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## Have a Blast with Your Youth Group This Winter!

Winter Blast is a weekend youth retreat for students in Middle School and High School. Students are welcome to attend on their own, but are encouraged to come with their entire youth group (or Sunday School class) . . . Youth Leaders and Adult Volunteers too!

Winter Blast is a great time where you will experience God through worship and teaching, have fun, and make new friends or bond with your youth group. The theme for Winter Blast is "Free" based on John 8:36, "So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free."

Experience winter at Judson as you enjoy outdoor activities like the Snow Tire Scramble, Tubing and Sledding, and hiking, indoor activities like carpetball, ga-ga, four square, arctic missiles, board games, and plenty of hot chocolate!

If you are a youth pastor/leader or Sunday School teacher, this retreat is designed for you! You don't have to plan a retreat, organize activities, lead worship, or prepare lessons, talks, or Bible studies. We'll take care of all of those things for you so that you can focus on your students, bonding with them as you have fun together, and engaging with them in conversation about what they are learning, what challenges they face, and about how God is working in their lives.

Our prayer is that Winter Blast would not only impact the lives of individual teenagers, but that it would strengthen youth ministries throughout the region.

Winter Blast is being offered twice this winter, on January 25-27 and February 1-3. The cost of the weekend is \$85 per person.

To register, or for more information, call (814) 922-3834 or e-mail [judson@campjudson.com](mailto:judson@campjudson.com). Brochures can also be downloaded from [www.campjudson.com](http://www.campjudson.com).



**Winter Blast**  
Jan 25-27

**Speaker**  
Shane & Laurissa Locke  
Mark Bartlett

**Worship Leader**  
Mark Bartlett

Shane, Laurissa, and Mark are fixtures at our Senior High Super Week and love to challenge teenagers to grow in Christ by sharing their lives and experiences with teenagers in creative ways.

Feb 1-3

Eric Kraihanzel

TBA

Eric loves sharing Jesus with teenagers. He serves as the ABCOPAD Regional Youth Pastor, teaches youth ministry at Eastern University, and runs Camp Ichthus in Eastern PA.

## Camp Judson Summer 2013: Be Amazed!

Summer Camp 2013 is coming! Our theme for the summer is "Be Amazed" using Psalm 40:3b "Many will see what He has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord" as our theme verse.

It's not too late to get a No Inflation/Early Bird Discount! Campers who send a deposit of \$50 by December 31, 2012 will receive a No Inflation/Early Bird discount.

This summer we are adding kayaking and a low ropes challenge course to the host of activities Camp Judson has to offer!

Also new this year will be two additional camp sessions—Junior Wrangler, for 4th to 6th grade campers who want to focus their camp experience on horses (June 30—July 3), and Team Sports for 7th to 12th grade campers who enjoy

sports and seek to develop their skills in leadership and cooperation (July 7-14).

Summer Camp brochures will be mailed to past campers and partner churches in early January and online registration will open on January 1, 2013 at [www.campjudson.com](http://www.campjudson.com).

For overnight camp registrations we are once again offering a first-time camper discount of \$100 off a full week/\$50 off a half week, and returning campers who invite a first time camper to attend can receive \$50 off a full week/\$25 off a half week. No discounts are available for Day Camps.

All campers who register by April 1, 2013 will receive a free Summer Camp 2013 t-shirt when they arrive for their camp session.

*Look inside for the 2013 schedule, rates, and discounts!*

# Volunteers and Staff Needed for Summer 2013 at Camp Judson

Staff and volunteer recruitment for summer 2013 begins in January and a wide range of positions are available. For resident (paid) staff, we are looking for a summer program director and an assistant program director, counselors, lifeguards, wranglers, cooks, CSPs (both maintenance and kitchen/housekeeping), and a summer marketing assistant. Decisions for paid positions will be made in March.

We are also looking for volunteers to serve as

nurses, store managers, counselors, wranglers, and both maintenance and kitchen/housekeeping CSPs. Volunteers are also welcome to assist with a variety of maintenance and grounds projects throughout the year, especially on our spring workday (Saturday, April 27) and our fall workday (not yet scheduled).

For more information, visit [www.campjudson.com](http://www.campjudson.com) or call the camp office at (814) 922-3834.

## We Want Your Camp Stories and Family Pictures!

You may have heard that we are **collecting pictures of multi-generational Judson families** (we still are!). We are collecting **stories and old pictures from Judson and Camp Corbley and Camp Laurel Highlands** (the camps from where we find our roots).

If you have **memories of Judson, Corbley, or Laurel Highlands**, we would love to hear your stories and scan your pictures so that we can remember and share the rich heritage of faith that God has woven together through Judson and its predecessor camps.

We would like to use these pictures and stories both here at Camp Judson and in the Judson Journal to remember and celebrate what God has done through each of these ministries.

So tell us what you remember about camp, or as you gather as a family around the holidays this year, **take a picture** or as you take time to reflect this Christmas season, **write down what you remember** about your time at Judson, Corbley, or Laurel Highlands, and send it to us at :

Camp Judson  
398 Holliday Road  
North Springfield, PA 16430  
Or  
[judson@campjudson.com](mailto:judson@campjudson.com)

Be sure to include the **names, approximate years at Judson, and how they are connected to camp** (i.e. camper, staff, volunteer, director, board member, etc.)!

## Summer Camp 2013 Schedule and Rates

		<i>First-Time Camper</i>	<i>Invite A Friend</i>	<i>Early Bird</i>	<i>No Discount</i>
<b>Mini Camps (Entering Grades 2-3 in September 2013)</b>					
June 16-19	Mini 1	\$ 130.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 180.00
June 19-22	Mini 2	\$ 130.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 180.00
June 30-July 3	Mini 3	\$ 130.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 180.00
July 21-24	Mini 4	\$ 130.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 180.00
July 24-27	Mini 5	\$ 130.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 180.00
<b>Junior Camps (Entering Grades 4-5-6 in September 2013)</b>					
June 16-22	Junior 1	\$ 240.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 340.00
June 23-29	Junior 2	\$ 240.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 340.00
July 28-August 3	Junior 3	\$ 240.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 340.00
June 16-22	Junior Trailblazers	\$ 170.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 270.00
June 30-July 3	Junior Wrangler	\$ 155.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 205.00
<b>Junior High Camps (Entering Grades 7-8 in September 2013)</b>					
June 23-29	Junior High 1	\$ 240.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 340.00
July 21-27	Junior High 2	\$ 240.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 340.00
<b>Senior High Camps (Entering Grades 9-10-11-12 in September 2013)</b>					
July 14-20	Senior High 1	\$ 240.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 340.00
<b>Teen Specialty Camps (Entering Grades 7-8-9-10-11-12 in September 2013)</b>					
June 30-July 3	Summer Blast	\$ 130.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 180.00
July 7-13	Archeology	\$ 240.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 340.00
July 7-13	Arts Alive	\$ 240.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 340.00
July 7-13	Team Sports	\$ 240.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 340.00
July 7-13	Wrangler	\$ 290.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 390.00
July 28-August 3	Trailblazers	\$ 170.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 270.00
<b>Day Camps (Entering Grades K-1-2-3-4 in September 2013)</b>					
June 24-28	Day Camp 1	NA	NA	NA	\$ 110.00
July 29-August 2	Day Camp 2	NA	NA	NA	\$ 110.00

*Each registration is eligible for only one discount. Discounts not available for Day Camp Sessions. No Inflation/Early Bird Discount only available if \$50 deposit is received in the name of the camper prior to December 31, 2012.*

# Looking Ahead to 2013

As you may know, while 2012 has been a year where we have seen our ministry bear fruit in the lives of campers, staff, and retreat guests, it has also been a challenging year financially causing us to end the year with a deficit.

As we look ahead to 2013, we are excited about what God has in store for the Camp Judson ministry. We are excited about doors that are opening to promote our summer camp ministry to families that may have never heard of Judson before, about new possibilities for retreat ministry, and about the fact that our powerful God loves us and is faithful.

## How You Can Help in 2013

Here are three practical ways you can partner with us in ministry to make 2013 the best year Judson has ever seen. You can:

**1—Invite kids and teens to come to camp!** Even if you don't have children that are camp age yourself, you likely have kids around you who would benefit from a week at camp. You may have nieces, nephews, or grandchildren, kids in your church or in your neighborhood. Encourage them to come to Judson this summer! On average, 50% of children and teenagers who go to a Christian summer camp, make a decision about their relationship with Jesus while they are there! Camp is a highly effective way to impact families, churches, and communities with the love of Jesus.

**2— Encourage people to consider having their next retreat or camp at Judson.** From August through May, our facilities are available for rent for churches, youth groups, and men's and women's groups, for school groups, including sports teams and marching bands, and community organizations like scrapbookers, quilters, crafters, and others. We love to share our Judson hospitality with our guests including great food, comfortable accommodations, and our one of a kind environment on beautiful Lake Erie!

**3— Pray for the Camp Judson Ministry.** More than anything else, we need your prayers. We work hard to provide a life-changing camping experience and an excellent retreat facility, and to promote what we offer to as many people and groups as we can, but ultimately our ability to impact lives with the love of Christ, and to draw campers and retreat groups depends on God. Some ideas of how you can pray are listed in each Judson Journal.

As part of this request for prayer, we are seeking to start the new year in a special way, and so we invite you to especially pray for Judson for the first 40 days of 2013 (Jan 1 to Feb 9). Each day, please pray for the following five things:

1) That God would fill each summer camp session to

overflowing with campers,

- 2) That God would fill our calendar to overflowing with retreat and rental groups,
- 3) That God would continue to meet our every need,
- 4) That God would use Camp Judson to share the love of Jesus in a powerful way in 2013, and
- 5) That God would grant the camp board and our managing director with the wisdom, discernment, and courage necessary for leading the ministry of Camp Judson.

One last thing, if you are joining us in praying for Judson in the first 40 days of 2013, could you give us a call (814 922-3834) or send us an e-mail (Judson@campjudson.com) and let us know? We would like to thank you and pray for you too!

We thank God for you, our Camp Judson family. Thank you for all you do to support Camp Judson!

## Ways You Can Pray for Judson

Here are some ways you can pray for the ministry of Camp Judson:

- That God would guide us as we prepare for our Winter Blast youth weekends this winter.
- That God will prepare the hearts of teenagers and youth groups as they prepare to come to Winter Blast.
- That God will send us the rain and snow we need to refill our wells and provide a wintry environment for Winter Blast.
- As summer camp registration opens in January, that God would work in the lives of parents and campers to fill each session of summer camp in 2013.
- That God would be with our summer camp directors as they prepare for their camp session next summer.
- That God would provide discernment as we seek to hire staff and recruit volunteers for summer 2013.
- Praise God for his continual provision and protection of the Camp Judson ministry.
- That God would use Judson to impact the lives of our retreat guests.
- That God would fill our calendar with rental groups and that Judson would continue to impact the lives of all of our guests.
- That Camp Judson would become an increasingly helpful resource for churches throughout Northwestern Pennsylvania.
- For God's wisdom, guidance, and dreams as we pursue God's vision for the growth and development of the Camp Judson ministry.

To join our e-mail prayer team, send a message to judson@campjudson.com. Thanks for praying!

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## Stay Connected!

There are two ways to keep up with what is going on here at Camp Judson. You can find us on Facebook and Twitter.



Search for the Camp Judson page and click "Like"

You can find recent pictures there!

If you have a twitter account, log in and search for CampJudson (one word) and click the follow button. Or follow us directly by visiting:



[www.twitter.com/CampJudson](http://www.twitter.com/CampJudson)

## Need a Place for Your Retreat or Event?

Is your church, youth group, or community organization looking for a place for a retreat? Consider Camp Judson! We offer a beautiful setting, friendly staff, and great food and would love to host you here on the shores of Lake Erie.

Now booking for spring and fall 2013!

## Looking for a Last Minute Christmas Gift?

Call the Camp Judson office at (814) 922-3834 to purchase a gift certificate towards summer camp registration for a camper (and get them an early bird discount!)

The Camp Judson store also has a variety of t-shirts, sweatshirts, and other items that would make a great gift! Call the office for more information.

If you have any questions, comments, or would like to learn more about the ministry of Camp Judson, please contact us through our website: [www.campjudson.com](http://www.campjudson.com)  
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