

# *The Hai Lights*

**May 2006**

## *Camp welcomes new cook*

On February 27th we added the Escalera 's to our staff family. Jose and Helen didn't have far to come, as they had been living in Morgantown. Jose most recently worked at Corrados Pizza in Pottstown. He has been in the food service industry all his live. Jose brings a strong work ethic to the position, one he says he learned from his father at an early age. Jose is very eager to get to know our volunteers. Those who have already worked with him know he is very ministry minded, yet has a lot of fun in the kitchen. Helen is anxious to help out also, although their three children Leandro (6), Maximo (2) and Isabella (7 mos.) keep her pretty busy! The Escaleras attend Highpoint Baptist Chapel in Geigertown. Stop in and say "hello" to Jose and his family.



## *New program . . . father & son escape*

As you know, we have been holding Dad & Lad Camp for several years. This program, for fathers (or grandfathers) and their 8-12 year old sons has become very popular (last year we had 76). Now that the program is several years old, a number of the lads are too old to attend. To address this need Bruce has designed a program for dads and their teen-aged sons. This year will be the first year for **Father & Son Escape**. The date for this mini-camp is June 25-28, just before the Dad & Lad Camp. Now fathers with sons between the ages of 8 and 17 can choose one of these programs to spend quality time with their son(s). Fathers with sons in both age brackets can take a week of vacation and attend both programs, which run back to back. Be sure to call camp for a brochure or visit our web site [telhaicamp.org](http://telhaicamp.org) for more information.



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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 . . .*

***Benefit Spaghetti Supper . . . May 12, 4:00 to 7:30 P.M.***

***17th Annual Golf Tournament . . . June 1, 8:00 A.M. start***

***Father & Son Escape. . . June 25-28***

***Dad & Lad Camp . . . June 28 - July 1***

***Fall Home-school Classes . . . Start October 3***

***Fall Meeting . . . October 24, Conestoga Mennonite Church***

## *Between the lines . . .*

*by Bruce Gregory*

Each year as I plan for summer camp, I look forward to the incoming staff who bring excitement, youthfulness (for us aging full timers), and their own skills and uniqueness to our camp programs. While I endeavor to teach them and disciple them, I often realize that I learn much from them myself, especially in this ever changing culture in which they live. I count it a privilege from God to serve alongside these young people in the camp ministry, and thank the Lord when I hear from the ones who continue in ministry beyond their camp experience. Praise the Lord!

One staff that I have been particularly privileged to work with is one of my nephews, Joshua Gregory. While I am a little suspicious when he calls me his favorite uncle right before asking me for something, nevertheless, Josh has been a great asset to the camp's ministry. He has a servant's heart, is willing to work hard, and helps out wherever he is needed. In fact, I had to give him a special position title to cover all the bases. Having been at camp since he was a camper, Josh is looking forward to his 4<sup>th</sup> summer on staff and is hoping to surpass Buzz Tyson's title of most summers involved at Tel Hai. Joshua is a "3<sup>rd</sup> generation" staffer. His grandparents, my parents, have been involved in Tel Hai for many years in various aspects. Also, Josh's dad, Paul, along with my other brothers, was on staff as a teen and continues to be involved. Hopefully, Josh will carry this on to generations to come. What a privilege to serve the Lord as a family – a testament of God's grace and faithfulness.



We do have a couple of positions still open for summer staff in the kitchen, housekeeping/sweet shop, challenge course, and staff director. If you are interested, please contact us.

*Maybe you can help us out . . .*

We have a couple of "large" needs at camp. Do you have (or would you be willing to purchase) one of these items to donate to camp??

***Used mini-van in good condition:***

We are looking for a vehicle not more than six years old, with 60,000 miles or less and a good body.



***Used "Gator" or similar utility vehicle***

This would be a tremendous help to our program and maintenance departments especially during the summer months.

*Facility Improvements*

Our Facilities Department has made a number of improvements this winter. The Elm cabin was renovated and now has new walls and new wall-hung bunk beds. Hemlock Hall got new much-needed windows and one new door (see picture). This project was nearly all paid for with donations. A special thanks to all who responded to our February appeal letter. Over \$5,000 was donated! Recently new benches were placed in most of our public restroom facilities. This is a much needed improvement which groups will really benefit from. A new cold air return was constructed in the gymnasium which will make the heating system much more efficient. If you see our Facilities Manager Rick or his assistant Mick please thank them for the great job they are doing at camp!



17th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament  
Thursday, June 1, 2006 - 8:00 A.M. Start  
Golfers and Sponsors needed!  
Call camp and ask for Mike for more information

*Steps forward . . .*

*by: Mike Willoughby*

Our mission statement says, in part, "Tel Hai Camp's facilities, while geared toward children and youth, are available to other groups of all ages which qualify as specified in the "Tel Hai Camp Usage Policy"." Anyone who has been associated with camp for any length of time knows our "heartbeat" has always been youth. However we serve a wide range of other groups as well, including couples, men, women, and families; many of them are from different ethnic backgrounds. Recently Manor Brethren in Christ Church from the Lancaster area held a women's retreat here at camp. They stayed in our "new" facility Beechwood Lodge. At the end of the weekend their leader shared with us that five women had received Christ as savior during the weekend! Praise the Lord! What a privilege it is to be a part of that by providing facilities, food service and good ole fashioned hospitality. During the fall, winter and spring we primarily host retreat groups and provide them an atmosphere where God's Spirit can touch lives. We don't always get to hear about the good things that take place during the weekend, but we know things like this happen on a regular basis. As a supporter of Tel Hai Camp you can rest assured that ministry is happening here year around. Lives are being touched and changed! Tel Hai Camp truly is a special place where God works in the hearts of all kinds of people.

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