization dedicated to training, encouraging, and equipping Christians involved in the ministry of Christian Camping. We solicit camp resources, program ideas, and concepts from active camp workers and share this information through the annual National Christian Camping Workshop, our website, and newsletter, CAMPTALK.

Each Member Camp will receive a handsome Member Certificate and will be joining hands with fellow camps in promoting the ministry of Christian Camping.

**Association Membership for Camps:** The annual fee is \$25.00 per year plus 10¢ for each paid summer 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.

**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.

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Association Members make possible the **CAMPTALK** newsletter. Through this newsletter information will be shared on the many facets of Christian Camping. With reader contributed articles and information, CAMPTALK will be a resource for ideas that you can use in your home camp. Articles and information may be submitted to the address above or via e-mail to [camptalk@se-iowa.net](mailto:camptalk@se-iowa.net).

Here is a short list of some of the subjects for which we seek contributions:

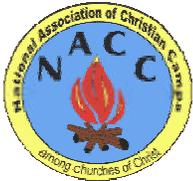
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- What You Have Done For Me ~ Camp Deer Run Campers
- There Is Safety In Numbers ~ Jerry Brackney
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