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## Save the Date! Spaghetti Supper

**DATE:**  
Friday, September 18, 2015  
**TIME:**  
4:00-7:00 PM  
**PLACE:**  
The Tel Hai Camp Dining Hall



## STEPS FORWARD

by Gregg Horst, Administrator

Change often brings promise and challenge. There is much change ahead for Tel Hai Camp and for the Horst family. I (Gregg Horst) have resigned from Tel Hai and will be moving from my role here this summer. Over the past 8 years, it has been such a delight to get to know you and work alongside of so many who have volunteered and have participated in the programs of Tel Hai Camp. I will miss this connection, but am sure that I will have opportunity to encounter many of you in different circumstances as we will remain living and working in the area.

That being said, I covet your prayer for us in the days ahead, and for the ongoing ministry of Tel Hai Camp. It has been so exciting to see God's blessing through these past years, and I anticipate his continued work—in and through the people and place of "Tel Hai Camp."

Please pray for the board—for wisdom, for insight, for provision, and that God will provide the right person to pick up and lead forward in honoring God through this camping ministry. Pray that God will be preparing the heart (s) of the individual and/or family that will step into this role. Pray for the board too as they seek new members to serve.

For 65 years, God has blessed this "hill of life" and we look forward to seeing what lay ahead in coming years. **Thank you** for your partnership with Tel Hai Camp.

COMING EVENTS

### SAVE THESE DATES!

**July 27-31**  
Adventure Camp

**September 18**  
Benefit Spaghetti Dinner

**October 27**  
Association Dinner/Meeting

**November 26**  
Turkey Bowl 5K Race

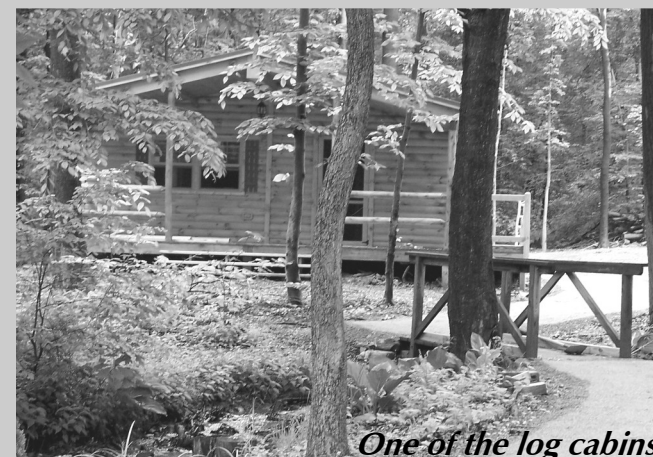
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# The HAI LIGHTS

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## A Match Made at Tel Hai Camp by Gregg Horst



One of the log cabins

So many of you have followed the progress of our Cabin Challenge as it has progressed over the past 5 years. We started with a goal of \$300,000 that we needed to raise in order to pay off the mortgage on these cabins. These cabins have been such a tremendous blessing to the camp ministry and we continue to hear rave reviews from those who make use of them each weekend throughout the year and all through the summer.

One family dedicated themselves to meeting the cost of one entire cabin, and they met this goal. Over these past years, many friends have contributed generously toward closing out the mortgage, and this past year some dear friends who love the Tel Hai ministry, put forth a matching challenge to eliminate this debt. The "Coins for Cabins" project was also a part of this matching endeavor. We came within just a little more than \$14,000 of meeting the full mortgage elimination. PRAISE THE LORD, and THANK YOU for your part!

### This brought us to a new hurdle and a new challenge.

We have turned now from this project and found ourselves faced with another urgent need. The camp board moved to approve and act immediately on some critical and necessary capital



New deck on Jaffa

improvements. This winter we moved forward with a huge renovation of the Pine and Elm dormitories.

These cabins were showing their age badly and one had significant insect damage which required repair. They were gutted back to the studs and rebuilt. They look like new cabins inside with new bunks and a brightness and freshness that is welcoming. Outside, the new decks and new roofing has brought them to a condition of effectively being new cabins. With this in mind, we have renamed them. Elm is now called Bethel, Dogwood is now called Berea, and Pine A & B have had their main entrances changed to give a feel of being separate cabins. Pine A is now called Goshen and Pine B is Jaffa. They have been met with great "reviews" by the campers and groups that have used them.



Berea



Inside Goshen

This undertaking, combined with the restoration of our gym roof (that was leaking terribly), completing the installation of our backup generator (that has been waiting patiently in the cold for "attention"), and a

few other urgent projects, left us with an estimated cost of \$120,000.

We were able to work with Eastern Mennonite to take out additional funds on the same mortgage at even better terms and move forward on these projects which have been called the "CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT".

As I mention in the title "A Match Made at Tel Hai Camp," it was not referring to just the match for the Cabin Challenge, but this same family has offered an anonymous matching challenge for the Capital Improvement Project.

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## A Match Made at Tel Hai Camp (from page 1)



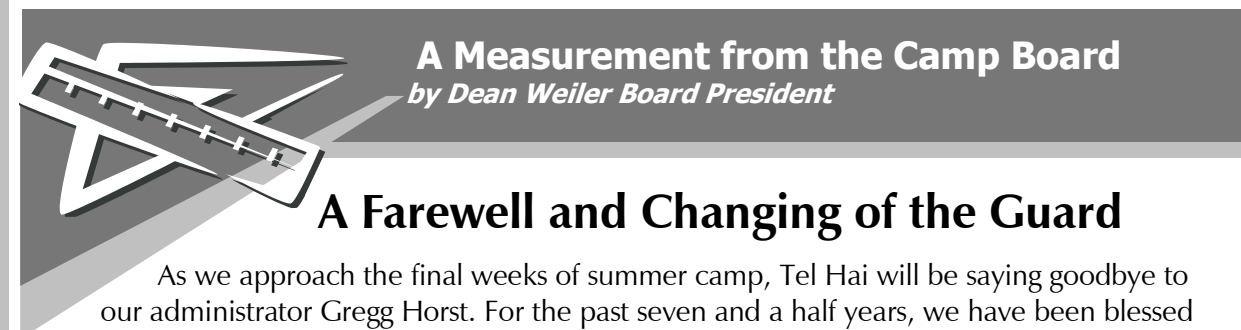
Inside Bethel

After prayerful consideration of the camp's needs, they have made the following matching pledge:

- Up to \$20,000 match in 2015, to match donations made during 2015
- Up to \$20,000 match in 2016, to match donations made during 2016
- Up to \$20,000 match in 2017, to match donations made during 2017

They are also willing to accelerate the match if donations exceed the \$20,000 in 2015 and 2016 with a goal of reducing our debt even faster. The end target is to enable us to eliminate the \$120,000 of debt by the end of 2017.

The marker has been set! **Will you help us?** We are past 25% so far on the 2015 target, but that still leaves plenty of opportunity. **Will you join us?** Will you help us reach these goals that have been set in our pursuit of making Tel Hai Camp "that special place where people can meet with God and God can meet with people"?



## A Measurement from the Camp Board by Dean Weiler Board President

## A Farewell and Changing of the Guard

As we approach the final weeks of summer camp, Tel Hai will be saying goodbye to our administrator Gregg Horst. For the past seven and a half years, we have been blessed to have Gregg serve as administrator at Tel Hai. We are very grateful to Gregg, Staci, and family for their commitment and dedication to Christian camp ministry. While these changes can be difficult, we wish Gregg "God's best" in his new venture. He has served camp well and will be missed. Join us in thanking and blessing Gregg for his service to camp. As Tel Hai adjusts to this transition and seeks to fill the position of administrator, please keep us in your prayers.

"And the peace of God which transcends  
all understanding will guard your hearts  
and your minds in Christ Jesus."  
(Philippians 4:7)

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### On Sale Now!

Wawa Hoagie coupons are available for \$5.00. Proceeds from the purchase of a coupon, help Tel Hai Camp & Retreat fund capital improvement projects. Available in the Camp Office or call 610.273.3969

## There's A Welcome Here—And A Farewell



Zegstroom Family

We want to give a wholehearted welcome to Harvey Zegstroom and his family (Marty, Wyatt-18, Adelin-16, Aubrey-13, Flint-11). The Zegstroom family has joined us from Washington state. Harv and his son, Wyatt, came out a month before his family was able to come—enabling him to get a bit settled in the ministry before the rest of his family joined him. Unfortunately we "welcomed" Harv with a dramatic windstorm that brought a tree down across his blazer leaving a sizable dent and broken windshield. With the family now reunited in one zip code, we pray that this trial by fire will usher in many peaceful years of service in the ministry of Tel Hai Camp and as a family now settled in Pennsylvania.

With this change, it is apparent that we said "good-bye" to Dave Porter and his family. The mark of Dave's investment in the camp are apparent all over the facilities, and we are so grateful for their fellowship and his varied skills. We wish them all the best as they have entered their new ministry at Camp Berea in New Hampshire.

We also welcomed Andrew Leslie and his family (Leah and Quentin -1) to serve in the area of facilities as an assistant.



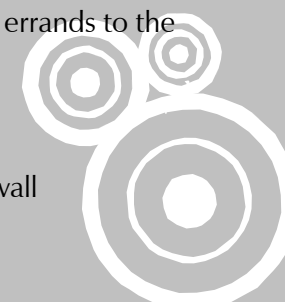
A summer of FUN at Tel Hai Camp

## WISH LIST

STILL NEEDED: We are putting significant amounts of money into maintaining the 2 vehicles we own :

- Our 2002 van is showing its age. Significant rust is taking its toll. and it would be nice to find another mini van for the larger pickups from the food bank, BJ's wholesale, etc.
- Our 1997 pickup is getting to be quite costly. We need to replace it with a newer 4X4 (with a plow preferably). It gets a lot of usage and is one of only 2 vehicles we keep road worthy.
- Also, it would be nice to find a small car with good MPG that can be used by staff for running errands to the hardware store, market, and for other business.
- A new paddle boat to replace one damaged beyond repair (est. \$800)
- BUILDERS—VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!
- Volunteers, willing to be trained to help on the zip line, challenge course, and rock climbing wall
- Volunteers to help in the kitchen on Saturdays and Sundays during retreat season
- Volunteers willing to help in the office periodically.

If you can provide any of these items or services, please contact the Tel Hai Camp office by phone (610-273-3969) or e-mail ([admin@telhaicamp.org](mailto:admin@telhaicamp.org)). **Thanks** to those who have already given toward these specific needs.



Welcome  
Zegstroom  
Family  
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Farewell  
Porters



Our mission is to encourage all to be followers of Jesus Christ and to provide a special place where people can meet with God and God can meet with people.