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The SMBC Echo is Back!

By Mark Williams

It is vitally important to the camp to keep those who love SMBC informed about all the wonderful things that are happening. It is evident that the camp is moving forward again. Now more than ever, we need your support.

In this newsletter we have included a lot of information about camp. It includes last year's statistics, a little information about the camp, the schedule for summer camp, and future plans for the camp. We request that you print it out, and take it to your home congregation. Have it read (or portions of it) to your church. Read it to your youth group. Post it on the bulletin board. Start talking about summer camp now!

I think you would agree that one of the biggest needs, as listed in the brochure, is the need for a new boy's cabin. The board of directors has been working on plans for the new cabin and has decided on a cabin that would sleep 40 boys and their counselors. We are making plans to break ground this Winter and set up a page on the website so you can watch the progress of the cabin construction.

We have raised ~\$40,000 for the new boy's cabin. We need ~\$40,000 more to have the funds needed to pay for the cabin. There are ~40 different

churches that use camp's facilities. If each congregation would contribute \$1000, we can build the cabin. If only 20 congregations give \$2000, we can build the cabin. This edition of the echo will reach ~1400 people. If each person would donate just \$30, we can build the cabin. The cabin is not far out of our reach, but we need your help. Please discuss this with your family and with your congregation. We would like to ask you to send a donation by 1/30/2009 to the camp's address as shown above.

The impact to young people in this area is immeasurable, and as you can see in the brochure, we are converting many to Christ through baptism. We want this great work to grow. God Bless you for your generosity.

The Little Children

By Johnny O. Trail

Jesus said in Matthew 19.14 "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." The innocence of a child is a symbol of what the kingdom of God is like. Children want to grow up fast, but we should always encourage them to be little and innocent for as long as possible.

In part, this is what is so appealing about Short Mountain Bible Camp—it gives everyone an opportunity to be away from the world and experience the



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innocence of a child. The camp rules do not allow for any outside worldly influences such as iPods, DVD players, or even CD players. This is so we can focus on God and His word without any of the distractions of modern life.

God desires innocence in the lives of all of His children—not just the small ones. When one is innocent, he is free from guilt and blame. This is what grace teaches one who is a child of God (Titus 2.11-12).

We are looking forward to another year of “innocence” at the Bible camp. Many young people chose to obey the gospel at Short Mountain. Perhaps some of you reading this article were put into Christ by baptism during a summer at the Bible camp. Over the last few years, several hundred people have been baptized at camp, thus it is one of the best domestic missions in Middle Tennessee.

A Note from Jerry and Penny Nash

We are excited about all the great things happening at camp. We are looking forward to the 2009 camping season and looking forward to seeing each of you this summer. But we don't necessarily want to wait that long. It takes a tremendous amount of effort to prepare camp and we can't do it alone. As in

years past, we need help in preparing camp for the summer season. If you, your youth group, or congregation would like to help get camp ready, please contact us to set up a time when you could come and help.

A Message from the President of the Board of Directors

By Steve Lynn

What a blessing to have the Echo going again. The board of directors would like to say thank you to everyone that has a part in SMBC. No matter what part you have played, small or large, it has been an important part. The Lord has blessed each one of us with a place to build lifelong friends and memories. As you know we are moving forward at SMBC and hope each of you will be a part of this growth. When you find yourself with spare time on your hands, please give Jerry Nash a call, and he can find something you can do. In closing I would like to say thank you to each of the board members. It has been my pleasure to serve with you. I look forward to many more years of service and growth at SMBC. Happy Camping!



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2009 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

May 31–June 5	Maury County 1
June 7–12	Maury County 2
June 14–19	Tusculum
June 21–26	Putnam County
June 28–July 3	West Nashville
July 5–10	Una
July 12–17	Cannon County
July 19-24	Coffee County
July 26-31	Warren/White County

The cost for camp will be the same as last year, \$150 per camper, one of the lowest rates in the state of Tennessee.

The website www.shortmountaincamp.org was updated on 1/1/09 for you to register for this summer's camping season.

2008 STATISTICS

1660 campers and staff attended summer camp in 2008. 31 souls were added to the Lord's church through baptism in addition to many who rededicated their lives to Christ publicly during camp.

FUTURE PLANS

The Board of Directors is always looking to fill the needs of the camp. As was previously mentioned, the plans for a New Boy's Cabin are being developed to have the new cabin ready for the 2009 camping

season. As many of you saw last year, a New Worship facility is under construction.

Many of you may not know that the water for camp comes from a spring on the mountain that is pumped to the camp and treated to meet State guidelines for water purity. We are constantly making Water System Upgrades to meet the rigorous standards required.

HELP IS NEEDED

Short Mountain Bible Camp is a not-for-profit organization that is funded solely by camp fees, church support, and individual donations. The increase in costs that you incur at your home are also increasing for the camp. Insurance, food prices, energy prices, and the costs for supplies to maintain the camp are ever on the increase.

We are able to provide a week of camp for less than most other camps in our area and still are able to make preparations to expand and improve our facilities. ~66% of the revenue for camp comes from camper fees. ~12% of the revenue comes from church support. We were able to keep the same camp fees this year but we need more church support to reduce the impact of these rising costs. Many say they would like to see better facilities at our camp and so would we. We need your and your home congregation's support to do this.