



Camp Baldwin News

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Impacting Lives For Christ . . .

It has been some time since the last newsletter came off the press, but it's never too late to let our brothers and sisters in Christ know about how God is working at Camp Baldwin. This time of year, there is an air of excitement as well as anticipation as summer time approaches. The staff is busily preparing for what we believe will be the best summer camp season we have ever had. Buildings are being prepared; the grounds are being beautified; the recreation and activity sites are being set up. And we know that there is that same air of anticipation in the churches as they prepare to come to the most beautiful place God has created on Wolf Bay.

It has been and always will be the goal of Camp Baldwin to provide an environment for evangelism and discipleship in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. And through the programs you develop for your campers, we pray that lives will be changed forever and that decisions will be made that will eternally direct their future. We pray that our facilities and activities will allow you to focus on your programs. It is our most earnest desire that there be no detractions or distractions from what could be the most important week of a camper's life.

Sometimes there is the question about the economy and how it has affected Camp Baldwin. The question should be, "How has God blessed Camp Baldwin through these times?" The answer is that God has blessed us many times over and continues to do that every day. He has blessed us with facility improvements, additional activities and generous donations from camp supporters. He has blessed our staff with good health and new energy each day to accomplish the work He has set before us. He has blessed you, the churches, to have the desire to bring campers closer to God and to have the means to do it. GOD IS GOOD!!!!

So, how is Camp Baldwin? It is still beautiful and our facilities are great but most of all, we are excited and anxiously awaiting for God to work in a mighty and powerful way this summer.

Other news from around the camp. . .

Last year began with the addition of a new Environmental Education Program called Estuary Life. Our mission is to provide an environment for learning about God's creation through science and natural history using our estuary system in and around Wolf Bay. The program offers hands on inquiry-based experiences to enhance character education and earth stewardship.

God knew just the right person to head this program. Rusty Davidson, longtime resident of Baldwin County and founder of Compass Ministries was just that person. Rusty's knowledge of our estuaries and his love of our Savior contributes to this faith-based outdoor adventure.

Groups not only discover our creation but enjoy the beauty of the camp and Wolf Bay. Some classes are taught from the Cyrus E. King, a 65 ft. sailboat housed at Camp

Baldwin's pier. Students from Alabama, Florida and even as far as Wisconsin have participated in the Estuary Life Program.

Classes can be customized for a 1 day class on up to a 5 day program.



In addition, individuals or groups may plan a sailing trip and enjoy the bay through Compass Ministries. CM also offers sailing camps while highly trained Christian teachers and instructors mentor students through waterfront and marine activities.



For further information, please contact Rusty at 251.752.0367 or email:

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Volunteers . . .

Our winter season wouldn't be complete without the arrival of our Volunteers. Whether it be SOWERS, Campers on Mission, Baptist Builders or individuals, they have one thing in common and that is to serve our Lord. They all come with willing hearts and multiple talents ready to start work on whatever projects are needed.

Recent projects completed include a new conference room in Magnolia Lodge, a screened porch to the staff double-wide mobile home, a ramp to the Discovery Center, additional meeting rooms, recreational activities and many other projects. Sewing, painting, deep cleaning, laundry, housekeeping and craft items for the camp store are just a few of the projects that the ladies worked on.

Individual volunteers bless us in many capacities of service. What began as a trip to make a promotional video for the camp turned into the completion of a very much needed project. James and Brenda Tubbs, Prayer Mobilizers with The Mission Service Corps of The State Board of Missions, spent all summer with us. James designed and implemented a reservation database program that has been beneficial to all the staff and to the operations of the camp. They also served in other area such as dining hall, office and house-keeping. We're looking forward to James and Brenda coming back this summer.

Joe Barnett, TN, Rusti and Allen Kallem, MN,

John Bowen, AL and Paul Miller, MI are just a few of our regular volunteers who continue to bless this ministry year after year. Rus and Mary Alice Golden, Iowa, have been coming for over 11 years. Rus is our Volunteer Coordinator and oversees projects.

God continues to pour out his blessings through so many. We appreciate all of our volunteers and all that they so generously do for this camp ministry. Please remember all of these people as they travel and serve.

Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Mark your calendars for Summer 2011:

RA and GA Camp: May 30 - June 3

Mom and Me Camp: May 31 - June 1

Mission Friends Day: June 1

BBA Youth Camp: June 13-17

Blessings of Gifts . . .

The staff and camp committee wish to thank the many churches for giving to our capital fund this year. There have also been many individuals who have made monetary donations as well as material items. We appreciate all of you and your spirit of giving.

+ Donations made to Camp Baldwin are tax deductible +

Prayer Requests:

Summer Groups

CB Full time Camp Staff

Volunteers

Summer Staff:

Michael Nelson, Camp Pastor*
Alex Stout, Elberta
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Amber Powers, Summerdale
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Catherine Banning, Bay Minette
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Daniel Lovette, Foley*
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Sarah Hill, Semmes, AL
Sarah Tate, Fairhope
Stephen Tindal, Bon Secour
Steve* and Toni Bennett, Gulf Shores
Thomas Moore, Fairhope
Tiffany Nabors, Stapleton*
Ty Peterson, Robertsdale*
Will Scanland, Daphne

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Coming Soon.....

The Camp Committee is putting on the final touches to our Long Range Planning. Please pray for wisdom and direction for these dedicated men as they seek God's will for this camp ministry and facility. We plan to share this in our next Newsletter.



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