

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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YEAR AROUND EFFORT REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN & IMPROVE CAMP

As soon as Camp ends during any summer, the Camp Trustees begin planning for the next year. Facilities must be upgraded and maintained, new facilities planned and constructed, staff members recruited and oriented, Bible class material prepared, etc.

In the past few years, 3 cabins have been constructed, all previously existing cabins renovated, a restroom added to the dining hall, 10 rooms added to the cook's cabin, restrooms renovated and upgrades provided to other facilities.

Groundbreaking for the new 80' x 100' multipurpose building was initiated in September 2009 and is scheduled for completion in June 2010.

Class materials and programs are reviewed and revised each year. Camp Trustees are committed to excellence in Christian camping and thus work to provide the best programming possible.

Staffing for summer camp and special retreats is a year around effort. Interviews, background checks and orientation are essential to the provision of high quality opportunities for campers.

Camp doesn't just happen! The one week a young person spends at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp is preceded by 51 weeks of planing and effort on the part of the Camp Trustees and many other individuals.

FHCYC TRUSTEES

Camp Trustees are competent,

committed, and caring men with a track record of performance in the world of work and in spiritual affairs. Nearly all are elders, deacons or preachers.

In the past seven years, the Trustees have collectively given over \$75,000 in cash to camp and more than that amount in labor associated with camp facilities. The Trustees will personally provide about 1/4 of the retail cost of the new multipurpose building in terms of cash donations and labor. Hence, when the Trustees ask people to support Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp with donations and labor it is with the assurance that they are giving as well.

MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ON SCHEDULE

The weather has been favorable this fall. The "volunteer construction managers", Dick Wakefield and Ron Braucher have done an excellent job in monitoring the project. Alan Shepherd sent his concrete crew to Camp when the concrete contractor backed out of the project. Sunrush Construction Company followed through on its contract. As of Thanksgiving Day, the work inside the building was begun.

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

MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING PROJECT FUNDING LIST

AVAILABLE FOR "ADOPTION"

In the October issue of News & Views 13 sub-projects were listed with the request that each be "adopted" by an individual or group. Some of these sub-projects have not as yet been "adopted" and are listed below:

1. **Site Grade, Drainage & Landscaping** \$ 5,000
2. **Frame & Drywall Classroom/Storage** \$ 10,400

Framing - Materials	\$ 2,400
Labor 72 hr	\$ 2,160
Drywall - Materials	\$ 2,900
Labor 98 hr	\$ 2,940
3. **Fixtures & Furnishings Projects** \$ 25,000

Basketball Equipment - Incl. Bkbrds	\$ 3,600
Volleyball Equipment	\$ 1,600
Ping-Pong Tables (3)	\$ 1,400
Sound System	\$ 2,500
Video System	\$ 4,000
Stage - Portable	\$ 5,000
Tables (Up to 30) (20 @ \$125)	\$ 2,500
Chairs (Up to 300) (200 @ \$22)	\$ 4,400
4. Remodel of current assembly building and make into 4 classroom units \$ 12,000

Please contact Dick Wakefield (614) 975-5465 or (614) 486-3865 or Jack Jennings (740) 352-8044 or (740) 776-2428 if you are interested in helping with any of these projects.

COUNSELORS, TEACHERS, COOKS FOR 2010

Those who wish to volunteer to cook, counsel and/or teach during the 2010 sessions should contact one or more of the camp managers immediately.

SCHEDULE FOR 2010

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| April | 30 - May 2 | Fort Hill Teen Retreat |
| May | 14-15 | Men's Retreat |
| May | 28-31 | Family Retreat |
| June | 11 & 12 | Ladies Retreat |
| June | 13-19 | Bill Phillis' Week |
| June | 20-26 | Greg Tidwells Week |
| June | 27 - July 3 | Mike Groses Week |
| July | 4 - 10 | Bob Manasco's Week |
| July | 11 - 17 | Wayne McCray's Week |
| July | 18 - 24 | Bill Hopkin's Week |
| July | 25 - 31 | Rick Gamp's Week |
| Sept. | 10 - 12 | Fall Teen Retreat |
| Sept. | 14 - 16 | Senior Citizen's Retreat |

Church camp weeks are ages 7-18 except Mike Groses' which is 7-12 years.

YEAR END DONATIONS

Many individuals make year end donations in view of income tax considerations. Please consider Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp during this period of time. The Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp Trustees moved forward with the new multipurpose building project with the confidence that the support would be forth coming. Based on past experience the Trustees are assured that completion of the building will take place on schedule.



**BIG
OLD
TREE**



Most every person who has ever attended Camp at Fort Hill knows about the big, old hollow sycamore tree down over the hill from the swimming pool. Many, both young and old, have crawled into the tree as the pictures show. It has been reported that this tree is the second or third largest sycamore tree in Ohio.

2009-2010 MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING PROJECT



As the new multipurpose building gets closer to completion, the Board would like to thank those that have contributed towards this project. Without the financial support and contribution of time and effort from a number of individuals,

this project would not have moved forward.

To date, funds have been raised to get the building to an occupancy permit status. To get the building to a completed project we still need to raise approximately \$65,000 in funds as well as another \$75,000 to pay back an interest free loan that was provided to the camp for this project. Funding for this project has come from various other sources.

The Board of trustees personally pledged over \$21,000 of contributions in addition to allocating \$80,000 from the Endowment fund. There has been another \$21,000 raised by three congregations. Eleven people have donated over \$44,000 of the \$49,000 raised from individuals. While these numbers are impressive and very much appreciated, it is easy to see how concentrated these figures are.

The Board was aware of the economic climate going into this project and the challenge there would be for fund raising. The factors that convinced the Board to go forward with the project were that the cost of this project would never be more affordable than now and the anticipated support from those who have contributed to Fort Hill in the past.



We, however, must broaden the base of support. Thus, we are encouraging individuals and congregations to put Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp in their budgets and keep the camp in prayer.

Please contact any one of the Board members if you would be interested in helping to further this project and great work at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp.



2010 FORT HILL CAMP TUITION

Tuition for camp has been underpriced at Fort Hill for a number of years and the Board hopes to be able to afford this trend for years to come.

In the range of \$1 million dollars in improvements will have been made to the camp in the last 8 years upon the completion of the new multipurpose building. This has been made possible by God and the support and dedication of a number of individuals and congregations.

The Board has a policy that no camper is turned away due to financial reasons. The 2009 season was the first in many years that every camper was covered by a paid-tuition or sponsored scholarship. However, due to increasing prices for all the services provided for a week of camp, the Board increased tuition by \$10. The total cost of a week of camp is now \$120 (\$110 if paid before May 1). Consider that the tuition covers only a portion of 18 meals, 7 days, 6 nights and a lifetime of memories. Please continue to support Fort Hill so that the cost of attending camp will continue to be one of the best bargains around.

TEN YEAR PLAN FOR IMPROVING FORT HILL CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP

At the end of each decade for at least the past two decades, the Trustees have developed and expedited a 10 year improvement plan. The Trustees are now in the process of developing a plan of improvement for the period of 2010-2020. It will be styled Fort Hill's 20/20 Vision. As the plan unfolds, details will be shared.

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 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 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.



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