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STEPS FORWARD

by Howard Moss, Executive Director

It has been a "breath of fresh air" serving at Tel Hai Camp over the last nine months. The opportunity to meet and greet a variety of organizations through retreat season and summer camps has been a blessing. What has really been affirming is the love for Jesus as the underlying reason people come. Naturally, people talk about enjoying getting away from the everyday grind or the love for the outdoors, but the conversation always comes back to God. For me, having the opportunity to connect with camp leaders, retreat leaders, counselors, and summer staffers has paved the way to the "Next Steps" for Tel Hai Camp. Building a vision begins with listening and then discussing goals. We want to be good stewards of the Camp by continuing to be relevant to the current and future generations. We are crafting our Capital Campaign brochure that explains where we are headed over the next four years by addressing: a) the aging buildings and increases in requests, b) the changing expectations of services similar to changes over the last 5-7 years for wireless communications and flexible menus e.g. gluten free products, c) continued renovations of existing facilities but also newer cabins replacing Walnut, Maple, and Sycamore. We are also looking at a lodge/cabin hybrid that can meet retreat needs but can also serve summer camps, and d) continue to make our programs and activities relevant and exciting. Areas of focus will be the zip line, swimming pool, mini golf, and gymnasium. Continue to pray for us to be "good stewards" as we plan, prioritize, raise funds, and implement our "Steps Forward" for Tel Hai Camp and Retreat.

make a donation
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webpage. You will

COMING EVENTS

SAVE THESE DATES!

October 25
Membership Dinner

November 24
25th Turkey Bowl

April 24, 2017
Spring Celebration
Banquet

May 13, 2017
Work Day

May 19-21, 2017
Mother Daughter
Spring Getaway

June 1, 2017
Golf Tournament

June 21-24, 2017
Dad & Lad Camp

Visit telhaicamp.org for
more details about
these events

The HAI LIGHTS

Fall 2016

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Seasons of Wonderful Memories



"Tel Hai Camp throughout the Seasons"

Fall is a wonderful time to reflect on the year "so far" and give thanks for the wonderful blessings and memories. Tel Hai Camp & Retreat has made many memories over the last year that will leave a lasting impression on countless lives. Seasonal changes at camp move between Retreat season and Summer Camp season. Each season brings a level of excitement, new and old faces, some with old traditions and some experiencing Tel Hai Camp for the very first time, all with a sense and willingness to experience God's presence through discussions, the outdoors, silent times, chapel, and worship. This past year we have had new staff join our team, forged new relationships, and have been blessed with opportunities to serve. Throughout it all, taking time to pause and give thanks for these blessings is refreshing. Over the summer months partnering with camp leaders and counselors we served eight camps with nearly 1000 kids. This coming retreat season we currently have over 40 retreats scheduled serving 2000+ visitors each coming with specific activities planned but all coming to experience God's peace. Continue to pray for us at Tel Hai Camp and Retreat as we forge new long lasting memories.



We welcome Carrie and Kristy to the Staff this year. Carrie handles the finances and Kristy is the Asst. Program Director.

Carrie Newitt and Kristy Unruh



Summer Camp Impressions by Kristy Unruh

Calling. Adventure. Memories. People. These are just some of the reasons that I enjoy being at camp. Throughout the summer, I asked campers what they enjoy about camp and I got many different answers: the horses, the zip line, the chapel services, the leaders, etc. Some campers said they never wanted to leave! The summer staff also expressed things that they enjoyed. Some of the highlights were teaching and interacting with the campers, morning devotions, worship around the campfire, and growing closer to one another. Personally, I enjoy camp because it is where I continually hear God **calling** out to me and drawing me to Himself. I enjoy camp because there is always something fun to do and a new **adventure** to have. I enjoy camp because it is full of **memories** everywhere I walk. I enjoy camp because of the **people** I have met and all that they have meant to me.



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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

Why have a Capital Campaign now?

Discussions were held throughout the year with Camp Leaders, Board Members, Staff, and a variety of other stakeholders on areas where the Camp required attention over the next four years. Our Master Plan has categorized these inputs into four specific areas:

- **Restoring:** "Many of our facilities are aging and there is an increase in demand."
- **Responding:** "Changing service expectations from our camp and retreat leaders."
- **Flexibility:** "Need for lodging & meeting options to ensure best usage of the camp."
- **Reviving:** "Enhance & revive our program activities and offerings."

How can I help?

Your donation to this Capital Campaign allows us to move forward with several projects over the next four years that include newer cabins, refurbishment of the swimming pool, new program activities, more lodging to support larger camps and retreats, and many more initiatives. We have a family that continues to match donations through the end of 2017 up to a total of \$45,000. **Will you help us?** Ultimately this renewal of the Camp will posture us to continue our legacy of "God's Place with you in mind". We want many more people to join us here and experience excitement in our Lord and Savior. Contact us for more information on our plans. Blessings.

Simply fill out and return the attached slip to Tel Hai Camp & Retreat or

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 shopping and general supply trips.
- We are also looking for a Truck for supply trips and towing. Our current trucks can only be used on campus.
- 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). **Thanks**

Visit our website @ www.telhaicamp.org



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

Featuring reflections on serving at camp by — Noah Gregory

Sweat, back aches, and exhaustion are three ways that I could easily describe camp to anyone that ask, yet this would not be accurate as it cuts out the most important aspect of camp: Christ. When I first began looking into camp four years ago, I had so many ambitions for the summer; I was going to go to the Bronx to minister to the impoverished community, serve at my own church's VBS with the other high schoolers, as well as having fun at camp. Growing up, camp—in the general sense—was always part of my life, whether I was going to camp, hearing about camp, or helping at camp. So, a summer at Tel Hai seemed like nothing new. During my interview, I was reawakened to the simple fact that camp is a ministry. Although all of the plans and intentions I had for my summer were "good" so to speak, they were all drawing my attention away from fully immersing myself into servanthood at camp. But what does that look like? The summer of 2014, our theme verse was Ephesians 6:7 which calls us to, "serve wholeheartedly as if you were serving the Lord, not people." Despite initially only being excited about our shirts because there were tie-dyed, I learned that the "SERVANT" printed on our backs meant so much more. We are not called to just teach people the Gospel and move on, but to wash their feet—or meet their most fundamental needs. Often this meant for me, making people something different to eat when they did not like what we had to offer, or cleaning up enormous messes when kids got too rowdy; perhaps more importantly, doing all of this without complaining. See, Christ did not come for the prosperous and holy to cater to their needs, but he came for the lost, the broken, the confused, the hurt, the sinner. And so, we too must pick up our towel, and wash the feet of all who enter this Hill of Life.



Noah Gregory has served on the Summer Staff from 2013-2016, serving on the Dining Services Team. This year he filled the Assistant Cook position working alongside of Rusty Hertzler in preparing daily meals. Noah lives in West Chester area and is currently in his Sophomore year at Eastern University studying Exercise Science.



Save the Date!



Tel Hai Turkey Bowl Races 2016

- **Thanksgiving Day - November 24, 2016**
- 1 Mile Children's Fun Run - 9:10 a.m.
- 5k Race - 9:40 a.m.
- Chip Timing for 5k Race
- Online Registration available - telhaicamp.org
- Honey Brook PA - 610-273-3969
- Race t-shirts for Registered Runners
- Refreshment and awards after the race!

