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# 1999 Workshop Set For Blue Haven

## WORKSHOP THEME TO FOCUS ON "FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP"

**1999  
National  
Christian  
Camping  
Workshop**

**Blue Haven  
Youth Camp**

**Las Vegas  
New Mexico**

**April 13-16**

**WE'LL BE  
LOOK!'N  
FOR YOU!**

**E**xcitement builds - anticipation mounts as time for the 1999 National Christian Camping Workshop approaches. Vance Crowe, Workshop Director, has organized an outstanding array of speakers that will speak on a wide range of topics. There will be something for everyone! (See complete schedule on Page 4)

One of the features of this year's workshop will be information shared about "Ropes Courses." Tilt James of Camp Blue Haven will lead a team of speakers as they demonstrate this unique faith and trust building program. Ropes Courses give the individual the opportunity to learn personal interactive skills

like communication, team work, problem solving, creative thinking and confidence to face the unknown. *Ropes Course Challenges* provide tangible learning experiences that can be applied to ones spiritual life by:

- Learning to trust God at His Word
- Learning to reach out in faith to accomplish His goals for your personal spiritual life
- Learning how to trust God for His grace, mercy and forgiveness
- Learning how He fulfills His promises.

These are a few of the many valuable benefits of this program. Come to the workshop to grow and learn. You'll be glad you did and so will your campers!!

### **Attendance Goal Set for Workshop**

Typical attendance at past workshops has ranged from 5 to 25 camps represented by 15 to 60 attendees. This year we hope to break all records by setting a goal of **50** camps represented by more than **125** attendees. **WILL YOU HELP REACH THAT GOAL?** You can by making a commitment to the spiritual well being of the youth you serve in your home camp. **Come to the workshop!** Share, learn, and return home encouraged and better equipped to serve in the ministry of Christian Camping!

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The  
Sharing

Corner

(Send us information you would like to share  
with fellow camp leaders)

## Camps on the WWW



**Midwest Bible Camp - IA**  
[www.angelfire.com/ia/mwbc/home](http://www.angelfire.com/ia/mwbc/home)

**Nebraska Youth Camp**  
[www.tcgcs.com](http://www.tcgcs.com)

**Michigan Christian Youth Camp**  
[www.mcyo.org](http://www.mcyo.org)

**Idlewild Christian Youth Camp - VA**  
<http://host2.shortpump.com/idlewild/index.html>

**Ganderbrook Christian Camp - MA**  
<http://members.aol.com/newengcoc/ganderbrook.htm>

**Indian Creek Youth Camp - AL**  
<http://www.airnet.dpettus/bible-camp.html>

**Copper Basin Bible Camp - AZ**  
<http://aztec.asu.edu/worship/tcc/cbbc.html>

**Gulf Coast Bible Camp - MS**  
<http://home.earthlink.net/~paulasdo/gcbc>

**Camp Ch-Yo-Ca - LA**  
<http://www.ch-yo-ca.com>

**National Association of Christian Camps**  
<http://members.tripod.com/camptalk/index.htm>



## Can You Help?

{Editors Note: We hope to make "Can You Help?" a regular feature of CAMPTALK. This column will focus on needs among our camps. Whether you need advice, suggestions, ideas, or leads to resources, please share that need with us and we will publish it in CAMPTALK. And.....when **you** help another camp by responding to their need.....**PLEASE** send a copy to the NACC. We will keep it on file for future requests. *Thanks for your help!*}

Our camp in Maine (Gander Brook) may be able to build an infirmary some time this year or next. We would really like to obtain sketches of floor plans. Over the years, Gander Brook has used a converted staff cabin as the infirmary, but with the potential opportunity to build new, we would like some input concerning what is best.

We could also really use some help with developing a staff manual. If you are willing to share yours (or parts of it), we would be grateful. From the beginning, Gander Brook operated with an all volunteer staff, except for token salary to counselors we recruit from Christian Colleges. No one seemed to ever have time to compile a staff manual. And, until recent years, that never seemed to be detrimental. But with increased state regulations, and a culture that produces counselors who seem to be less spiritually wise than their predecessors, we are seeing a real need to develop a staff manual.

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**CAMP** Profile

## Gulf Coast Bible Camp Shipman, Mississippi

Gulf Coast Bible Camp is located on 97 wooded acres, ten miles southeast of Lucedale, Mississippi. Rocky Creek runs through the rolling hills that make up the campground. The facilities include a dining hall, eight cabins, two bathhouses, swimming pool, volleyball court, basketball courts, baseball field, crafts hut, amphitheater, pavilion, bonfire area, and study areas. The facilities are located around a scenic fishing lake in the southwest corner of the grounds.

Our goal is to further Christian values by promoting honesty, obedience to God, parents, and our extended Christian family. We hope to develop in our youth a sense of unity, love and compassion for our neighbors. We hope to accomplish this by the grace of God through our devotionals, Bible classes and positive Christian inspirational guest speakers. Our setting is one of a calm, natural environment provided by God.

# SOMETHING SPECIAL

## National Christian Camping Workshop

**April 13-16**

Blue Haven Youth Camp  
Las Vegas, New Mexico

Theme: Faithful Stewardship

**1999**

### WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

**1999**

Mail to: Camp Blue Haven  
P.O. Box 1300  
Canyon TX 79015

After March 15 - Mail to: Camp Blue Haven  
HC 181 Box 304  
Las Vegas NM 87701  
Phone - 505/454-0100

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Camp \_\_\_\_\_

\$25.00 per person

or

\$40.00 per couple

Camp Blue Haven is nestled in the Sangre de Cristo mountains 17 miles west of Las Vegas, NM, on the Mineral Hill Road, about one mile past the end of state maintenance on highway 283. Camp buildings are situated on the banks of the Tecolote at an elevation of 7200 feet.

To reach camp, use the access road on the east side of I-25 between Las Vegas and Romeroville. The first overpass south of Las Vegas (or the second overpass north of Romeroville) is marked by signs to Mineral Hill, San Geronimo and Camp Blue Haven. Travel west on route 283 to the end of the blacktop (12 miles) and then follow the signs for the remaining 3 miles to camp.

## Workshop Schedule

SUNDAY, MONDAY, APRIL 11-12: *Housing (no meals) will be provided at no cost to those who desire to arrive early. Guided hikes of the area will be available to those interested.*

TUESDAY APRIL 13: *MORNING HIKE AVAILABLE IF DESIRED*

3:00 - 6:00 pm - ARRIVE, REGISTRATION, SET UP DISPLAYS  
 6:00 - 6:30 pm - WELCOME  
 6:30 - - DINNER  
 7:30 - 8:00 pm - THEME - "FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP" - Vance Crowe, Camp Blue Haven - NM  
 8:15 - 8:45 pm - "FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP OF THE WORD" - Tilt James, Camp Blue Haven - NM  
 9:00 - 9:15 pm - OBJECT LESSON DEVOTIONAL - "The Straight Pin" - Jeff Goff, Maywood Christian Camp - AL

WEDNESDAY APRIL 14:

8:00 - 8:30 am - BREAKFAST  
 8:45 - 9:00 am - LESSON FROM NATURE DEVOTIONAL - "Go To The Ant" - Ed Ditto - West of Heaven Christian Camp - OK  
 9:30 - 11:00 am - ANNUAL MEETING of the *National Association of Christian Camps*  
 11:00 - 12:00 pm - CLASS  
     1. Special Session: High School Leadership Camp - Brad Thompson - Camp Blue Haven - NM  
     2. Special Session: World Wide Youth Camps - Greg Perry  
 12:15 - 12:45 pm - LUNCH  
 1:30 - 3:45 pm - "Challenge By Choice" - Ropes Activities - Tilt James, Byron Brunson, Eddy Boyles  
     Endowments - Steven Anderson, Prudential  
 4:00 - 5:00 pm - CLASS  
     1. The Power of Stories - Al Ogren, Camp Blue Haven  
     2. Sojourners Support Christian Camping - Dudley Cash, Sojourner  
 6:00 - 6:30 pm - DINNER  
 7:30 - 8:00 pm - "FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES" - Jerry Brackney, Michigan Christian Youth Camp  
 8:15 - 8:45 pm - "FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP OF FACILITIES" - Don Wright, Michigan Christian Youth Camp  
 9:00 - 9:15 pm - OBJECT LESSON DEVOTIONAL - "The STARS" - Larry Fitzgerald, Lake Cisco Christian Camp

THURSDAY APRIL 15:

8:00 - 8:30 am - BREAKFAST  
 8:45 - 9:00 am - LESSON FROM NATURE DEVOTIONAL - "Like A Tree By The Water" - Tory Tredway, Valley View CC, TN  
 9:30 - 10:30 am - CLASS  
     1. Insurance Matters Matter - Kent Houck, West of Heaven Christian Camp, OK  
     2. Food Service - **BRING A RECIPE TO SHARE** - Aimee Crowe, Camp Blue Haven, NM  
 11:00 - 12:00 pm - CLASS  
     1. Crisis Management - Bob Manasco, Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp, Ohio  
     2. New Materials for Handicrafts - Sondra Blankenship, Camp Blue Haven  
 12:15 - 12:45 pm - LUNCH  
 1:30 - 3:45 pm - "Challenge By Choice" - Ropes Activities - Tilt James, Byron Brunson, Eddy Boyles  
     - Special Session: College Leadership Camp - Bob Shepard, Camp Blue Haven  
 4:00 - 5:45 pm - Special Session: Family Camps - Jerry Lawlis, Red River Family Encampment  
 6:00 - 6:30 pm - DINNER  
 7:30 - 8:00 pm - "FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENT" - LeRoy Latham, Wisconsin Christian Youth Camp  
 8:15 - 8:45 pm - "FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP OF CAMPERS" - David Ward, Camp Deer Run, TX  
 9:00 - 9:15 pm - OBJECT LESSON DEVOTIONAL - "The Sailboat" - Dan Whitaker  
 9:30 - Planning for future workshops - Year 2000 ~ Michigan Christian Youth Camp - Year 2001, 2002, 2003 ?????

FRIDAY APRIL 16:

7:30 - 8:00 am - BREAKFAST  
 8:15 CLOSING REMARKS - DEPARTURE  
 9:00 HIKE TO HERMIT PEAK FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE TO STAY LATE



## Become a Charter Member Camp

### National Association of Christian Camps

*(Charter Membership available until end of May 1999)*

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

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

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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  
1413 North Iowa Avenue  
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
- Counselor Training
- New songs
- Food service
- Camp safety
- Camp games
- Camp traditions
- First Aid
- Board of Directors
- Camp Directors
- Renting vs owning
- Legal issues
- Liability issues
- Specialty camps
- Budgets
- Insurance
- Equipment suppliers

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## A Time of Challenge, Reflection and Growth

**W**hat use should be made of situations or events which provide the items in our title? Are such opportunities to be passed by? Certainly not! We realize the significance of each of these areas in our lives as children of God. We understand that spiritual growth will never take place unless there are challenges from God's word which are reflected upon and allowed to mold our hearts and lives.

What provides a time of **challenge, reflection, and growth** for our children in spiritual matters? Included in such a list would be: family devotions, regular attendance in Bible classes and worship, individual Bible study, etc. **What about summer camp?** What else is available that combines a week of spiritual food with an atmosphere so conducive to **challenge, reflection, and growth?** The opportunity to feast upon God's word, to grow and mature as a "unique" part of God's creation, to discover hidden talents, and to be with others who share the same interest in spiritual things. These are golden opportunities indeed.

How important can summer Bible camp be? Ask the parent whose child was baptized into Christ either during or immediately following summer Bible camp. Ask the brother or sister in Christ who was first introduced to the Lord's church by a friend who took them to Bible camp. Ask the counselor who has seen

children test their skills in a multitude of areas only to find hidden talents or to develop interests which have later been used to bring friends or even family members to a knowledge of the gospel of Christ.

Throughout the nation there are camp facilities directed and cared for by brethren who see the need of providing such an environment for our children. Don't let this time of **challenge, reflection, and growth** pass you by.....make use of it now!

Jim Mitchell  
*Reprinted from Florida Christian*



## Contributing Writers Needed

Share your thoughts, convictions, and experiences in the ministry of Christian Camping by contributing an article for publication in CAMPTALK. We are compiling articles for future issues. Brethren across the nation will appreciate and benefit from your contribution. Any subject related to Christian Camping is appropriate, particularly in specialized areas such as Legal Affairs, Camp Site Development, and Specialty Camps. Please submit your articles to:

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