



# 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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## R.V. PARK NOW AVAILABLE AT FORT HILL

Six RV pads complete with water and electricity are available for use. Three more pads will be equipped with water and electricity depending on the demand for additional units. Anyone who wishes to use one or more RV spaces can make a reservation by contacting: Robert Manasco: 1-937-588-2266 or 1-937-588-2026.

## APPLICATIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS LIFEGUARD POSITIONS

Any young person interested in serving as a boys lifeguard or a girls lifeguard/secretary may submit an application to: Robert Manasco, 13501 Fort Hill Road, Hillsboro, OH 44431.

## 2005 CAMPER FEES

The camper fee for 2005 is \$100 per week. A ten dollar discount is applied to registrations that are mailed by **May 21, 2005**. Pre-registration is: \$20.

The cost of groceries increased about 30% from 2003 to 2004. In the past, some grocery products were available from government programs. This was not the case this past summer. Thus, the cost of providing meals has escalated dramatically.

The increase in camper fees will only partially cover the increase in food costs. The camper fee in 2004 provided only 21% of the revenue used in the operation and facilities improvements at Fort Hill for the period September 1, 2003 to September 1, 2004.

## MENS' RETREAT SET FOR MAY 13-14, 2005

A new item on the 2005 Fort Hill Calendar is the Mens' Retreat set for May 13-14. Men interested in this activity should mark the calendars now. Hopefully this will be of interest to a lot of men.

## COGDELL ADDITION TO DUER HALL (Cooks Cabin)

The Board of Trustees have approved a plan to add 10 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms to Duer Hall (Cooks Cabin) and remodel the existing hall.

The estimated cost of this project is in the range of \$100,000. As of this date, \$66,000 has been raised. The 10 rooms will each be in honor of those who donate \$5,000 or more toward the project.

## WEB-SITE

Fort Hill's new and improved web-site provides additional information regarding the camp as well as photos of past years: [www.forthillcamp.org](http://www.forthillcamp.org)

## **JOE EDGERLY IN LIFE AND DEATH A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF FORT HILL CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP**

Brother Joe Edgerly passed away several months ago at age 95. He was an avid supporter of Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp for the first 56 years of the camp's existence. His support and advocacy for the camp never faltered, even during the sunset years of his life.

Brother Edgerly served on the Board of Trustees for several years during the early years of the camp. He worked tirelessly to improve the physical infrastructure of the camp. He often paid his Ohio Tree Surgery employees to work at camp. He gave liberally of his means to Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp. Some of his donations were small; others were large - some in the range of \$20,000.

Brother Edgerly remembered Fort Hill generously in his will. Fort Hill received \$25,000 from his estate. Additionally, an individual that received \$5,000 from brother Edgerly's estate passed it on to the camp. Thus, in both his life and in his death, he was a wonderful friend of Fort Hill.

## **ESTATE PLANNING**

Those who are interested in making Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp a part of their estate planning, may wish to contact one or more members of the Board of Trustees.

Those who own stocks that have appreciated in value may consider donating such stocks to Fort Hill. This would lower one's taxable income, thus reducing local, state and federal income tax and at the same time be a great asset to the camp.

## **2004 STATISTICS**

Camper attendance has fluctuated from 819 to 744 over the past eight years (since 1997). Attendance exceeded 800 during four of those years. In 2004, attendance was 775, up from 744 in 2003, but considerably lower than 819 in 1997. Everyone who reads this column should

recruit campers for the 2005 season.

Twenty-three campers were baptized at Fort Hill in 2004. An average of 25 campers have been baptized per year over the past eight years.

## **SAVE YOUR CHANGE**

The camp will be distributing cans to Fort Hill supporters for the purpose of collecting change (coins). Until you receive a can, please begin saving your change. The proceeds will be applied to the addition to Duer Hall (Cooks Cabin).

## **NAMING RIGHTS IN THE DUER HALL ADDITION (Cogdell Addition)**

The Board of Trustees approved a plan to permit the naming of the new rooms in the Cogdell Addition to Duer Hall. The trustees are providing the opportunity for donors to have their names on plaques on doors to the rooms. Those who donate \$5,000 or more to this building project will be entitled to have a room named after them.

Those who wish to honor a person, either living or departed, could collect \$5,000 from several persons for this purpose. Please contact any of the trustees for further information about this matter.

## **FISCAL YEAR 2004 BUDGET**

The camp's fiscal year is from September 1 – the previous year through August 31 of the current year; thus, fiscal year 2004 began September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004. On page 3 are graphics which depict the categories of income and expenditures and the percentage applied to each.

**Save \$10 on your 2005 camp fee.**

**Pre-register by: May 21, 2005**

# FORT HILL 2005 CAMP SCHEDULE

The Bible classes during the Summer 2004 Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp sessions will be focusing on **The Church**. The Board of Trustees have adopted the following schedule for 2005:

<b>April 30 - May 2 . . . . . Spring Teen Retreat</b>	<b>June 26-July 2 . . . . . Ages 7-10</b>
<b>May 13-14 . . . . . Mens Retreat</b>	<b>July 3-9 . . . . . All Ages 7-18</b>
<b>May 27-29 . . . . . Family Retreat</b>	<b>July 10-16 . . . . . Ages 10-18</b>
<b>June 3-4 . . . . . Ladies Retreat</b>	<b>July 17 - 23 . . . . . All Ages 7 - 18</b>
<b>June 5-11 . . . . . High School Week</b>	<b>Sept. 9-11 . . . . . Fall Teen Retreat</b>
<b>June 12-18 . . . . . All Ages 7-18</b>	<b>Sept. 13-15 . . . . . Senior Citizens Retreat</b>
<b>June 19-25 . . . . . All Ages 7-18</b>	<b>Sept. 23-24 . . . . . Board Retreat</b>

## FORT HILL CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP

A place to grow spiritually, physically, socially and mentally.

**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 (undominational) 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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