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Summer is in Full Swing by Howard Moss, Executive Director

The excitement of summer camp can be felt in the beginning of each week as new faces emerge on campus with high expectations to see old friends, make new friends, and enjoy the fellowship of a Christian camp. You can hear the worship singing and clapping from the campers at Cedar Chapel each morning as campers explore the scriptures and the lesson for the day. Throughout the day campers look forward to a variety of activities that test their knowledge, creativity, courage, patience, and sometimes their stamina. This year we have added a new activity properly named "The Giant Swing". We offer a variety of activities that will suit most campers and challenge them in many different ways. From canoeing and kayaking, horse back riding, miniature golf, street hockey, swimming, gaga, fishing, soccer, archery, climbing wall, zip line, challenge course, human foosball, and now "The Giant Swing". Tel Hai Camp contracts with "The Summit" to update design, train personnel, and certify for safe usage (annually) – our challenge course, zip line, climbing wall, and giant swing. All of these activities allow our campers to challenge themselves, develop skills to work in teams, to build confidence in their abilities to try something new, while participating in these professionally designed activities. After all the excitement, campers can relax and fellowship at the new "Fellowship Swing" across from Hemlock Hall. This swing provides the camper an opportunity to reflect on the day or fellowship in small groups. The next time you book a retreat and select team activity – check out the Giant Swing for a highflying ride then experience the relaxation of a porch swing as the day winds down. Tel Hai Camp & Retreat is in full swing this summer.



COMING EVENTS

SAVE THESE DATES!

September 14
Spaghetti Supper

October 23
Membership Dinner

November 22
27th Turkey Bowl

April 22, 2019
Spring Celebration
Banquet

May 11, 2019
Work Day

May 17-19, 2019
Mother Daughter
Spring Getaway

June 6, 2019
Golf Tournament

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If you have visited camp this summer, you may have noticed some of the changes that have and continue to take place around the camp. Part of our plans this year has been to revive some of the existing infrastructure and we have updated our garbage cans and added new benches (donated by Towerville Christian Church) around the camp. Next we moved to the dining hall and replaced our aging chairs through the "One Chair at a time Campaign" we ran over the winter months. We bought 168 chairs that are stackable, lightweight, easily cleaned, and are very resilient. We moved to the kitchen area and replaced some failing appliances to include our commercial steamer. Not long after the steamer was installed, our convection oven failed and it was determined that the repairs would be too costly with no guarantee. We found a good buy locally and had it installed and operational within a couple of days. Then we worked on building the new swings – "The Fellowship Swing" and the "Giant Swing". Finally, we are excited about this fall as we begin to prepare for the delivery of two new cabins from Lancaster Log Cabins. These cabins will be replacing two of the original cabins – Walnut and Maple. The cabins will sleep 14 campers each, have two bathrooms and showers in each – and will have a 12 foot covered porch. Other accomplishments this summer included repainting all the propane tanks and covering the BB's Gun Platform due to rainy days. All of these improvements were made possible by our donors in support of the ministry.

Faith's Journey

Partnerships have been a common theme that we have intentionally chosen because there is very little that we can do alone successfully. Whether it is in our own "faith journey", raising a family, developing experience on the job, or offering services here at Tel Hai Camp & Retreat. Throughout this summer we have strived to work closer with the summer Camp Leaders to ensure they have the quality experience and facilities to convey the message of Jesus Christ. During these seasons we understand that groups like to walk the camp for a peaceful interlude or just sit in small groups and fellowship. We provide a campus that allows this to occur by offering trails and gathering places while striving to meet our mission statement "to encourage all to be followers of Jesus Christ and to provide a special place where people can meet with God and God can meet with people". This summer we have had many campers accept Christ as their Lord and Savior and we share this good news with our staff to let them know that they are making a difference in our ministry. Recently, one of our Camp Leaders shared a letter with us from one of their counselors. Here is an excerpt from that letter - "..... I know I am here to counsel the girls and I have doing so by the power and touch of God and in turn I have been counseled by them and the other counselors as well. I cannot explain to you what this camp has done for me, but I know it has changed my life. I fully know that it was in God's perfect plan for me to be here.....". We take no credit for her faith journey but only give thanks to the Lord that we can partner with camps to provide the surroundings and the venue where people can grow and experience God.



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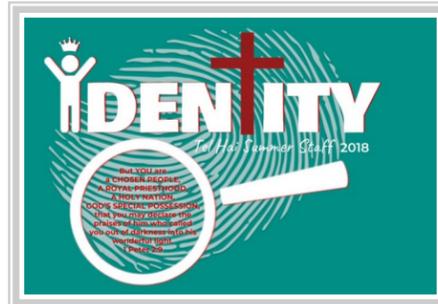
BOOKKEEPING

Carrie Newitt

Summer Staff thank you.



The Lord blessed us with a wonderful team this year. Thank you all for your service this summer.



GIVING: How can I help?

Your donations to the Camp helps us maintain our daily operations but also helps us refresh our facilities and programs. General donations allows us to use the funds where most needed whereas donations marked as Capital Campaign are designated for our Building Projects (New Cabins, New Recreational Activities). Both categories are needed. **Will you help us?** Ultimately this renewal of the Camp will posture us to continue our legacy of "God's Place with you in mind". We want many more people to join us here and experience excitement in our Lord and Savior. Contact us (admin@telhaicamp.org) for more information on our plans. Blessings.



Mary Elvin

We welcome Mary Elvin to our staff as an intern supporting us as our Guest Coordinator. Mary is currently on a teacher's sabbatical while working on a graduate certification and will be assisting the staff with a variety of tasks over the next year. We are grateful for her decision to come along side with our ministry at Tel Hai Camp.

Welcome to the Team

WISH LIST

- We would like a USED Golf Cart for the campus.
- We are in need of two more kayaks due to the increased size of our Home School programs
- Volunteers, willing to be trained to help on the zip line, challenge course, rock climbing wall and the Giant Swing.
- Volunteers to help in the kitchen on Saturdays and Sundays during retreat season—Sept to May.
- We are in need of a portable sound systems with mixer for Cedar Chapel.

If you can provide any of these items or services, please contact the Tel Hai Camp office by phone (610-273-3969) or e-mail (admin@telhaicamp.org). **Thanks**

Visit our website @ www.telhaicamp.org

BETWEEN the LINES

Bruce Gregory — Program Director

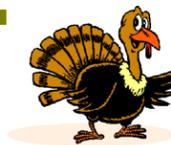
By Mary Elvin and Bruce Gregory

Challenging, fun, exciting, full of joy, yet tiring. These are just some of the words that staffers use to describe a summer of being on summer staff. Being a team member of Tel Hai Camp summer staff is a position that many young people have filled over the years. Each summer the summer staff personality is unique and different. And yet, each summer it is a pleasure to see young people grow and change as they become more confident in themselves and confident in who they are in Jesus. This year's theme was "Identity" and as a summer team we explored and studied who we are in Christ. The theme verse that we focused on was 1 Peter 2:9 - **"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."** Growing in our Identity included spending time together each morning sharing devotions, as well as spending our evening times hearing encouraging messages from special visitors who brought us words of wisdom to help us grow in who we are in Christ. In addition, as staff, we met weekly as guys and gals to study the foundations of faith such as humility, salvation, and truth vs. lies that helped us know The Lord in a closer way. At other times throughout our weeks together we spent many moments enjoying each other's company sharing lots of laughs and making many memories which help build the foundation of Christ likeness in each of our lives. As a result, we have created friendships that will last long into eternity.

When thinking back over the summer with some of the staffers their remarks included thoughts such a "I learned that the Lord is with me and He loves me. So I know I don't have to be afraid." Another staffer said, "I learned new skills, how to work well with kids, and that I have a creative brain." A couple of activity staff members reflected on the idea that "you learn a lot about yourself by serving on summer staff and are given many opportunities to grow in the Lord." In addition, "being on summer staff let's you safely step out of your comfort zone while giving a spiritual emphasis." Every week it was evident that our summer staff loved working with the campers and each other, getting to know them, watching them grow and develop. As one summer staffer accurately said, "I loved making an impact on others lives!"

Summer staff positions are ones where each person comes in as an individual, quickly become friends, and leave as family. This summer, as like most summers many of the summer staffers departed from camp eager to return to school or begin the next chapter of their life, yet grateful for having spent time at Tel Hai Camp - a special place where people meet with God and God meets with people.

27th Annual 5k Turkey Bowl Race



Save the Date!

Tel Hai Turkey Bowl Races 2018

- **Thanksgiving Day - November 22, 2018**
- 1 Mile Children's Fun Run - 9:10 a.m.
- 5k Race - 9:40 a.m.
- Chip Timing for 5k Race
- Online Registration available - telhaicamp.org
- Honey Brook PA - 610-273-3969
- Race t-shirts for Registered Runners
- Refreshment and awards after the race!



Our mission is to encourage all to be followers of Jesus Christ and to provide a special place where people can meet with God and God can meet with people.