

STEPS FORWARD by Gregg Horst, Administrator

What a Winter! I remember snows like this growing up in Western New York State. The snow has kept our new facilities director very busy, and all the camp staff have lent back muscles and shoveling efforts to keep walkways and drives open for our retreat groups. All have had a great servant's heart in working together to provide the best experience for all the kids and church groups the Lord has sent our way.

Please note the dates on the right of this page. There is a change in the "normal" dates for a few of our programs. To accommodate schedules and to provide better opportunities for participants, we have moved the dates for the Scrapbooking weekend and the Mother/Daughter Spring Getaway to later dates. We hope to see you there.

So many camps are struggling in this current economic time. While things are tight, we feel blessed that God continues to provide so many opportunities to serve others here at Tel Hai. Last weekend we hosted 169 Chinese guests. In spite of exhaustion, José, our Food Services Manager, expressed his excitement and pleasure in serving them. Blessings!

April—May

Canoe/Archery Classes
for Homeschoolers

April 16-18

Tel Hai Scrapbooking Weekend

April 19

Spring Celebration at Shady
Maple banquet facility

May 1

Tel Hai Work Day

May 21-23

Mother/Daughter Spring Getaway

June 3

Tel Hai Golf Tournament

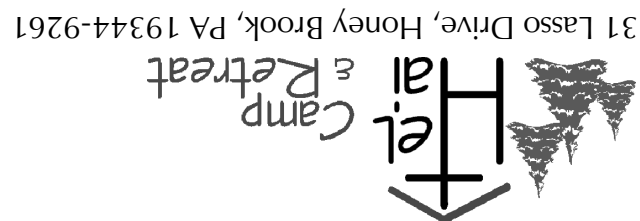
June 16-19

Dad & Lad Camp

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details about these events*

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A Parting Note by Thomas Taylor



The Taylor Family: Tom, Tina, Bethany, Drew

Solomon writes in Ecclesiastes 3:1, *"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven."*

During the past several years my family and I have had the privilege of sharing this season of our lives with the people and ministry of Tel Hai Camp & Retreat. When we moved to the area more than five years ago from the Motor City, we didn't realize that God would have our lives touched by people that would create lifetime friendships. I'm thankful that the Creator allows for these seasons.

Our introduction to Tel Hai was through a want-ad in the local paper looking for office help. My wife Tina applied for the position and was selected. Over the next several years the Taylors would spend a great deal of time at the camp—from volunteering in the kitchen to stuffing mailings in our family room; from becoming association members to sending our kids to the summer camp programs. I had the privilege of serving on the board and being selected as the Board President. Regardless of the role we served or the hours spent on campus, we joined a host of witnesses that point to Tel Hai as a place, God's place with *us* in mind. My kids learned about Jesus Christ and His redeeming work on the cross. To quote my daughter, "Dad, they taught us how to worship God." We learned how to serve as a family. The list of how Tel Hai has impacted our family could go on and on.

Solomon writes, "A time for every purpose under

heaven." Tel Hai's purpose is still very evident and relevant after 60 years of ministry: 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. I believe that our greatest days are yet ahead. God is blessing the ministry of Tel Hai, and He isn't done yet. There are countless more families, children, retreat groups and churches in our community that can be touched by this ministry. But that can only happen as God's people come together to drive the mission of the camp. We need you to continue to stand beside us as we move God's camp into the coming years. There are four ways that you can do this:

- **Prayer**—Continue to pray for the ministry, the staff and those that come to the campus.
- **Financial Support**—Earnestly seek God's face about how He wants you to support this ministry financially. A significant percentage of our operating budget comes from donations.
- **Volunteerism**—There are so many ways to serve the camp through the giving of your time. We need your support in this area. Call the office and ask where you can volunteer your time. I know we will be blessed as God blesses you through your commitment.
- **Spread the word**—Tell others about Tel Hai Camp & Retreat. As you pray, ask God to present opportunities where you can share the impact this ministry has had on literally thousands of lives.

This spring my family and I will see a very special season in our lives come to a close. We are once again relocating to start a new season of opportunity in Indianapolis. The bond we have created at Tel Hai will not be weakened by the miles. And as my kids have reminded me, "It's only a nine-hour drive to Tel Hai, Dad." May God continue to richly bless each of you.

Tel Hai will miss the Taylors. Their departure created a vacancy in the board presidency, reservationist position, and in the many ways they have given of their time and talents. Please pray as we seek to fill the void left by their departure. We thank Herb Benner for stepping into the president's position on the board.



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Without Reservations: *By Tina Taylor, Reservationist*

“We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them,” Ephesians 2:10.

Was I created for a unique purpose? Yes, even though it took me many years to believe so. As a high school student my parents insisted I take a typing course. I wasn’t thrilled, but typing was on my schedule that semester. Taking that one typing course lead to other office-related classes. I was being prepared to receive a future blessing – working at Tel Hai Camp.

It has been so fulfilling to use my clerical gifts at Tel Hai. Even though my time at the camp is coming to an end, the memories and blessings will last a lifetime. Few people experience a job that enables them to use their talents to not only enrich their own life but also to have an impact on others. Tel Hai Camp touches the lives of so

many, from those who attend a church retreat during the months of September to May to the teens and children who attend a summer camp week. Tel Hai has blessed me over and over with “God sightings” and the sound of praise and worship from our guests. Tel Hai has blessed my children as well. They have attended summer camp and have learned to rejoice in the Word and praise Him without boundaries. They have also been presented with many opportunities to serve others by helping around the camp. This type of reward for a parent goes beyond what one could receive in a paycheck.

I am thankful that I have been given the opportunity not to simply work, but to serve the ministry of Tel Hai. Who would think that one typing class would forever change one’s heart!

Cabin Challenge Update

We have given the new cabins a good workout this retreat season. Add to this the snow, snow, snow! It makes for a beautiful scene and a number of groups are getting a *snow*

retreat as a bonus. We continue to hear from our guests how much they have been blessed during their time at Tel Hai, and improvements like the new cabins have truly enhanced this experience.

We have received just over \$84,500 of the needed \$300,000. Please pray with us toward meeting this need. We are grateful to all who have stepped up to aid us in reaching this need.

Thank you for your partnership!

Cabin Challenge	
	\$ 300,000
	270,000
	240,000
	210,000
	180,000
	150,000
	120,000
Raised to date: \$84,500	90,000
	60,000
	30,000



WISH LIST

- Rowboats and canoes
- Commercial-grade cordless drill
- 30" or larger TV and DVD player
- Weight box or barrel (3-point hitch) for Massey tractor
- Single cock BB guns for target range
- Golf cart/utility vehicle for campus use (Because of the size of our campus, we could make use of two very effectively for programming and facilities.
- Drag harrow for horse arena grooming
- Volunteers to help in kitchen on Saturdays and Sundays during retreat season

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*



Warm greetings from a snow-filled Tel Hai Camp and Retreat. Snow brings wondrous beauty but this much brings many challenges as well. I'm sure many of you have felt some similar challenges. Speaking of challenges, I was asked to step in as interim board president because of the resignation of Tom Taylor. As you read earlier in the newsletter, the Taylor family is moving to Indiana. We wish

them God's blessing.

As I accepted this office, it was with the knowledge that I have a great board, administrator, and camp personnel with which to work. As a board, we ask for your prayer and financial support in 2010. Challenges can be met with God's help and with the continual support for the ministry of Tel Hai Camp by you, our members and friends.

BETWEEN the LINES

by Bruce Gregory, Program Director

Dear readers, this month I have asked Candace Zimmerman, our assistant cook, to share how God has used Tel Hai Camp to impact her life.

"God does not call the qualified; He qualifies the called."

I'm not sure who first stated these words or when I first heard them. What I do know, however, is that I have experienced the truth of this quote while working at Tel Hai. I joined the summer staff in 2006 as a kitchen assistant, and simply stated, my job was to do whatever I was told and to ask numerous questions when I didn't know what I was doing. Over time, thanks to my expanding experience and the patient guidance of other staff, I became better acquainted with the kitchen. By the end of summer 2007, working at camp was well within the boundaries of my comfort zone.

Summer 2008, however, proved to be a challenge because I had accepted the assistant cook position at camp. From a job description perspective, this meant that I began to place orders for food, create schedules and menus, and direct other kitchen workers. From my own personal perspective...well, I'll put it this way: every time I have taken the personality profile test during orientation week, I've scored *lowest* in the choleric personality type that is dominant for many leaders. For me, the phrase "administrative duties" sounds about as exciting as sitting in the kitchen dumpster for a few hours. It is one

thing to figure out what I should be doing in the kitchen but to tell everyone else what to do is an entirely different matter.

Needless to say, I felt out of place in a leadership position when I began that summer of camp. In my daily devotional times I sought God for strength as I told Him that I was being pushed to my limits. I may have even informed Him that I just wasn't cut out for the whole assistant cook thing. God wasn't fazed by my weaknesses, however, and He gave me the grace to grow in skills that don't come naturally for me. During summer 2008 at Tel Hai I began to learn that God is not limited by our qualifications...or lack of them. When we follow the paths He designs for us, He is faithful to provide us with all resources and skills we need, at the precise moments we need them. Though we may feel inadequate for the tasks He has set before us, we can rest assured that we serve a God who "qualifies the called."

