

Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp



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*"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature,
and in favor with God and man" (Lk. 2:52).*

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2009 CAMP SCHEDULE

June 7—13	Ages 14—18	Chris Jones	(937) 289-4308
June 14—20	Ages 7—18	William Phillis	(614) 276-9221
June 21—27	Ages 7—18	Greg Tidwell	(614) 264-1849
June 28—July 4	Ages 7—10	Mike Grose	(513) 752-5835
July 5—11	Ages 7—18	Bob Manasco	(937) 588-2026
July 12—18	Ages 10—18	Wayne McCray	(513) 681-4818
July 19—27	Ages 7—18	Bill Hopkins	(859) 448-0806

The first week will change from "senior" to "teen" week,
thus those from 13 years old and up will be eligible to attend.

*No one shall be denied admission to Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp or to the
benefits of our U.S. Department of Agriculture Child Nutrition Program
because of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age.*

FORT HILL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Board member, Rick Gamp has taken the responsibility to head up the Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp Golf Scramble each year since 2002. This annual event has netted \$39,367.82 since 2002. Rick and several men and women from the Pickerington congregation do a great job of putting on this event. The funds raised from this activity and the contributions from many individuals help the trustees to maintain a low weekly camp fee.

FORT HILL RETREATS

The camp sponsors several retreats: seniors, family, teen, mens and ladies. In most cases, the retreats are not at enrollment capacity. These retreats are wonderful opportunities to engage in Bible study and Christian fellowship.

Need a place for a congregational retreat? Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp has excellent facilities for retreats. For scheduling such contact: Robert Manasco (937) 588-2026 or (937) 588-2266.

FOR INFORMATION AND PHOTOS ABOUT FORT HILL CAMP: www.forthillcamp.org

TRUSTEES LOOK TOWARD 2020 VISION

For the past two decades, the camp Board of Trustees has established a 10 year plan. In the late 1980's the trustees formulated and adopted "Project 2000." After that, Project 2010 was adopted in the year 2000. It's about time to establish a plan for the next decade. A committee of trustees: Jay Wilkins, Rick Gampp, Jack Jennings and William Phillis have been appointed to begin the formulation of the plan for the next decade. It will be styled as the 2020 Vision.

BRICKS, KROGER AND MEIJER CARDS

Bricks with your name and/or message can be purchased. These bricks are being used to pave around the flag pole (see the back page). You can also provide funds to camp by using your Kroger and Meijer cards. Contact Brett Triplett, Treasurer, (2725 Bridlewood St., Circleville, OH 43113, 740-477-7263 or triplett10@msn.com) for further details.

ESTATE PLANNING

Those who wish to consider remembering Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp in their wills may want to consult with Wayne McCray, 1636 Elkton Place, Cincinnati, OH 45224. You may telephone: (513) 681-4818 or email:

waynuele@yahoo.com

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Board of Trustees established an Endowment Fund as a result of the camp being a beneficiary in a person's will. The terms of the endowment allow for a portion of facilities projects to be funded from the endowment. However, the trustees plan to manage the endowment so as to allow continuing growth of the fund. Anyone interested in contributing to the endowment fund may contact any one of the trustees.

SPONSOR A CAMPER

The fee for a week of camp at Fort Hill is \$110 for 2009, which is considerably lower than comparable venues. The trustees have intentionally kept the fee low so that it is affordable for most people. However, some young persons need financial help to attend camp. No young person is turned away from camp because of the inability to pay due to the generosity of others.

Donations are accepted at any time during the year. For camp "scholarships" please send your donation to: Brett Triplett, 2725 Bridlewood St., Circleville, OH 43113. Mark your donation "Camp Scholarship."

MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY

About twenty years ago the camp trustees began discussing the need for a multipurpose building that could accommodate a variety of functions/activities such as indoor recreation, games, assemblies, classes, secured storage for camp records, memorabilia, official documents, office, etc.

A facility of this type would be a great asset on rainy days during a camp week. It would serve well for various retreats on a year round basis.

This twenty year-long discussion is now leading to some concrete plans. With the assistance of three men of the Fishinger & Kenny congregation in Columbus, all of whom have excavation and construction expertise, the trustees have established a site location, the size of the building and a concept drawing.

The addition of this facility will alter the use of the current assembly hall. Possibly it would be renovated to accommodate six more classes.

This multipurpose building will be the largest single undertaking in the 60 year history of Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp. It will require the support of scores of Christian families. Obviously funds and volunteer skilled and non-skilled labor will be required.

The trustees will keep all interested parties informed as plans for the project move forward.

A MIND TO WORK

The narration of the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem is recorded in the book of Nehemiah. When the walls were finished, the enemies of the Jews *"perceived that their work was wrought of our God."* Although *"wrought of God,"* it was still necessary for the people to supply the labor and materials. They had a *"mind to work"* said Nehemiah.

Many improvements were made to Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp in the past several months because several families had a "mind to work." They contributed funds and labor.

The array of facilities construction and renovation projects in this ten month period (September 2007 through June 2008) is unprecedented in Fort Hill history. Large and small contributors accrued more than \$70,000 for the projects. Contributions of labor -- skilled to not so skilled -- saved the camp more than \$70,000.

During this September 2007 -- June 2008 period all five boys cabins were completely remodeled, a new girls cabin constructed, and a new 20 x 20 restroom constructed. Also a new fence along Fort Hill Road was constructed and several facility repairs completed.

Many facility improvements were completed during the previous year (September 2006 to June 2007), such as renovation of the girls cabins, addition to the girls restroom, addition of a porch on the health center and renovation of the original section of the cook's cabin (Duer Hall).

Many individuals including members of the Sojourners, have each donated many, many hours. One person who really stands out as a volunteer is Jack Jennings, a camp trustee. Jack has been the "project manager" for the renovation and construction projects for the past year. Those who wish to volunteer to help with projects at Fort Hill may wish to contact Jack Jennings: (740) 772-2428 or his cell (740) 352-8044.

RENOVATION OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS NEEDED BEFORE JUNE 2009

1. Replace shingles on the 5 boys cabins and the boys restroom
2. New boys cabin

3. Major repair of picnic shelter in the "bottom" near the creek
4. Renovation of the boys restroom
5. Minor repairs to other buildings

Funds and volunteer labor are needed to complete these projects.

The roof work on the boys cabins and boys restroom has been completed. The shingles were donated by Owens Corning Corporation and more than a dozen workers did the job on September 26 and 27th.

JACK JENNINGS: POINT MAN ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Fort Hill Board member, Jack Jennings is a jack of all trades and master of most of them. He is a great organizer and coordinator. He is using his skills, abilities and his devotion to FHCYC to help maintain the current facilities and construct new facilities. The entire Board of Trustees greatly appreciates Jack's efforts and all those who are associated with the camp benefit from his good works.

BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CAMP COUNSELORS AND TEACHERS

Senate Bill 321 was introduced in the Ohio Senate several months ago to extend the requirement of a criminal background check to volunteers who have the care and supervision of youth at residential camps. This bill will likely pass and be effective by the 2009 camp session. It will apply to those who teach or serve as counselors at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp.

The current version of the bill would require volunteers who have the care and supervision of campers to undergo either a Social Security number background check or an Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation background check. The camp would be required to register with the Ohio Department of Jobs & Family Services (there will be a fee to register). The Department will then have the right to inspect the camp's records of background checks.