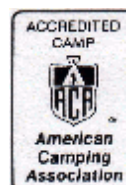


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*"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature,
and in favor with God and man" (Lk. 2:52).*

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YOUTH CAMP SCHEDULE FOR 2008

Date	Age Level	Manager
June 8-14	14-18	Chris Jones
June 15-21	7-18	William Phillis
June 22-28	7-18	Greg Tidwell
June 29 - July 5	7-10	Mike Gross
July 6-12	7-18	Bob Manasco
July 13-19	10-18	Wayne McCray
July 20-26	7-18	Bill Hopkins

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 e-mail: waynuele@yahoo.com

NEW GIRLS CABIN COMPLETED AND FENCE ERECTED ALONG FORT HILL ROAD

There are now 7 girls cabins. The newest one, built this fall, is handicap accessible and features two areas for dressing and "primping." This cabin is a great addition to the camp facility.

The new fence is a heavy woven wire type with round wood posts spaced 8 feet apart. This fence will provide some security and is an attractive addition to the property. Both the fence and cabin were funded by a generous donor.



New Girl's Cabin 2007



New Fence Erected - 2007

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

RENOVATION OF BOYS CABINS

The camp Trustees plan to upgrade the boys cabins to first class conditions, just as the girls cabins were upgraded last spring. Funds must be raised for this ambitious undertaking. The cost, excluding labor, for the five cabins is in excess of \$30,000. Therefore, donations of money and labor are needed. The upgrades will be uniform in accordance with a specific design, hence, a camp representative will supervise the project to insure a uniform quality outcome.

The average cost of renovating a cabin is estimated to be \$6,500. We are making an urgent appeal to camp supporters to fund this project. Some individuals and congregations have indicated an interest in underwriting the cost of the renovation of a cabin, but at this writing only \$2,500 (from one couple) has been received.

Any individual or congregation that would like more information may contact William Phillis, President of the Board of Trustees or any of the Trustees.

Those who wish to contribute to this project may send donations to: Brett Triplett, Treasurer, 2725 Bridlewood St., Circleville, OH 43113.

The cabin renovation work is being scheduled for May 2008. This is a labor/skilled workers intensive task. Although the Sojourners are scheduled to work on this project, many additional workers are needed. Some interested persons may wish to take a couple days vacation to help in May. The fund-raising project is described on page 3.

The Men's Retreat is scheduled for Friday evening, May 16 and Saturday, May 17. Some men may want to arrive a day or two early to work on the renovation project. But, of course, first we need to raise money for materials.

NEW RESTROOM STARTED

A 20' x 20' restroom attachment to the Dining Hall has been started. It is anticipated that this facility will be ready for use when the 2008 camp sessions begin. Funds have been raised for the completion of this project. This much needed addition will allow campers to go to the restroom during mealtimes without leaving the dining facility. Use of the existing restrooms was not convenient during mealtimes in the past because a staff member had to leave the Dining Hall to monitor the camper who needed to use the restroom. Volunteer workers are needed for this project.

MENS RETREAT

This year's Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp Mens Retreat is scheduled for May 16 and 17. Registration

will begin at 5:00 p.m. on May 16 and conclude at 8:00 p.m. on May 17. Some of the classes (discussion topics) are: The Inspiration, Authority and Sufficiency of the Bible; Challenge of Unauthorized Worship; Challenge of Apostasy In Academics; Faith Is the Victory and several more. An open forum will be featured at 6:00 p.m. on May 17. Plan now to attend.

LADIES RETREAT — June 5, 6, 7

Ladies — mark your calendar now for the Ladies Retreat. Details will follow.

NEXT CAMP

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The camp Board of Trustees will meet at the camp on February 2, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The Board meets each month except January and July to conduct camp business and develop plans. Numerous tasks are performed by board members between meetings. The officers of the camp Board of Trustees are:

- Mike Gross Secretary
- Brett Triplett Treasurer
- Bob Manasco Vice President
- William L. Phillis President

BOB MANASCO RECOVERING FROM HEART SURGERY

Bob Manasco is recovering nicely from heart surgery on November 12. He is expected to have a full recovery. All that know Bob and/or know of his work with the camp, rejoice in his good recovery.

Bob is the PR & Facilities Manager at camp. He and his wife, Jean, live in the camp-owned house. He has been a valuable asset to the camp programs for nearly 50 years.

MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY

The plan to build a large assembly and indoor activity center has been announced on several occasions previously. This facility will have spaces for classrooms, an office, concessions, storage, assemblies and indoor recreation.

Due to other pressing needs, the Trustees have put this project on the back burner. But hopefully, the cabin renovations and public restroom projects will each be completed by early 2008. Then the focus can turn to the multi-purpose building.

"FRIENDS OF FORT HILL" PIG ROAST & YARD SALE

Several "friends of Fort Hill" have decided to raise money to renovate one of the boys cabins. As mentioned elsewhere, the estimated cost for this project is \$6,500 per cabin. Several activities are being planned for 2008 to help accomplish this.

On May 23rd and 24th there will be a huge yard sale. This sale will be at 3195 Big Run South in Grove City. (This is approximately 200 yards west of the Alkire Road church of Christ.) To donate items, volunteer to help or for more information call (614) 875-1028. The goal is to raise \$1,000.

Also on May 24th there will be a pig roast at the same location. The menu will include barbecued pork and chicken, green beans, cole slaw, cornbread and desserts. Tickets will cost \$10. If you attended the last two pig roasts you know how good the food was. Make your plans to come and enjoy great food and help a good cause.

Also at the pig roast we will be auctioning an Ohio State Matrushaka doll (also called a stacking or nesting doll). This doll is one of five painted by Ukrainian artist *Boumenko Voytenko* to commemorate the Buckeye's National Championship in 2002. Below is a brief description of the doll:

The first doll is 9 inches tall and says "2002 National Champions" over and below the block "O" with Ohio State over the "O."

The second doll is 7 inches tall and has a picture of Jim Tressel on it.

The third doll is 6 inches tall with a picture of Woody Hayes on it.

The fourth doll is 5 inches tall and has a picture of the shoe (this is the most amazing painting of all).

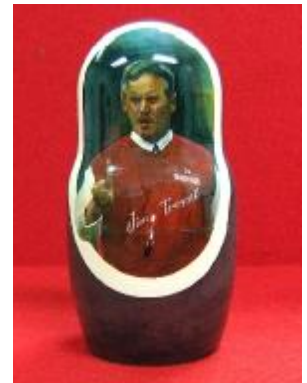
The fifth doll is 4 inches tall with the "Block O" over the words, "Go Bucks!"

The sixth doll is 3 inches tall with a picture of "Buckeye Brutus" and the words "Ohio State."

Each doll stacks inside the next one and is quite unique and very collectable. As already mentioned, only five of these dolls were painted and no more will be made. The first three dolls sold for \$350 (only one remains besides the one being auctioned). The opening bid for this Matrushka is \$500. The pictures shown really do not do justice to this beautiful item. Check out the Fort Hill web site: www.forthillcamp.org and click on Matrushka Auction. This would be a great gift for your favorite Buckeye and an opportunity to help Fort Hill.

If you have questions contact Mark Bass at 614-875-1028. Bids should be submitted in writing to "Friends of Fort Hill" at 2781 Alkire Road, Grove City,

Ohio, 43123. The winning bid will be announced at 5:00 pm, May 24th at the pig roast. — Mark Bass —



GROWTH OF THE FORT HILL CAMPSITE

The original campsite, purchased in 1950, was about 11 acres on which was situated a dozen or so dilapidated tar paper covered buildings (all of those buildings have been torn down). Later in the 1960's, the Trustees purchased about 12 acres on the same side of Fort Hill Road. Over the years, additional acreage has been purchased across Fort Hill Road in various size tracts: 7 acres, 8 acres, 30 acres, 25 acres and 9 acres. Hence, the campsite is just over 105 acres.

SPONSOR A CAMPER

The fee for a week of camp at Fort Hill is \$100 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."

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

2008 marks the 60th camp season. Camp Trustees will be planning an appropriate 60th anniversary celebration.

Recognizing those who attended camp prior to 1980 may be a part of the celebration. Those who have attended camp during that era and want to be a part of that celebration asked to mail your name and address to: William L. Phillis, 1019 Torrey Hill Drive, Columbus, OH 43228 or you may e-mail: wphillis@columbus.rr.com

CLASS MATERIAL FOR SUMMER 2008

The camp has a 6 year cycle of Bible class materials for the summer sessions. This summer's classes will feature **Christian Evidences**. This series of studies is important and timely.

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.

*FORT HILL CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP WHERE CHILDREN CAN
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 Deity 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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