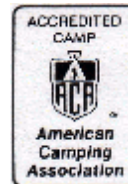


# Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp



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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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## JAY WILKINS MOVING TO NASHVILLE

Camp Board Member and Treasurer, Jay Wilkins, is retiring from his engineering position at the Veterans Medical Center in Chillicothe. He and his wife, Marilyn, will move to Nashville in April 2008.

Jay has served as camp Treasurer for several years. He and Marilyn have also handled the camp registration process for several years. Additionally, Jay has worked untold hours, days and months designing and constructing facilities, managing the endowment fund, attending meetings, managing senior week and promoting the camp.

Jay and Marilyn perform their camp work in an exemplary manner. They are a very capable and talented couple, both of whom are completely dedicated to the Lord's church. The great good they have done at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp cannot be measured. They will be sorely missed at camp.

Although the Wilkins are moving to Nashville, Jay has agreed to continue to serve as a Board Member at least through 2008. The Board of Trustees asked Jay to remain on the Board as long as he feels he can provide assistance. His continued relationship with the camp is greatly valued by the Board.

## MANY INVOLVED IN LAST YEAR'S IMPROVEMENTS

A plethora of improvements in camp facilities and grounds were made between the 2006 and 2007 camp sessions thanks to a generous, anonymous donor and many volunteers including the Sojourners. Two donations, totaling \$35,000 from the anonymous donor helped the Board purchase 34 more acres. Lumber sales from the new parcels of ground combined with the donation provided nearly enough funds to pay for the 34 acres.

- ✓ The girls cabins were renovated and new beds were installed.
- ✓ The girl's restroom facility was upgraded.
- ✓ The manager's cabin and health center were upgraded
- ✓ A screen porch was added to the health center.

All of the above were accomplished thanks to a lot of volunteer works, particularly the Sojourners. The Sojourners group is comprised of retired Christians who are skilled trades people. Three couples from the group worked three weeks at camp during May 2007.

An ambitious schedule of improvements has been established for the period between now and the 2008 camp season.

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## MORE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS SCHEDULED

An additional girls cabin, a fence between the two camp gates along Fort Hill Road, a restroom attached to the Dining Hall, and renovation of all of the boys cabins are scheduled for completion before the 2008 camp season begins. In addition, the Board of Trustees will attempt to purchase any property that becomes available next to or near the existing camp property.

A generous Christian family donated enough funds to build the girls cabin and erect the fence. A congregation has agreed to provide a major portion of the funds for the restroom. The girls cabin project is underway under the supervision of Board Member Jack Jennings. This cabin will be completed before winter.

Funds for the renovation of the boys cabins are needed. Although the funds for new beds for the cabins have been raised, funds for the renovation project must be raised as soon as possible in order to complete this ambitious renovation project before the 2008 camp season. The cost of renovation of each of the five boys cabins ranges from \$3,000 to \$6,000 depending on the current condition of each. Individuals or groups who would like to fund one or more cabins may contact: William L. Phillis at: 614-276-9221 or 614-332-2886 or any of the other Trustees.

## 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 of the Trustees.

## 2008 BIBLE CLASS THEME

The camp trustees operate a 6-year Bible class cycle. The 2008 lesson will feature *Christian Evidences*.

## BRETT TRIPLETT WILL BE NEW CAMP TREASURER

Board Member, Brett Triplett, will assume duties of Treasurer due to Jay Wilkins upcoming move to Nashville. Brett is well qualified for this task. Professionally, Brett is a CPA. He has been associated with Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp all of his life having been a camper, life-guard and now a trustee. Brett's father, Ivan, was a long time board member prior to his untimely death.

## TUITION NOT RAISED FOR NEXT YEAR

Even though the cost of food, other kitchen items and utilities has been increasing substantially, the Board of Trustees will maintain the current camp fee of \$100 per week. Even though the Fort Hill Camp fee is considerably lower than comparable venues, the Trustees wish to make camp affordable to all.

In 2007, camper fees comprised only 17% of the income. In the past, camper fees have provided over about one-third of the camp increase. The lumber sales skewed the figures for the 2007 fiscal year.

## FORT HILL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Board Member, Rick Gamp and his associates at the Pickerington congregation have sponsored a golf tournament for several years. This year the total amount of money raised exceeded \$7,300.

## 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.

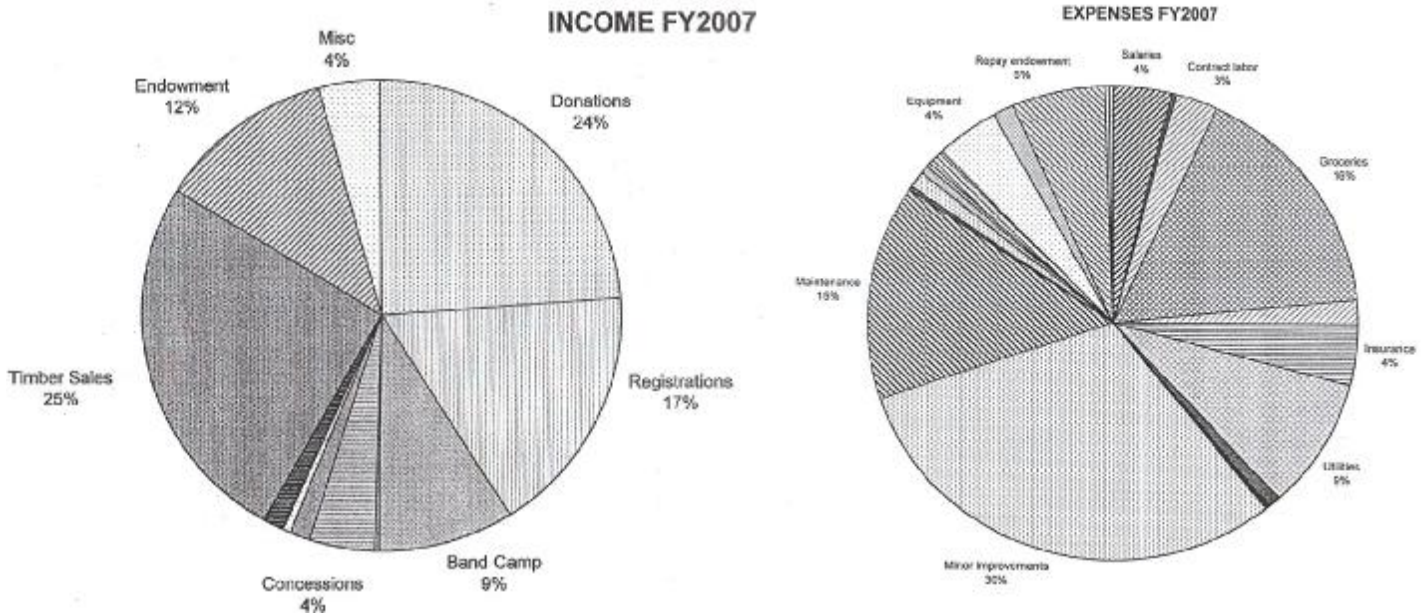
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**Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp**  
A camp where children can grow physically,

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

The camp took in \$343,718.39 and spent \$333,511.95 during fiscal year 2007. Financial activity was greater than usual in 2007. The Trustees paid \$95,000 for additional land and received over \$85,000 from timber sales. Other camp improvements and maintenance cost more than \$65,000. Below are pie charts showing the percentage of income and expenses by category.



### BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL COUNSELORS MAY BE REQUIRED

Some members of Ohio legislature are discussing the possibility of legislation that would require all camp counselors (paid or volunteer) to undergo a criminal background check before serving as a counselor. If this concept becomes law, camp managers will have to identify staff (counselors) several weeks prior to the camp season. Trustees would have to develop new policies and determine who will bear the cost of the background checks.

### USE OF CAMP FACILITIES SHOULD BE EXPANDED

The camp facilities have never been better and will continue to be improved. Some of the facilities have been winterized and thus can be used year round.

Most of the summer camp sessions can accommodate more campers, and all the retreats

(ladies, mens, teen, family and seniors) can accommodate many, many more attendees.

The year round calendar has openings for Christian group gatherings, retreats and the like during the cool and cold months. Contact Robert Manasco at: 937-588-2026.

Please encourage young people to experience camp and encourage the use of the camp facilities throughout the year.

### MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

A multi-purpose building that will house indoor recreation activities, large assemblies, office, classrooms, concessions and other activities is on the drawing board. The 60 x 120 foot building will be located in the area of the current assembly hall. This facility will require a major outlay of funds. Anyone interested in making a contribution toward this project should contact William L. Phillis, 1019 Torrey Hill Drive, Columbus, OH 43228 or 614-276-9221 or [wphillis@columbus.rr.com](mailto:wphillis@columbus.rr.com) The trustees will consider naming this building after a major donor.

## CAMPER, STAFF AND OTHER STATISTICS FOR 2007

<b>FORT HILL CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP STATS – 2007</b>									
	<b>Week</b>	<b>6/10</b>	<b>6/17</b>	<b>6/24</b>	<b>7/1</b>	<b>7/8</b>	<b>7/15</b>	<b>7/22</b>	
	<b>Campers</b>	32	112	153	105	168	118	79	
	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Campers</b>	771	811	817	802	744	775	665	690	767
<b>Staff</b>	234	275	248	258	264	268	267	259	267
<b>Baptisms</b>	26	20	28	23	22	23	22	19	9
<b>Retreats:</b>									
<b>Ladies</b>	29	39	48	42	36	35	36	22	27
<b>Men</b>							47	35	24
<b>Family</b>	71	89	73	89	73	60	65	85	93
<b>Golden Agers</b>	33	25	15	25	19	23	20	27	22
<b>Teen Spring</b>		46	62	60	76	73	73	64	43
<b>Teen Fall</b>	104	100	90	110	116	86	70		45
<b>Total Attendance</b>	1242	1385	1353	1386	1328	1320	1243	1182	1288

**Article II of the Constitution & By-Laws of Ft. Hill Christian Youth Camp:**

Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp, in its endeavor to help toward an understanding of God's word and to aid in developing Christian character, shall make the Bible its chief textbook, arrange all its courses of study, and conduct its work in harmony with the spirit and letter of the Word of God. To this end, every trustee, teacher, or other worker (except for hired help—cooks, carpenters, etc.) Must be a member of the Church of Christ (nondenominational) and must believe, without mental reservation, that the Bible is the full and final revelation to God to man; therefore, the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice; in the diety and supreme authority of Christ; obedience to the gospel; and the edification of the Church. Believing that such a faith, and a Church with a program in harmony with this faith, are essential to the salvation of the world, the Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp shall help prepare them to be effective servants of Christ. (Article II shall never be changed or amended except as to the name of the camp.)

**No one shall be denied admission to Ft. 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.**

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