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The Hilltop Holler



Well, the grass has stopped growing, the leaves on the trees have exploded into a thousand colors and are now nearly gone, and we are grateful as we watch the season begin to change yet again. In true Ephesians 3:20 character, God blessed our fall events abundantly above all that we could ask or think, and we give Him the glory for allowing us to begin our ministry and outreach again after a very quiet summer. Our Young Adults Retreat and Father/Son Retreat were an encouragement to staff as well as campers, as we enjoyed just having people around the ridge again! Dr. Dean Kurtz challenged our young adults with his wisdom on what he would tell his young adult self to do to gain a clearer “2020 vision.” Dr. Daniel Anderson, president of Appalachian Bible College in West Virginia, encouraged fathers and sons to dedicate their daily lives to “go hunting” for God. We were thankful to have several volunteers here throughout October and for our Fall Work Weekend as well, and they were instrumental in helping us to get the camp cleaned up and winterized in preparation for our classic Wisconsin winters! Although we may be settling in and hunkering down when the snow flies, the work at camp never stops as we look forward and plan ahead for our next events and for camp next summer. Please join us in prayer that God would work in a mighty way during those times, especially after the cancellations this year held. We serve a God who does marvelous works!

Pray for Trail Ridge

- For our staff as we continue with general upkeep and maintenance during the winter months.
- For safety and good health for our camp staff.
- That the summer of 2021 would be especially blessed following the cancellation of this year’s summer camps.
- For our fellow camps that have experienced setbacks due to government restrictions and health concerns this summer.
- For God to provide able and godly counselors for next summer.

2021 UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 22-23: Teen Winter Tumble
 - February 12: Sweethearts Banquet
 - March 5: Bible Trivia Night
 - March 12: Family Film Friday
 - May 14-16: Mother/Daughter Retreat
- Stay tuned for more!**

FALL RETREAT SNAPSHOTS



Young Adults Retreat



Father/Son Retreat



A Word from the Director

With some of the last autumn leaves still grasping tightly to their host, the mercury finding a comfortable spot nearer the bottom of the thermometer and the occasional “chance of snow” in the weather forecast, we’re well aware of the approaching winter months.

Though many of us have had more time at our disposal than “normal” years, let’s not forget to take some of that spare time this fall and early winter to be still and know the He is God. Whether it’s while waiting in line with a shopping cart full of groceries for your Thanksgiving feast, sitting in a deer blind waiting for your next opportunity or taking an autumn hike with your family, take some time to reflect on the goodness of God. We can get quite distracted with the political goings-on, preparations for family gatherings and the calendar ever-so-full of things to do that we neglect to truly rest and be still. What does it mean to “know that He is God?” It’s a call to remember God’s character. Who is God? The reader would greatly benefit from an exercise in writing down the attributes of God and spending time reflecting on how those attributes have been displayed to them personally. That activity coupled with a time of prayer—thanking God for who He is will ensure a blessed time of being still and knowing He is God. Let me encourage you to not just take the time for this, but to make the time.

Our prayer is that you have a blessed fall/winter season finding rest while reflecting on God’s goodness!

- Aaron Schneider,
Camp Director



VOLUNTEER AT CAMP

You may wonder, “what’s there to do in the winter at camp?” While it’s true that things like mowing and trail clearing aren’t necessary, there are still many things to do here at Trail Ridge! Deep cleaning, cabin interior remodeling, organization, and more will fill up our time this winter - and we can always use your help. You may also want to start thinking about volunteering for camp next summer! Housekeeping, grounds crew, kitchen help, and camp nurse are all roles that we have to fill each week in order to keep camp running efficiently and smoothly. Can’t make it for an entire week of summer camp? Our day and weekend events also are in need of volunteers for kitchen help, activities assistants, and housekeeping. Whether you’re wanting to fill a ministry need, be a light to the campers, see just how things work behind the scenes at camp, or all of the above, we would love to have you at Trail Ridge. Visit www.TrailRidge.org to fill out an application, or call the office at 608-489-3810 for more information.

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