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Moving Forward with a Master Plan

We have exciting news! On February 22, the Camp Judson Board voted unanimously to accept a proposal from Fletemeyer and Lee (www.flaboulder.com) to develop a master facility plan to guide our development of a year-round camping facility that enable us to better serve campers, retreat guests, churches, and community organizations as well as implement new programs to serve each of these groups. It is estimated that the plan will take nine months to develop.

How we will pay for this: While the development of the plan is estimated to cost about \$40,000, in 2013 we received just over \$20,000 that was designated for long range plan development, and we have applied for capacity building grants from some local foundations for the balance of the funding required to complete the master plan. Please be in prayer for the decisions on these grants.

We have decided that we will only use grants or funds specifically designated for the master plan development. It will not affect registration fees for summer camp or retreats, and these costs will not be passed on to the churches and community organizations who use

Camp Judson for their own programs.

How did we get here/Why do we need to do this? As we remember and celebrate all that God has done over the last 65 years, we are also looking ahead to the future and envisioning how Camp Judson can continue its impact in the years to come, be a good steward by fully utilizing what we have been blessed with, and better serve individuals and churches throughout our region.

To do this, in the Spring of 2011, the Camp Judson board began to engage in a process of prayerful discernment and seeking God for a vision for the future.

We began by clarifying our mission: 1) to assist individuals in taking the next step in relationship to God, 2) foster healthy relationships, and 3) encourage and strengthen local churches.

We then spent time examining our existing programs, evaluated their fit with our mission, and created a long range programming calendar to guide our direction for

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Summer Camp 2014 is Coming!

Summer 2014 marks the 65th summer camping season at Camp Judson. Over those years, thousands of campers and retreat guests have experienced God here along the lakeshore, with many making the decision to follow Jesus, rededicate their lives to Christ, or experiencing God's call to ministry and service to His Kingdom.

We're excited about Summer Camp 2014 and we would love for you to help us fill camp with campers where they can come and experience and celebrate God's love and grace through the power of camp!

First time campers receive a discount of \$100 off a full week camp session or \$50 off a half week camp session. Returning campers who invite a first time camper to come to camp receive a discount of \$50 off a full week camp session or \$25 off a half week camp session.

Campers who register by April 1 will receive a Summer Camp 2014 t-shirt. Don't miss out on Summer

2014! Register by visiting www.campjudson.com or by contacting the office at 814 922-3834 or Judson@campjudson.com to request a brochure.

Summer Staff Hiring and Volunteers

The process of hiring summer staff is underway and March 7 (the application deadline for paid positions) is approaching quickly! Those who are interested in applying should visit www.campjudson.com for a list of available positions (including counselors, waterfront, wranglers, cooks, dishwashers, housekeeping, and maintenance) or to apply online or print an application.

Persons interested in serving as a volunteer staff member for a week or two this summer should also visit the website to view a list of volunteer opportunities (including opportunities as counselors, wranglers, dishwashers, housekeeping, and maintenance) or to complete or print a volunteer application. Volunteer applications are accepted through June, but early applicants get first preference on dates they will volunteer.

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programming. The calendar follows an annual cycle that looks like this: Summer—Camping programs for children, teenagers, and families, Fall—Retreats to provide opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and training for adults, Winter—retreats for teenagers and to strengthen youth groups, Spring—like the fall, retreat opportunities for adults, and supplementing the utilization of our facilities with rental use by churches and community organizations when we are not offering programming.

Next, we took stock of our current facility and made a list of things we needed to address in our pursuit of this vision for programming. We identified needs for:

- 1) a year-round recreation/meeting space that can be used in the colder/wetter/muddier months of the year, as currently the only space we have that can be used for large groups in those months is the dining room of the Mack Dining Hall,
- 2) renovations to the Mack Dining Hall to address the size limitations (it isn't big enough to seat everyone for our largest camps), a lack of storage, and aging siding and windows that face the lake,
- 3) additional retreat housing to accommodate larger retreat groups and/or allow us to combine multiple smaller sized groups together,
- 4) renovation/replacement of our cabins so that they can be flexible enough for use for children/youth as well as families and adults,
- 5) renovation or replacement of our current pool and pool deck for which the concrete is nearing the end of its usable life, and
- 6) examination of our septic, water, gas, and electrical

Rally Day Open House - June 7

You are invited to join us for our Rally Day Open House on Saturday, June 7.

In addition to a picnic lunch—bring your own or buy lunch from the dining hall (\$5 adults, 12 and under \$2.50), activities will include: hayrides, swimming, canoeing, horseback riding, riding the zip line, games, and vespers, an opportunity to meet the 2014 staff, connect with old and new friends, and hear what's happening at Camp Judson.

The day will begin with a 5k run/walk on our trails at 9 am (the cost of the run is \$20), followed by a gathering for worship, introducing the 2014 summer staff, and dedicating the summer to God's glory. After lunch a wide variety of camp activities will be available to choose from (see list above), followed by vespers at the lake.

A registration form for the 5K will be available this spring both in the Judson Journal and on our website.

We are also working to plan additional events to celebrate our 65th year of ministry!

For more information, visit www.campjudson.com.

systems to ensure their adequacy for both our current and future needs.

To best address all these needs, while ensuring that we did not create new issues or make mistakes in design, we decided it was best to identify a consultant with experience working with Christian camps and conference centers in addressing needs like ours.

After talking to several firms, we picked Fletemeyer and Lee to work with us in developing a master plan for our facilities that ensure that we have identified the best solutions to these needs, will help us present this vision to our partners and supporters, and provide us with the real cost of addressing these needs as we seek to fully pursue the vision of year-round camp and conference ministry here at Camp Judson.

The camp board invites you to join us in prayer as we step out in faith believing that God's resources are far greater than the limits of our imagination and asking God to bring this vision for year-round camp and conference ministry at Judson into reality.

Camp Judson Wish List

Here are some items that would be helpful to receive as donations for Summer Camp:

For the store:

All candy and snack items must be individually wrapped for resale. Please check expiration dates as we cannot use items that expire June 2014 or sooner.

Hershey Bars	Reese's PB Cups
Mars	3 Musketeers
Butterfinger	Mounds
M& M's- plain, peanut, or peanut butter	
Reese's Pieces	Cow Tails
Snicker's	Air Heads
Nerds	Laffy Taffy
Twizzlers	

Cases of individual size bags of chips, pretzels, combos, fruit snacks, or trail mix.

Please no gum. Also, we have plenty of craft items, pens, pencils, toothpaste, & combs.

Batteries- size AA
Small bottles of sunscreen
Disposable Cameras
Small tablets (for boys)
Stamps- both regular & postcard
Small bottles of bug repellent

For the Office

A durable Folding Machine that can fold letters
Copy Paper
Post-It Notes
Binders
Business size envelopes
Pens

Thank you for your time and help!!

Judson News and Needs

Join Us for Monthly Volunteer Days

Volunteers are invited to join us for monthly work days! We will be working on a variety of projects on March 5, April 2, and May 7 (all dates are Wednesdays). We'll provide lunch, and even a place to stay overnight to save you from driving too early in the morning, so come and join us for some fun and fellowship!

Additionally, our annual Spring Workday is one week later this year, on Saturday, May 3. We will have lots to do to get ready for Summer Camp and would love to have you join us as we work on a variety of outdoor and indoor projects. Once again, we'll provide you with lunch and a place to stay on Friday night if you don't want to make the drive on Saturday morning.

If you would like to help out, please call (814) 922-3834 or e-mail judson@campjudson.com so that we know that you will be joining us!

Celebrate 65 Years of Ministry With Us!

2014 marks 65 years of ministry for Camp Judson and we would love for you to help us prepare for the celebration!

Here are three ways you can help:

1. We have lots of camp pictures, but we would love to collect some more. We would love to receive at least one picture (in digital or print form) from every year of Judson's ministry (from 1949 to present). If you have one you would like to give us, you can mail or e-mail it to our office. Please include your name and the approximate year of the picture.
2. We are recruiting a team of people to help us plan a celebration event. If you would like to be a part of this team (or you know someone who should be), call or e-mail us to let us know.
3. Please pray for us as we prepare to celebrate and that we would reconnect with past campers, staff, families, and friends, and that God would encourage, inspire, and challenge each of us as we celebrate what God has done through Judson in the last 65 years.

Investing in the Future

Does Camp Judson hold special meaning to you?

Whatever reason it is for you, you can play a special role in growing and sustaining the Camp Judson ministry into the future and impacting future generations by making a legacy gift. You can do this by including Camp Judson in your will or through some other method of planned giving.

To learn more about possibilities for making such a gift, contact Judson at (814) 922-3834 or speak to your lawyer or financial professional.

A New Truck!

In our last newsletter, we wrote of our need for a new truck to use for snowplowing in the winter. We are pleased to say that we found a truck including a V-plow that suits our needs at Humes Chrysler in Waterford. They were willing to give us a 25% discount because of our non-profit status!

Additionally, our salesman, Sean Siiva, has offered to donate \$50 to Camp Judson or the church of your choice on behalf of anyone who purchases a car from him at Humes Chrysler on Route 19 in Waterford.

Pray for Judson

Here are some ideas to guide you in praying for the ministry of Camp Judson:

- Praise God for 65 years of ministry here at Judson!
- Praise God for the volunteers who have given their time and talent to help prepare Judson for the winter months.
- Praise God for his continued provision and protection and pray that God would continue to provide for our every need.
- Praise God for providing a new truck!
- That God would lead campers to register for Summer Camp and that God would guide us as we hire our summer staff and recruit volunteers.
- That God would continue to fill our calendar with retreat groups and bless them during their time here.
- That God would help us meet the \$50K goal of our Every Kid to Camp scholarship campaign to help children and teenagers in financial need attend camp next summer.
- That God would bring His vision for ministry through Camp Judson to fulfillment. (for more information visit www.campjudson.com)
- That Camp Judson would become an increasingly effective support and resource for churches throughout Northwestern Pennsylvania as well as our surrounding community and region.
- For our board and Fletemeyer and Lee as we begin work on a master facility plan to serve the growth of the Camp Judson ministry.
- That God would lay the groundwork for the upcoming capital campaign to fund the improvements laid out in the master facility plan.
- That God would provide our board and leadership with discernment and wisdom as they lead the Judson ministry.

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

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Spring Scrapbook Weekend March 14-16, 2014

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Celebrating 65 Years in 2014!

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