

TEL HAI CAMP & RETREAT

The Hai Lights

September 2005

Fourteen scholarships awarded

We were pleased to be able to offer full camper scholarships to fourteen campers this summer. CARE scholarships are awarded on a first come, first served basis to applicants who meet eligibility requirements. Generally speaking, campers whose family is eligible for the Earned Income Credit as defined by the IRS are eligible for scholarships. Consideration is also given to other extenuating circumstances, such as large medical bills, job loss, etc. The CARE scholarship program is funded with donations from friends of the camp and 100% of the money given is made available for scholarships. If you would like to make a contribution to the scholarship program please note that on your check.



Scholarship recipients Tevon, Hector & George, pictured here with Buzz Tyson, Director of the Lighthouse Youth Center

Special thanks to 102 golfers and 40 sponsors who participated in this year's annual benefit golf tournament. Nearly \$8,000 was raised to support the ministry of Tel Hai Camp! Thanks for your support!

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Our purpose is to provide an atmosphere where the Spirit of God can convict, encourage and nourish all who enter. This is done by providing warm, clean accommodations and a friendly, caring staff; as well as numerous opportunities for physical refreshment.

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Whats Happening . . .

**Fall Home School Climbing Class begins . . . October 4
(6 week course, ages 10+)**

Fall Membership Meeting . . . October 25

Annual 5K Turkey Bowl Race . . . November 24



(Call camp for details on any of these upcoming activities)

Between the lines . . .

by Bruce Gregory



Mike Lewis, Archery Instructor

In my years here at Tel Hai Camp, I have seen many young men and women serve the Lord on Summer Staff. Having spent 9 summers as a summer staffer at another camp before entering full time ministry at camp, I hold a special place in my heart for these young people. They spend 10 weeks here, often behind the scenes, working in the kitchen, cleaning bathrooms, life guarding, mowing lawns, building decks, painting bridges, and teaching classes. They do this for a small amount of pay, leaving family and friends, sacrificing the comforts of home, and leaving behind TV's, computers, and their cozy bed. But I believe most of them would agree with me that the heavenly rewards far outweigh any earthly treasure.

I believe our 2005 Summer Staff would surely agree with this. They have been a staff with a great heart for the Lord, with willing attitudes and servant hearts. Through a hot and humid summer with a number of tough days, they have pulled together as a team, united in the body of Christ and have done a commendable work. They have been an example to the campers through their service and work. Counselors and rental leaders have shared with me their appreciation of them.

One of these young staff is Michael Lewis. Mike has been here 2 years now as the Archery Instructor. He is a friendly, energetic, and interesting guy. His heart for the Lord and for others is seen in the relationships he has built with both staff and campers. Mike shared with me that the connection he has made

Camp loses faithful servants

Four faithful servants and friends of the camp have left this world behind and have entered Glory! **Jim Frey**, long-time craft instructor at camp (nearly 30 years!) passed away on May 16. Jim was 70 and will be dearly missed. **J. Harold Martin**, former board member passed away on July 6. He was 76. Harold will be remembered for his sense of humor. Another former board member, **Daniel Mast** passed away on April 21. He was 80. Dan was very involved in the camp ministry and especially enjoyed helping with the auction for many years. **Elmer Lapp** passed away on July 12 at the age of 85. Elmer was involved in the summer camping program as a director for many years. These dear servants of God will be missed. Please pray for their families in the days to come.



Jim Frey, doing what he loved most!

Between the lines . . . (continued)

with the campers this summer have been some of the most memorable times for him. A number of campers have invited him to their closing campfire sessions to share in the experience with them. Leaders have shared with me how Mike had handled situations that arose with kindness and maturity. And though the staff often gives him a (good-natured) hard time, I believe they all consider him a trustworthy friend.

I asked Mike to share how he has benefited from his time at camp. He shared how he has grown not only physically stronger from all the hard work, but also spiritually stronger. The Christian atmosphere has helped him grow closer to God through reading the Bible, prayer, and listening to Christian music. He has also developed a better work ethic, grown in personal integrity, and had a lot fun and interesting times. (Ask him sometime about the “Shower Story” or the “Port-a-Pottie Story”).

While not every moment was exciting, supervising mini-golf for example, Mike enjoyed his summer and would love to continue to serve another summer if possible. He would also recommend it as a great experience to anyone else interested. There is at least one thing he wants you to know before working here – how to work a shower.

Thanks Mike for your faithful service. And thank you Summer Staff 2005.

For more information about the ministries of Tel Hai Camp & Retreat:

_____ summer staff opportunities

_____ volunteer opportunities

_____ camp sponsored programs

_____ rental information for your group

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Steps forward . . .

by: Mike Willoughby

Once again I have been reminded of the tremendous privilege it is to be a part of God's Kingdom work here at Tel Hai Camp. Last week twenty decisions were made to follow Christ! When I hear about some of the family situations some of the children come from it nearly breaks my heart. No doubt camp is one of the few ministries that can reach these children (not to minimize God's ability to work in any situation). But there is little chance these children would be able to go to church or attend a Bible class of any kind unless someone made a special effort to reach out to them. A number of these children are scholarship recipients (see article on front page).

As a friend of the camp you are also involved in the ministry. Your gifts and prayers do make a difference! We could not do it without your help. I am grateful for every one of you. Some folks have told me that they pray for the camp and for our staff every day of the week! What an encouragement that is to us! Many of you also support the camp financially. Thank you! We need those donations to make capital improvements and cover expenses which camper fees do not cover. God bless you for your involvement in His ministry here at Tel Hai Camp & Retreat.

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