

The *HA* LIGHTS

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Tel Hai Camp Welcomes Gregg Horst *New Camp Administrator Named in 2008*



At the beginning of January, Tel Hai welcomed Gregg Horst to serve as Administrator. Gregg and his wife, Staci, live in Paradise, PA, with their two children, Kaylin and Nathan. They will continue living off

campus as Gregg serves in this new role. Gregg and his family are active members at Calvary Monument Bible Church in Paradise.

After serving with the American Missionary Fellowship for 12 years as an Area Missionary in New Mexico, Gregg served for eight years as AMF's Northeast Regional Director. In 2007, Gregg and Staci made a career change and

began seeking a new area to serve the Lord. Gregg has been active in camping for almost 40 years, most recently serving on two different boards of Little Mahoning Bible Camp in Smicksburg, PA.

Please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself to Gregg. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they continue to discover the exciting ministry of Tel Hai Camp, its history, and the people who have made and continue to make it a vital ministry and "God's place with you in mind."

We offer our deep appreciation to Kim Williamson, who stepped in as Interim Administrator and wore many hats for several months. Thanks also to Kim's family for "lending" her to serve at the camp. Kim and her family have a deep love for the ministry of Tel Hai Camp, and her many years of involvement provided an invaluable connection during a time of transition.

New Facilities Director Joins Camp Staff

Tel Hai Camp & Retreat would like to welcome Michael Broadie as the new Director of Facilities. Michael comes from a ministry background, working both as a youth and music director. He also comes from the commercial construction field. Michael's wife, Kristy, has worked with youth for 10 years and also loves music. They have a beautiful three-month-old daughter named Elliana Rose. They are glad to be a part of the Tel Hai Family.



BETWEEN the LINES

by Bruce Gregory, Program Director

What part of the body is most important? The hand, the foot, the nose, maybe even the toes?

In the spiritual realm, the Bible says every part of the body is equally important. We need each other to function properly and to build one another up in the Lord.

Using our challenge course program, we have a great opportunity to teach groups how each member of the group must function together to accomplish a certain task. They learn that they cannot succeed without each other. They also learn that they must help each other, as one person might be strong in one area but weaker in another.

One of the key concepts groups learn is how to communicate better. Communication is more than just talking—in fact we will often not allow them to communicate verbally—but it is also listening.

Listening is not just hearing what someone says, but



also “wanting to hear” what another says and respecting their ideas, opinions, or even sometimes criticism. These are all important lessons we need to learn as we work, live, and play alongside others.

I love to watch the groups as they work through the challenges together. For most groups, by the third or fourth challenge, the lights start going

on and you see them come together as a solid group. They begin to understand each other better and are willing to work through whatever issue is at hand. My goal and prayer is that they walk away as one body, understanding that it is not about them as an individual but the group as a whole as they go out to serve the Lord together.

We would be glad to work with your group whether a youth group, adult group, or ministry staff, to help you connect as one body or team serving the Lord.

Making the Ministry Known

Tel Hai Camp plans several annual events designed both to raise financial and prayer support for the camp’s ministry and also to raise awareness of the camp in the community.

- The 5K Turkey Bowl Race took place in November 2007. The weather was beautiful, and there was a record number of 466 runners. The top runner, Kyle Dawson, finished in a record time of 15 minutes, 31 seconds. More than \$4,777 came in for the ministry of Tel Hai Camp.
- In April 2008, the Spring Celebration Banquet was held at Shady Maple Restaurant. Over 280 people attended. Walt Mueller, Director of the Center for Parent Youth Understanding, was the guest speaker. After expenses, the generous offering provided \$8,444 for the camp.
- The Spring Benefit Supper was held at the camp May 16. Jose Escalera, together with a small army of volunteers, tirelessly prepared 234 spaghetti dinners for dining in and for take-out. This event raised \$884.
- June 5 dawned partly cloudy and warm, which proved to be ideal weather for the annual Golf Tournament. A total of 132 golfers competed for dozens of donated prizes as they played a round of 18 holes at Honey Brook Golf Club. Almost \$11,000 was raised.

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- Rowboats
- Canoes
- Hockey sticks
- Type II PFDs – various sizes (life jackets)
- Winter boarders for horses
- Walk-behind blower
- Air compressor
- Circular saw
- Assortment circular saw blades
- Commercial grade cordless drill
- 6’ rolling baker’s scaffold
- Golf cart for use around campus

If you can provide one of these items or services, please contact the Tel Hai Camp office by phone, (610) 273-3969, or email, admin@telhaicamp.org.

Thanks

Board Members

Ministry at Tel Hai does not just “happen.” Many people contribute their time and resources to enable this ministry to continue. Our gratitude is extended to Gerald Eberly and Janet Caley for their faithful service as board members. Thank You!

We also welcome Herb Benner and Tina Essick to the board. May God bless their time serving Him in this way.

Faithful Volunteers & Sponsors

We want to express our deep appreciation for the many hours of service given in our kitchen and on the grounds of Tel Hai Camp. From helping with dish clean-up to giving guidance at the challenge course, we have seen scores of caring and dedicated volunteers graciously give of their time to serve our guests and make them feel like this really is “God’s Place with You in Mind.” Space will not allow us to list all who have served over these past months, but your names are known to God, and our sincere appreciation is extended your way from all the staff. We also wish to thank those individuals and businesses who were official sponsors of various events this past year. Thanks for your generous support

Time To Retreat . . . and To Camp

Some people like to play with numbers. Others find their eyes glazing over when they see more than two numbers side by side. Hopefully these numbers will encourage you. Over the past retreat season, Tel Hai Camp opened its doors to over 2,600 different people. Over 12,500 meals were served to 82 different groups. These are not merely numbers; they are evidence that Tel Hai Camp is being a blessing in the lives of many people from varied backgrounds.

The Mother/Daughter Spring Getaway in April ministered to over 60 moms and daughters. In June, Dad & Ladd camp was a blessing to 67 dads and sons. These annual programs have become a tradition for many families and a pivotal memory for parents and their children. Our new camp administrator, Gregg Horst, was able to experience this special Tel Hai program with his own son, Nathan, and they found it to be a great blessing.

Both Dad & Lad Camp and the Mother/Daughter Getaway enjoyed a puppet show presented by Agape Gang Puppets and times to discuss spiritual matters in groups and privately. Dates for next year’s programs for parents and their



Dad & Lad Camp



**Mother/Daughter
Spring Getaway**

children will be set soon. We hope to see you.

We are currently in the midst of our summer camping season. In July we hosted a group that takes Tel Hai back to its roots. Early in its history, Tel Hai Camp had a connection with Chosen People Ministry. It was during this time that Pine Cabin, a.k.a. Sar Shalom, was built. One of Chosen People’s leaders came to know Messiah (Jesus) at Tel Hai decades ago and was grounded in her faith while at camp. We were pleased to once again host a camp co-sponsored by Chosen People Ministry this year.

We have a wonderful summer staff working hard and seeking to be servants of Christ as they serve others. Pray for them and for the camps yet to come this summer. We are thrilled to learn of many who have made significant decisions in their lives and a number who have placed their faith in Christ. One couple was led to faith by a member of our full-time staff. This is the heart of Tel Hai (Hill of Life)—that new life in Christ might be found in this special place.

Pray with us regarding finances. It has been a challenging year, and commodity costs and repairs have hit us hard. We know God will provide, and we ask that you join with us in prayer for His provision.

It has been an exciting year as I have begun to learn about the history and people who have made and continue to make up the ministry of Tel Hai Camp & Retreat. Christian camping has made a *big* impact on my life and ministry. I have been involved at many levels—from counselor, to assistant director, to serving on several boards as well as serving as camp pastor/speaker. I have seen God work in significant and powerful ways through camping ministry, and I am truly excited for the opportunities I see here at Tel Hai Camp & Retreat.

I covet your prayer as I seek to serve God and you in my capacity of leadership at Tel Hai Camp. Join me in prayer for our future and for God's plans and purposes to be clear. Come and serve alongside our staff some day or for a weekend. If God leads you, I invite you to share financially so that we can strengthen our efforts to be "God's place with you in mind."

July 28 – August 1

Adventure Camp

October-November

Climbing Class for
Home Schoolers

October 21

Membership Dinner &
Meeting

November 27

5K Turkey Bowl Race

Visit telhaicamp.org for
more details about these
events

COMING EVENTS

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