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# The HAI LIGHTS

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## New Staff Joins Tel Hai Camp



Front - Bruce Gregory, Anita Ringler, Tim Houck, Andrew Leslie, Tess Eby; Back - Howard Moss, Harv Zegstroo, Rusty Hertzler

Tess Eby recently joined our staff in September in a newly formed position of *Guest Services Coordinator* increasing our focus on customer needs and services. She compliments the team with customer service and guest events coordination, financial tracking, and social media experience.



Tess

We welcome Howard Moss as the new *Executive Director* at Tel Hai Camp as of January. Howard joins Tel Hai Camp after a career in the aerospace industry of more than forty years. He and his wife, Carol reside in Morgantown and are members of Conestoga Mennonite Church where they are involved in teaching Sunday School and are the Directors of the Twin Valley Food Pantry. Howard also serves as an elder in the church. Howard has been a long time supporter of Tel Hai Camp and has served on the Tel Hai Retirement Community Board of Directors for the last twelve years. We are excited to have Howard joining the staff and ask for your support and prayers as he transitions into the new position. We would also like to thank Paul Gregory for his leadership over the last several months acting in the capacity of Interim Camp Administrator.



Rusty & Amanda

Also joining the team this past November is Rusty Hertzler as the *Food Services Director*. Rusty is a graduate of Keystone College with a Major in Culinary Arts and will be residing on campus with his wife, Amanda.



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## STEPS FORWARD

by Howard Moss, Executive Director

Throughout my life I have experienced changes and excitement in my career. This occurred with changes in programs and excitement on where they took me. With my retirement from the Aerospace Industry in January, I have chosen to “refire” in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and join Tel Hai Camp and Retreat focusing on the good works, people, campers and mission with over 65 years of history. Over the last several months, the Tel Hai Staff has been infused with new personnel bringing new ideas and experience to compliment the legacy of Tel Hai Camp. I am excited for this new chapter in my life to serve the Lord through the Mission of Tel Hai Camp, and also the opportunity to meet and discuss Tel Hai with those that have invested countless hours, donations, prayers to this Mission over the years. The other day a couple from Tennessee stopped by the office and shared with me their memories of the camp from thirty years ago. I have met many people that made their commitment to the Lord right here at Camp. You all have been a testament to our Lord Jesus Christ over the years, and I am excited to become one of your numbers. This year my focus is to spread the good news about Tel Hai Camp and Retreat, encouraging folks to “Rediscover” or “Discover for the First Time” this wonderful beacon of light for the Lord. I ask for your prayers for the Board, myself, and the staff, as we navigate this year by developing new relationships with the current friends of the Camp, and also establishing new friends along the way. As I stated in the beginning of this message – changes can bring excitement. I am excited to be part of Tel Hai Camp.

## COMING EVENTS

### SAVE THESE DATES!

**April-May**  
Home School Classes

**April 15-17**  
Scrap & Craft Retreat

**April 26**  
Spring Celebration  
Banquet

**May 7**  
Work Day

**May 13-15**  
Mother Daughter  
Spring Getaway

**June 2**  
Golf Tournament

**June 15-18**  
Dad & Lad Camp

Visit [telhaicamp.org](http://telhaicamp.org) for  
more details about  
these events

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### PRESIDENT

Paul Gregory

### VICE PRESIDENT

Herb Benner

### SECRETARY

Eric Bruner

### TREASURER

Dean Weiler

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Micah Byler

## STAFF

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Howard Moss

### PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Bruce Gregory

### FOOD SERVICES

#### DIRECTOR

Rusty Hertzler

### FACILITIES DIRECTOR

Harv Zegstroo

### OTHER STAFF

#### GUEST SERVICES

#### COORDINATOR

Tess Eby

#### HOUSEKEEPING

Anita Ringler

Tim Houck

#### FACILITIES

Andrew Leslie

#### BOOKKEEPING

Joyce Horst



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.

## Capital Campaign Continues....

Revive, refresh, and renew are familiar terms to Christians as we walk with Jesus. Taking time to assess our mission facilities parallels this same path. The Cabin Challenge has yielded lodging for campers that excites them to return annually leaving revived through fellowship and inspiration from Christian Leaders. Last year's capital projects renovated several cabins and buildings that needed major attention and once again has positioned us to offer our facilities to the ministries. I want to personally thank everyone for their financial donations and volunteer hours to continually revive Tel Hai Camp. We are also blessed to have a family since 2015 continuing to "Match" donations dollar for dollar up to \$60,000 to help us eliminate our current \$113,000 debt by the end of 2017.

This year Tel Hai Camp will be assessing continued and future capital projects to ensure we are maintaining the camp at a level where we are providing Campers and Retreat Planners the facilities and tools required to further ours and their ministries.



Revive

Refresh

Renew

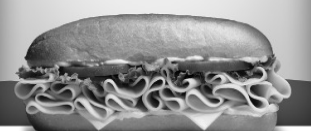
## WISH LIST

- Our 2002 van is showing its age. Significant rust is taking its toll. and it would be nice to find another mini van or a SUV for food bank, BJ's wholesale, supply trips.
- A new paddle boat to replace one damaged beyond repair (est. \$800).
- BUILDERS—VOLUNTEERS!!!!!! Ask us about skills required.
- 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.

Visit our website @ [www.telhaicamp.org](http://www.telhaicamp.org)

**Wawa**



### 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

## BETWEEN the LINES

by Bruce Gregory—Program Director

A week ago I was reminded of God's greatness. After a Saturday and Sunday of heavy rain and flooding roads, I stepped outside and saw a fading rainbow. While I often praise the Lord when I see a rainbow, I didn't realize how glorious it was till the next day. On Facebook, I saw a multitude of photos of the rainbows many people had witnessed. Some were bright full rainbows, some double rainbows, a full arc rainbow over Petra Church and many others. I was truly in awe at the glory of the LORD. God gave us the rainbow as a sign of His promise to never again flood the entire earth. What a beautiful reminder of His faithfulness at keeping His promises these rainbows were.

In the almost 33 years I have been involved in the camping ministry, I have seen God's hand and His glory in so many ways – from the osprey flying high above the lake to the young camper kneeling at a campfire accepting Christ into his life. What a blessing and a privilege it is to share in God's work at camp. I have experienced God's faithfulness in many ways, through answered prayer, through His provisions, His protection through storms, and His presence.

I was reminded today, of how God spoke to me 33 years ago. First on the way to a youth retreat in the middle of the blizzard of 1983 and secondly on the banks of the Delaware River during a leadership training, God made His presence, glory, and power known to me in very real ways. And it changed the course of my life. I am still in camping today, because I know how God can use camps to impact young lives. I have seen firsthand how Tel Hai Camp continues to be a place where "People can meet with God, and God can meet with people."

If you haven't had a chance to experience camp for yourself, we have a number of programs and event you can attend, including Mother Daughter Spring Getaway, Dad & Lad Camp, Adventure Camp, Scrap & Craft Retreat, and other events. These are all ways you can experience God in a new way. Check out our website for more information.



## Save the Date!

### Spring Cleanup

#### DATE:

Saturday, May 7, 2016

#### TIME:

8:00 AM Starts  
2:30 PM Wrap Up

#### PLACE:

Camp

Lunch will be provided.....

## Winter at Tel Hai Camp

