



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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2002 PROPOSED CAMP SCHEDULE

May 3-5	Teen Retreat Todd Parsley
May 24-27	Family Retreat Bill Hopkins
June 7-8	Ladies Retreat Shelley Beltzer
June 9-15	Ages 14-18 Jay Wilkins
June 16-22	Ages 7-14 & Counselor Training Bill Phillis
June 23-29	Ages 7-18 Greg Tidwell
June 30-July 6	Ages 7-10 Mike Grose
July 7-13	Ages 7-18 Bob Manasco
July 14-20	Ages 10-13 Wayne McCray
Aug. 4-10	Ages 7 - 18 Bill Hopkins
Sept. 6-8	Teen Retreat Wayne McCray
Sept. 10-12	Golden Agers Retreat Bob Davison

SUMMER 2001 AT FORT HILL WAS WONDERFUL!

Christian camping at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp was the best ever. Eight-hundred seventeen (817) youth enjoyed mental, social, physical and spiritual growth at Fort Hill the summer of 2001. Two-hundred forty-eight (248) adults were also involved in the summer program. Twenty-eight (28) young people were baptized into Christ.

We are planning for an even better year for the summer of 2002. The Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp Board of Trustees held a retreat meeting September 28-29 to plan for next year and beyond. The theme of the retreat was *"Moving Fort Hill To the Next Level – Excellence In Christian Camping."*

The Trustees developed a vision for 2010 – Project 2010: Excellence in Christian Camping. Project 2010 provides for major improvements and expansion in facilities and programs. This is an exciting time for Fort Hill. Details regarding Project 2010 will be published in future newsletters.

WEB SITE

Take a moment to explore the Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp web site at: <http://www.forthillcamp.org/>

You will find the 2002 Camp schedule, photos from the previous year and other related information. site. Eric Hendricks does an excellent job in maintaining this site.

INCOME & EXPENSE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

The Camp Board of Trustees (composed of 14 Christian men) are faithful stewards of the revenue made available to the Camp. During fiscal year 2001 (September 1, 2001 — August 31, 2001) the Camp had an income of \$191,582.74 and expenses of \$185,516.24. The pie chart (right) displays the percentage of income by source. It is interesting that the FY 2001 donations and other income keep fees for campers at a minimum. Without donations and band camp income, camper fees would exceed \$200 per week.

The distribution of expenses by percentage is displayed in the pie chart (right). Maintenance, utilities and minor improvements account for nearly half of the FY 2001 expenses. The Camp facility is in the best condition ever. The Trustees have made major infrastructure improvements in recent months and years. A new sewage system is in progress and will be completed in FY 2002.

FORT HILL CALENDAR

A 12 month pictorial calendar will be published and available to all interested parties. If you would like one, please notify: Jay Wilkins, 4030 Pennyroyal Rd., Chillicothe, OH, 45601.

TRINA SMETANKO MEMORIAL

Trina Smentanko, a counselor at Fort Hill the week of June 17, 2001, was stricken on June 21, 2001 at Camp. She was given immediate medical attention but passed away June 23 at Miami Valley Hospital (Dayton). An autopsy report indicated that her heart was affected by a "near-by" lightning strike. Trina was a member of Alkire Road Church of Christ (Columbus).

The family requested that donations be made to Fort Hill in lieu of flowers. Trina's friends with the approval of the Board of Trustees will build a girl's cabin in her memory. Anyone wishing to donate toward this project may send donations to: Alkire Road Church of Christ, c/o Ned Herald, Treasurer, 2779 Alkire Road, Grove City, OH, 43123.

INCOME FY2001

EXPENSES FY 2001

NEW MATTRESSES FOR THE 2002 CAMP SEASON

Thanks to Fishinger and Kenny Road congregation in Columbus, Ohio, campers will enjoy new high quality comfortable mattresses. The cost of outfitting the entire camp exceeds \$10,000.

SEWAGE SYSTEM

Fort Hill Camp has been plagued from time to time with sewage problems. In order to accommodate current needs and future growth, the Trustees made a decision more than a year ago to engage an engineering firm to determine how to upgrade the system.

The engineering firm, working with EPA, has determined that a central on site system will serve the needs now and in the future. Construction is slated for this fall. The cost will exceed \$125,000. The Camp is in serious need of donations for this project.

For several years the camp has been debt free. Hence, the Trustees prefer to keep it that way. However, unless \$50,000 is raised within a few weeks, the camp will be required to borrow money. It would be most unfortunate to have to incur debt to complete the sewage project and thus have to use future income to pay interest.

CONGREGATIONS MAY WISH TO TAKE ON PROJECTS

The Trustees have identified a dozen or more projects that the typical congregation could accomplish. If you are interested, contact: Jay Wilkins, 4030 Pennyroyal Rd., Chillicothe, OH, 45601 or Bob Manasco, 13501 Fort Hill Road, Hillsboro, OH, 45133.

Some projects congregations may wish to consider:

1. Purchase and install windows in cabins.
2. Baseball backstop.
3. Storage building at the pool.
4. Purchase and spread pea gravel in playground.
5. Install R.V. hook-ups.
6. Reconstruction of beds in certain cabins.
7. Construct a boy's cabin (according to specifics).
8. Construct a parking lot.

CYCLE OF BIBLE CLASS THEMES AT FORT HILL CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP

2002	Christian Evidences
2003	Jesus Christ – The Son of God
2004	The Bible – God's Word
2005	The Church
2006	The Plan of Salvation
2007	It's Your Choice – Current Ethical Problems

FORT HILL TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Interested persons are welcome to attend Fort Hill Board of Trustees meetings held during the following months:

February	June
March	August
April	November
May	December

JOE EDGERLY, TRUSTEE EMERITUS

Joe Edgerly, 93, was a Fort Hill Trustee for several years. He owned and operated a landscape and tree service business – Ohio Tree Surgery, during the years he served on the camp board.

He often used his equipment and employees to improve the camp grounds.

Brother Edgerly has continued to enthusiastically support the camp in word and deed. Since leaving the board, he has contributed tens of thousands of dollars the last few years and continues to contribute financially.

Brother Edgerly speaks often of Fort Hill. He enthusiastically promotes the value of Christian camping and provides good advice and encouragement to the Board of Trustees. He speaks fondly of the opportunities we have to teach the good news of Christ to campers.



FORT HILL CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP

A GREAT PLACE TO GO AND LEARN ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD AND PEOPLE!



FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER YOUNG

PEOPLE!

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 (undenominational) 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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