

Calendar of Events

Camp

- Teen Week June 27- July 3
- Pre-teen Week June 20-26
- Combined Week July 11-17
- Golden Years Retreat Sept. (TBD)
- Fall Retreat Sept. 24-26

Youth Rallies

- Banner Elk CofC May 15
- Central CofC July 5
- Greeneville CofC August



*Applications are mailed to congregations with these newsletters. You may also visit the website to register or email Zack Krug at the address on the bottom of this page.

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High Rock is about to blow up!

In the last edition of our quarterly newsletter, we announced the board's renewed excitement about the future of your camp. We let you know that we are committed to providing the best Christian camp experience for you and all young people in our area. We told you that our commitment to serving you starts with communicating our excitement, our goals, and our needs. This starts today!

On March 26 & 27, the board of directors met for our first annual retreat to focus on one thing; the future of High Rock. Many of the board members talked about a visible new excitement and motivation pouring through the discussions. We asked a lot of questions of each other. How can we improve our facilities? How can we make camp safer? How can we make sure that camp stays doctrinally sound for years to come? What improvements can we make to get you charged about this camp? We are very happy about what came from this meeting and we would like to share the decisions we made with you.

We are extremely excited to announce that the board passed a resolution to begin moving camp across the road! People have been talking about this expansion for years, and we're finally there. High Rock owns over 65 acres on the wooded side of the road that is now home to our softball field and recreation pavilion. This move begins NOW. By the time you're reading this, the construction will have been completed on the brand new Erin McCuiston Arts & Crafts pavilion - our first new construction on the other side of the road! The transitioning process will take some time, and we'll need to maintain our current facilities along the way, but we are motivated and committed to making this goal a reality sooner than later!

Before High Rock can get to the other side of the road, we must first get ourselves out of debt. To move forward on our goals, High Rock needs \$33,000 by December 30th, 2010 to completely retire all our debt. We need \$17,000 of that by June 10th. As news has spread of High Rock moving to the other side of the road, so has the excitement. In the days following this decision, churches, former campers, staff members, and friends of High Rock began calling and emailing to pledge and donate hundreds of dollars. Can you join them? High Rock needs your help more than ever. We want you to be part of the biggest change High Rock has seen since the camp moved to Duffield almost 30 years ago!

We are making it easier than ever for you to give to High Rock. From our new, secure, updated website you can make donations, view projects we need help with, and check out supplies and camp needs. You can also keep track of High Rock's progress in reaching these goals.

These are exciting times at High Rock Bible Camp. We hope you will share in this joy with us.

Tim Haywood; President

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News...

Our New WEBSITE

We're excited to introduce the new High Rock Bible Camp website! This will be the link to your camp. Run to the computer and see what all we've made available for you. You'll find the following:

- Meet the board members and view their contact information.
- Share your thoughts and ideas for High Rock
- Check out the board-approved list of goals
- View the ALL NEW 15-minute High Rock video
- Register AND pay for camp all online
- Make your donations and even set up a payment plan
- Plus many other options!

You can find all this today at highrockbiblecamp.org

NEW DATES for TEEN CAMP

Due to the delay in release for Summer break from so many local schools, the board has decided to move Teen Week to June 27 - July 3. We realize this may cause a scheduling conflict for some, and we regret any inconvenience. Mark your calendars!

New 3rd Week of Camp!

I remember the last days of camp week every year, and a bunch of us were always asking the staff why we couldn't have another week of camp. Now you have it!

We are very excited to add an additional week of camp to the High Rock calendar this summer! The best part is; it's open to ages 8-18! Tim, Steve, and Bill Haywood will be directing this week of camp occurring July 11-17. They will be incorporating many new ideas to make the third week at High Rock a completely new and exciting experience. We'll have a new schedule, smaller Bible class sizes, more activities, and lots of opportunities for you to make new friends and grow closer to God. You will not want to miss out on this chance to part of the inaugural year of the third week!

If you would like to work as staff (must be 21 or over) or junior staff (16 or over) for this week, or you would like more information, feel free to give Tim Haywood a call at 423-202-0195.

Youth Gatherings

Since last year's teen camp we have re-implemented monthly local youth gatherings with great success. This is an opportunity for our kids in the local area to get together more often in hopes of fostering strong Christian relationships. Area-wide congregations host these during the following months: January; February; March; May; August; October; and November. We skip those months containing youth camp events and December for the holidays. As of now we have no one

scheduled for October, and November this year. Our goal is to create a 2-year schedule in advance. If your congregation would like host, please email Zack Krug at jkkrug@yahoo.com.

New Arts & Crafts Pavilion

The first building of the camp's transition across the road is up and fully functional! We are excited to introduce the Erin McCuiston Arts and Crafts pavilion - named in honor of a beautiful Christian young lady that has moved on from this life. The board and so many others would like to thank all involved in the building process, and those who supported it through their financial contributions.

Your Directors for 2010

The following is the list of camp and retreat sessions for this year and the respective directors:

- **Pre-teen Camp** - Kevin Sigmon & Tony Sullivan
- **Teen Camp** - Chris Jordan & Tim Haywood
- **Youth Camp** - Tim, Bill, & Steve Haywood
- **Fall Retreat** - Bill Kittrell & Bill Haywood

Spring Retreat 2010!

We have prepared what we hope will be a great week-end for all of us. We've pulled an old idea from the trunk because it left such an impression on us when we were teens.

The theme of the retreat is "One on One." It's an entire week-end focused on prayer life - not just giving you the usual lessons about why prayer is so important, but lessons and sessions designed to strengthen the very core of our prayer lives. We have four lessons, two prayer group sessions, and five "one-on-one" sessions all directed toward this growth. In these one-on-one times everyone will separate themselves for their personal quiet time to talk to God. It will begin with a five-minute slot on Friday evening and will conclude with a 45-minute slot on Sunday morning.

Dempsey Jordan and Stewart Schnur made a huge impression with this idea when we were young. We hope it will help a new generation of young people.

New High Rock Video!

All of these new things, who can keep up? Well, thanks mostly to one brother in the tri-cities, we have a professionally mastered video promoting our camp. It will be shown for the first time during the Spring Retreat, and will be available to view on the website. It will help us spread the word about this great camp.

Volunteer

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Contact Matt Ragan (mragan3@gmail.com) to volunteer for these or any other jobs you would like to do at High Rock.

- **Cleaning/Organizing Girls Dorm**
- **Cleaning/Organizing Bird Houses**
- **A licensed professional to cut down Hemlock trees**
- **Grade the softball field**
- **Clear the nature trail**
- **Repair the roof on the dining hall**

How you can help!

Wish List

High Rock needs your help coming up with the following items. Items may be dropped off at Abingdon, Central, or Elizabethton Churches of Christ. Or contact us and we will gladly pick them up!

- Ice Machine
- Canned soft drinks
- Bottled water
- Chain link fencing
- Railroad ties
- Fire extinguishers
- Rolls of toilet paper
- Rolls of paper towels

High Rock Bible Camp Inc. is a non-profit organization. All charitable contributions are tax-deductible.

52 for 500 Club

An affordable plan for adults AND CAMPERS! Just \$1 per week for a year (\$52 per year). It's less than the cost of a coke per day. If 500 people will commit to this we will raise \$26,000 in one year!

Right now, we need \$33,000 by December 31st pay off the ENTIRE balance of our loan. We need \$17,000 of that by June 10th!

You can help make this happen!

Special Report!

We've made the news! Zach Cooley was baptized into Christ as the result of his contact with the gospel through Derek Govin in Wytheville, Va. He was part of just one youth gathering involving many people involved with High Rock, and it made an impression so powerful he decided to write about it in the local newspaper. The following are just some excerpts from the article that appeared in the SWVA Today.

"As one of the newest members of the Wytheville Church of Christ, I was honored to be asked to attend their youth rally on March 21. The four-hour event, which featured songs, worship, food and fellowship, was brilliantly coordinated by my best friend Derek Govin, who baptized me into the church three days prior. More than 100 youth from Salem, Va., to Johnson City, Tenn., turned up for the gathering, making it a huge success."

"It was extremely stirring to hear the impressive voices of our area as they filled the church building with melodious praises to God."

"Everyone enjoyed the food, fellowship and opportunity to interact with other members of the Lord's Church throughout our surrounding area. It was wonderful to see so many young people who were delighted to be spending their Sunday evening in church, a refreshing change from the customary weekend routines of your average teenager."

"The evening devotional was offered by Tim Haywood, youth minister at the Central Church of Christ in Johnson City. In keeping with the theme of the gathering, which was "The Body of Christ," Haywood spoke on the spiritual portion of that theme...Steve Canup, minister at the Fort Chiswell Church of Christ, delivered the powerful message for the evening that proved to be as big an eye-opener for the adults as it so obviously was for the youth."

"I am truly honored and blessed to be a member of the Church of Christ."

Zach is a very special brother who has captivated the hearts of so many who know him. Email Zach at zachcooley@yahoo.com for the full article.