

STEPS FORWARD by Gregg Horst, Administrator

Summer camping is in full swing. We just ended a week of camp with a local group of many Amish and Amish/Mennonite children and their leaders. What a wonderful week! We've heard that several placed their trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior. Read what one leader wrote:

*Trying to describe our 5 days at Tel Hai camp in one paragraph is not an easy task. WOW—What an incredible week! I believe it changed the hearts of every child, young adult, and counselor. We built relationships that will last a lifetime. All the staff at Tel Hai did an amazing job of portraying Jesus to our group. We experienced lots of fun activities, prayer, good food, band-aids, laughter, tears, and sharing our hearts. **God truly moved in this place!** It was life-changing....Thank you, Jesus!*

When I read or hear such reports, my heart is moved and I too say, "Thank you, Jesus." This is why we are here: "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."

Thank you for your part in this ministry.

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COMING EVENTS

July 26-30

Adventure Camp

September 24

Benefit Spaghetti Dinner

Oct-Nov

Homechool Classes

October 19

Membership Dinner & Meeting

November 25

5K Turkey Bowl

Visit telhaicamp.org for more details about these events

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There's A Welcome Here by Sandra Brady

"Hello! Tel Hai Camp and Retreat. This is Sandra. How may I help you?"

Yes, I am the new Guest Services Coordinator at Tel Hai. What a blessing and a privilege to be a part of the ministry here! The Lord has directed my steps in a journey that has taken me from my parents' farm in the foothills of Glacier National Park in Montana to Tel Hai Camp and Retreat.

A verse that has always challenged me is Romans 12:1, where Paul encourages us to present our bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is our spiritual service of worship. From the time I became a Christian at 15, God has continually pressed upon my heart the need to surrender unconditionally to His Lordship to experience true fulfillment and joy. I have learned and still continue to learn that my journey with Him is complete only when He does the leading and I do the following.

Over the years, the Lord's guidance has taken me down a variety of roads to different parts of the country. While I was in Montana studying to be an elementary teacher, the Lord called me to set as my priority the discipling of my students to become followers of Christ. He then gave me the opportunity to teach in a Christian school until my husband Kent and I were married. We moved to the Washington, DC, area where our two children, Caroline and Logan, were born and where we lived for twelve



years. In 1997, the Lord brought us to Pennsylvania where I helped Kent run his small engine repair business for five years and acquired receptionist and bookkeeping skills. Since then, I have been employed as a teacher, substitute teacher, and an administrative assistant and office manager; however, my heart's desire has been one day to return to working with children in a ministry capacity.

Interestingly enough, in April, Kent and I were asked to attend the Spring Celebration banquet for Tel

Hai. We gladly accepted because our children had gone to Tel Hai Camp when they were younger and had returned spiritually nurtured and challenged. We wanted to help support this ministry so others could experience what our children had experienced. In the process, I learned of the opening for the Guest Services' position.

The Lord's faithfulness never ceases to amaze me. He has granted my desire once again to be in a ministry where not only children but all age groups are given an opportunity to meet with God. And yes, the true challenge for me along this journey has been to be in complete surrender to His leading, even when the road has taken many miles and a few twists and turns.

Indeed, it is a privilege to be in His service here. So, as the Guest Services Coordinator at Tel Hai Camp, I do mean it when I say, "How may I help you?"

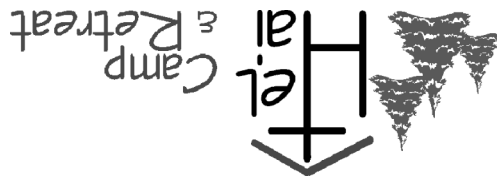
Ministry Update: Spring Celebration Banquet was a blessed time. Music from the Bensing Family Strings stirred us during our meal, followed by testimonies that spanned the past 60 years. One "celebrant" blessed us by paying the expense of the banquet meal, thus enabling all the gifts (over \$13,000) to go straight to the ministry of the camp. The golf tournament was a great day of fun and fellowship, and the camp also saw a benefit of \$11,000. On our Spring Work day there were almost 90 hours of work invested on the grounds. There has been much work all around the campus, including the new Ga-Ga game pit (Israeli dodgeball), which is already a favorite with campers. Continue in prayer with us as summer ministry is in full swing. Pray for strength, protection, provision, and most important, that God will deeply impact lives for eternity. Thank you all for your interest and partnership in Tel Hai Camp & Retreat.

Thank You Volunteers!

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"Members Only"
by Gregg Horst—Administrator



Do you remember all the jackets in the 80's that sported the logo "Members Only"? It was suppose to give

and special opportunity. The Tel Hai Camp Association is a group of just under 200 Christian families who are the actual owners of the camp. From this group a Board of Directors is elected and they, along with a full time staff, oversee the ministry of Tel Hai Camp & Retreat. Association members are born-again Christians who are actively living their faith by example and lifestyle. It is expected that members are genuinely interested in the ministry of Christian camping and are willing to be involved in the work as opportunities arise. Members must be in good standing with an evangelical church and be in agreement with the camp doctrinal statement. We have members who have volunteered in the kitchen for decades, and some who are new to this opportunity. Others give a hand in keeping the grounds or helping with the program needs. It is our hope that all are active in their prayer for the camp and assisting financially as God enables.

For more information on becoming an association member, contact Gregg at admin@telhaicamp.org or call 610.273.3969

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"The purpose of Tel Hai Mennonite Camp is to own and operate a year around church camp/retreat center which strives to nurture and evangelize persons of all ages. It shall endeavor to encourage in each person commitment to Christ, spiritual growth, interpersonal relationships, Christian discipleship, and appreciation of nature."

From Article IV of Tel Hai Association Bylaws

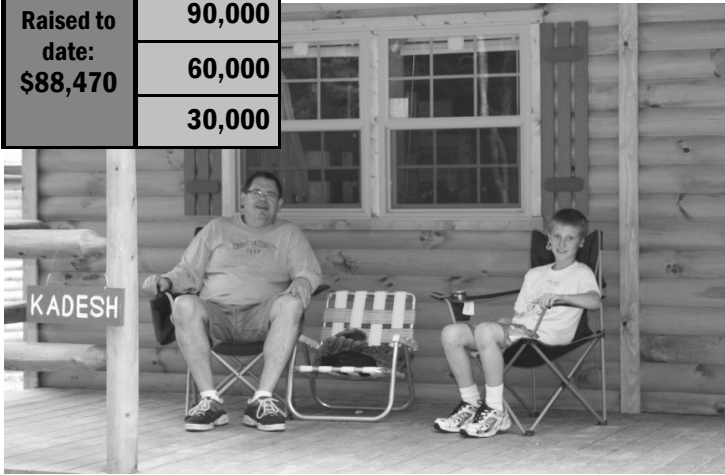
Why We Do What We Do

Cabin Challenge Update

Our new cabins continue to be a blessing and aid to the ministry here at Tel Hai. We receive so many comments on how the kids have enjoyed using them and the times spent together on the porch or inside sharing together.

Cabin Challenge	
	\$ 300,000
	270,000
	240,000
	210,000
	180,000
	150,000
	120,000
Raised to date: \$88,470	90,000
	60,000
	30,000

We have received just over \$88,470 of the needed \$300,000. The balance on our mortgage is \$226,840. Please pray with us toward meeting this need. Would you prayerfully consider partnering with us on a monthly/quarterly/or annual basis to meet this need? We are grateful to all who have stepped up to aid us in reaching this need. *Thank you for your partnership!*

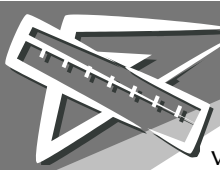


WISH LIST

- One "stable" rowboat
- Commercial-grade cordless drill
- 30" or larger TV and DVD player
- Weight box or barrel (3-point hitch) for Massey tractor
- Golf cart/utility vehicle for campus use (Because of the size of our campus, we could make very effective use of two for programming and facilities.)
- A car (small, good MPG) that can be used by staff for running errands to the hardware store, market, and for other business
- Volunteers to help in kitchen on Saturdays and Sundays during retreat season and volunteers willing to help mow lawns

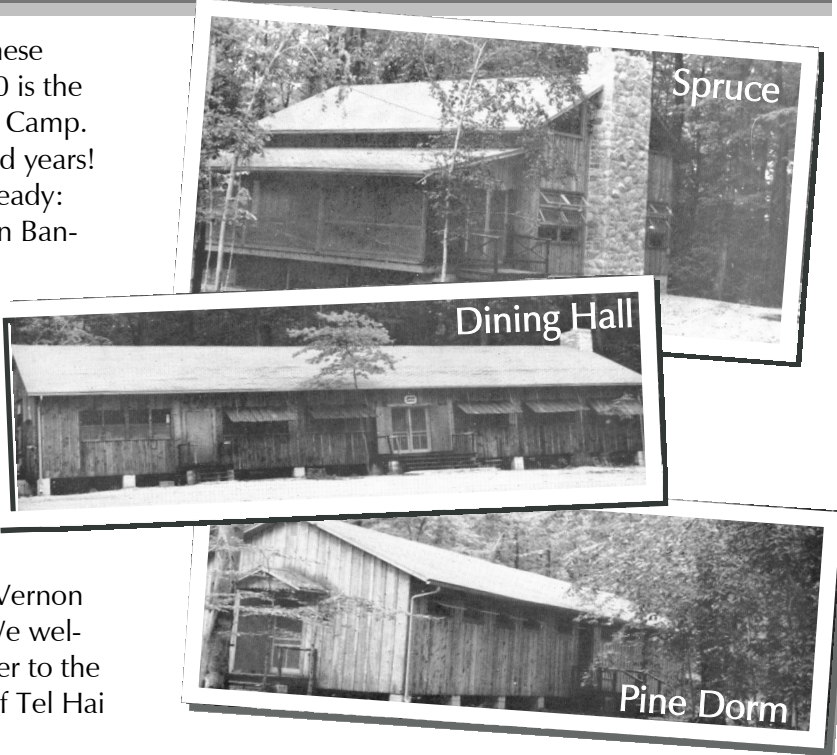
*If you can provide any of these items or services, please contact the Tel Hai Camp office by phone, (610) 273-3969, or email: admin@telhaicamp.org. **Thanks** to those who have already given toward these specific needs.*

A Measurement from the Camp Board by Herb Benner, Board President



Some of you may remember these views from so many years ago. 1950 is the year that marks the beginning of Tel Hai Camp. *Happy Anniversary Tel Hai! Sixty God-blessed years!* In 2010, so many events have come and gone already: Tel Hai Scrap & Stamp Weekend, Spring Celebration Banquet, Tel Hai Work Day, Mother & Daughter Spring Getaway, 21st Annual Tel Hai Golf Tournament, and Dad & Lad Camp. Each one of these events shows that the life of the Tel Hai ministry continues strong into its 60th year. Praise the Lord for His blessings through these years. It is so exciting to see Him vitally at work in this "special place"!

We are sad to have said "Good bye" to two board members this year. We thank Bob Byler and Vernon Fisher for their faithful service and tireless service. We welcome Dean Weiler, J. Ron Stoltzfus, and Ken Hertzler to the board. Ron and Ken are both children of founders of Tel Hai Camp.



BETWEEN the LINES by Bruce Gregory, Program Director



As I look back at our Dad & Lad Camp held just a couple weeks ago, I find most memorable our Pinnacle Moments time at the campfire Friday night. This is our annual "rite of passage" event, and this year seven sons and their dads committed themselves to growing together into godly young men. The boys take something from their childhood and toss it into the fire, and the dads pass on something to their sons, both a physical memento and also a challenge from their heart. What a blessing it is to be encouraged by these dads and lads as they take this step. The poem on the right was written by one of the dads who witnessed the Pinnacle Moments.



THE PASSAGE
by Andy Bolyen

By golden glow of firelight,
A boy released what was held tight:
The symbol of the passage rite.
He was a boy before this night
Had darkened all the world from sight.

But now the flames engulf the past,
For boyhood ne'er was meant to last,
And by its light is manhood passed
From Father to Son, as die is cast
By covenant to hold it fast.

The boy is gone: a Man now stands
Who will continue to take commands
From the Father, who in heaven stands,
And from his father of earthly lands
Guided by the Light which forever stands.

(Written after observing the Pinnacle Moments at Dad and Lad Camp 2007)