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Thanks for a Great Summer 2014!

Summer has come to a close and we are excited to tell you that we had a great summer here at Camp Judson!

571 campers participated in summer camp this year, which is a 5% increase over last year. Additionally, 46% of our campers attended Judson for the first time!

Best of all, 296 campers (52%) made some sort of spiritual decision while they were here at camp! 46 campers made first time commitments to Jesus, 9 recommitted their lives to Christ, while the rest made commitments to increased prayer and/or Bible reading, church participation, or to make a specific change in their life.

We are grateful to God for a great staff and wonderful volunteer counselors, support staff, directors, nurses, and store staff who helped to make summer 2014 a memorable one.

Please continue to pray for our campers, staff, and volunteers in the weeks and months to come,



that God would continue to cultivate the seeds that were planted here at Judson this summer, and for Summer 2015 as planning has already begun!

Early registration for Summer Camp 2015 will open in October! Watch for information in the mail, on our website, and through social media.

Stay Connected through Social Media!

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Search for the Camp Judson page and click "Like" to view the latest updates and photos in your news-feed!

Search for CampJudson (one word) and click the follow button. Or follow us directly by visiting:

www.twitter.com/CampJudson

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For pictures from Summer Camp 2014, visit our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/CampJudson>



Judson Again Receives Over 23K Through Erie Gives



Once again this year, Camp Judson was a participant in Erie Gives, and once again we were amazed by God's provision and the generosity of our friends and supporters.

At the time of printing this newsletter, we do not have an official total or know the amount of matching funds we will receive, but our preliminary total of donations to Camp Judson was \$21,580 from 134 donors in just one day! We expect that with matching funds, we will receive roughly \$23,000 from Erie Gives again this year!

Overall this year, Erie Gives raised over \$2.2 million for Erie area non-profits (before the \$200k in matching funds)! Judson ranked 23rd out of 300+ participating non profits in the total amount received

and 15th in the number of donors giving to an organization!

These gifts will go a long way in helping us to keep camp affordable for families as well as to provide scholarship assistance to those who need it.

Thank you for helping us to ensure that children and teenagers are able to attend camp regardless of their family's financial situation!

See inside for information about:

Fall Workday	Oct 18
Steelhead Fishing Weekend	Oct 31-Nov 2
Fall Scrapbooking Weekend	Nov 14-16
Winter Blast Youth Weekend #1	Jan 23-25
Winter Blast Youth Weekend #2	Jan 30-Feb 1
Winter Blast Youth Weekend #3	Feb 6-8 - if needed

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 by e-mail: judson@campjudson.com by phone: (814) 922-3834 or fax: (814) 474-6016, or write to: Camp Judson, 398 Holliday Rd., North Springfield, PA 16430-1208

Master Plan Update: You Can Help!

The process of creating our Facility Master Plan has begun!

We have provided our chosen consulting firm, Fletemeyer and Lee (<http://www.flaboulder.com>), with detailed maps of our property, an explanation of our vision for the future, and a list of some of the challenges we face in our current facilities.

Additionally, two consultants from the firm spent three days at Camp Judson this summer to gain a hands on perspective on the camp property, current facilities, and needs.

As a part of helping them to both better understand our needs and recommend solutions, we are conducting an online survey of our Judson family using our website, www.campjudson.com.

To participate, simply visit our website and follow the link for the survey.

The total cost of the planning process is estimated to cost about \$40,000, of which we have received \$35,000 in donations and grants designated specifically for the development of the Facility Master Plan which is expected to be completed sometime this winter.

Please continue to pray for this process and all those involved, as well as for God to supply the remaining funds necessary for the completion of the plan.

Save Money on Your Electric or Gas Bill AND Support Judson!

If you pay an electric or gas bill each month, you have an opportunity to save money AND support Camp Judson through Ambit Energy.

Ambit guarantees up to an annual 3% savings against the rate to compare for residential customers. Additionally, each customer who joins Ambit through Camp Judson, Camp Judson receives up to \$9 per month (depending on usage) with no additional cost to the customer!

For more information, call David White at 814-397-3740 or visit www.campjudson.joinambit.com.

Investing in the Future

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.

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 an amazing summer, for the campers who have made decisions about their relationship with Christ and pray for the seeds that were planted this summer!
- Praise God for his continued provision and protection and pray that God would continue to provide for our every need—financial, volunteers, staffing, safety, etc.
- That God would help us meet our goal of \$50K for our 2014 Every Kid to Camp Scholarship Fund to help children and teenagers attend camp (over 170 campers received assistance through Every Kid to Camp this summer!).
- For each retreat group that is preparing to come to Judson this fall, and that God would continue to fill our calendar with retreat groups.
- That God would bring His vision for ministry through Camp Judson to fulfillment.
- For our board and the consulting firm of Fletemeyer and Lee as we work together to develop a facility master 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 facility master plan.
- That Camp Judson would become an increasingly helpful resource for churches throughout Northwestern Pennsylvania as well as our surrounding community and region.
- That God would provide our board and leadership with discernment and wisdom as they lead the Judson ministry.

Camp Judson Wish List

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

Batteries- size AA or AAA
Stamps (regular postage)
8 1/2" x 11" Copy Paper
11" x 17" Copy Paper
Post-It Notes
Kleenex

Thank you for your time and help!!

Join Us for a Retreat This Fall or Winter!

We are excited to offer five retreats this Fall and Winter. We hope that you, or even individuals or groups from your church would consider joining us! Additional information and brochures for each retreat will be available through the mail and at www.campjudson.com in early September. Hope to see you there!

Steelhead Fishing Weekend Oct 31-Nov 2

Cost \$90

Do you love to fish? Join us for a weekend fishing for Steelhead during one of the best fishing weekends of the year. There will be lots of time to fish as well as time for fellowship and perfecting your craft. All meals provided (including a packed lunch to take while fishing!). Devotions will be led by Rev. Rick Hill of First Baptist Lancaster.

Fall Scrapbooking Weekend November 14-16

Cost \$90

Join us and bring a friend for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and lots of time to scrapbook! Space is limited, so register early!

Volunteers Needed This Fall!

We are looking for volunteers to assist us this fall in getting camp ready for the winter and to begin to prepare for some of our maintenance and grounds needs for next year.

Saturday, October 19, will be our fall workday to winterize cabins and take care of a variety of other maintenance projects. We will begin at 9 am and will serve lunch for our volunteers. If you plan to participate, please let us know so that we can make arrangements for lunch.

Additionally, we are inviting volunteers to join us on the first Thursday of the month through the fall to work on maintenance projects and needs that arise through the fall months. We will begin each day at 9 am at the camp office and we will provide lunch for volunteers. The dates for the fall will be September 4, October 2, and November 6.

If you would like to come and volunteer on a day other than those listed above, please let us know, and we would be happy to make arrangements for you (and even your group) to come and serve at a time that is more convenient for you.

Thank you for your assistance!

Winter Blast Youth Weekend

#1 January 23-25

#2 January 30 - February 1

#3 February 6-8 (if needed)

Cost \$90 for students

\$50 for youth pastors/leaders/volunteers

Want the experience of a youth retreat for your teens without all the work of planning and preparation?

Youth groups and their adult leaders love Winter Blast! Plan on joining us for a winter retreat for you and your youth group where we take care of all the planning, speaking, worship leading, meals, and activities, and all youth leaders need to do is to bring their youth and spend the weekend with them.

We are in the process of selecting speakers and worship leaders for each weekend, more information will be available soon!

Come Help Judson at the Albion Fair!

Each year, Camp Judson has a promotional booth at the Albion Area Fair. If you are passionate about Judson and love a fair atmosphere, we would love to have you help staff our booth for a 2 hour shift between September 9—13.

To volunteer or get more information, contact the camp office. For more information about the Albion Area Fair, visit www.albionfair.com.

Reserve Your 65th Anniversary Commemorative Book

In celebration of 65 years of ministry here at Camp Judson, we are publishing a commemorative book to tell the story of what God has done through Judson over the last 65 years.

The book is being put together by Relative Writings (www.relativewritings.com), and will be full color. Each copy will cost \$20. To reserve your copy (no money needed at this time), please contact the camp office.