

SUMMER 2020

The Hilltop Holler



We hope this Holler finds you safe and well, and enjoying the warmer summer weather! Things around Trail Ridge are looking a little different than normal, but we are grateful for God's continued provisions and opportunities to catch up on some projects around the facilities. With the absence of summer camps this year, we are focusing on some remodeling and improvements around camp. Two of our cabins are in the process of being remodeled - ready and waiting for campers as soon as we can welcome you back! We've turned our attention to planning for our 2021 summer camps much further in advance than we've been able to do before, with the prayer that the added time to plan means next year will be the biggest and best summer of camp we've ever had!

VOLUNTEERING AT TRAIL RIDGE THIS SUMMER

You might wonder, "what can we do as volunteers now that summer camp isn't happening?" The answer: LOTS! We constantly have things that need done around camp. Mowers, carpenters, cleaners, painters, landscapers, handymen, groups, families, and individuals are all needed to help keep camp maintained this summer. If you are interested in coming out to help for a day or two, please contact us to arrange a time! We'll be as flexible as we can with your schedule, and have jobs ready to go for you when you get here. Meals will be provided, as well as overnight lodging if you'll be here for more than one day — just let us know ahead of time if you'll be staying with us. Look for our contact information on the next page to set up your dates to volunteer!

NEW FACES AT TRAIL RIDGE!

We have a few new faces and sounds making their summer debut in the barnyard!

Meet Biscuit, our new goat! Biscuit is part Nigerian Dwarf.



Lily and Jojo are our new lambs. Jojo's solid black wool surprised us all!



Maisie is one of four baby bunnies in our hutch this summer.



A Word from the Director

Well, as you know, camp will not be the same this summer. That reality has sunk in more in recent days as temperatures are warmer. Candidly, camp without campers is going to be tough. We're so used to hearing screams and yells of campers in game time, a megaphone announcing the winner of an activity, sounds of a camper who just belly-flopped into the pool, preaching and teaching, carpetball and ping pong tables surrounded by clamoring campers, banging of pots and pans in the kitchen, counsel being given to a broken heart, little goats begging to be petted by eager campers, voices joined to worship our Lord in song and hearing the news that a camper has surrendered their life to Christ. All these sounds will truly be missed this summer. We appreciate your prayers and support as we embark on the "weirdest summer ever" at Trail Ridge.

With a heightened awareness of our sense of hearing this summer, it brought to mind a few thoughts. First of all, it's important to remember we serve a God who hears and answers our prayers. Let's praise Him for that truth. James 1:22 reminds us of our responsibility as believers—"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." As a dad of three little ones, this is something regularly ringing inside my head. Don't just hear what is being taught to you—listen and obey! Another reminder is that in order to hear, we must be tuned in and listening. I'm reminded of Elijah in I Kings 19. Often, we are looking for something big to happen—some huge thing that nobody can miss; but are we listening for that still, small voice?

Let me encourage you to do some listening yourself. Remember, though, don't just hear—Listen and Obey. Dive into the Word of God, but before you do, spend some time in prayer, and make sure your focus is listening to what He has for you. Let's take advantage of this summer of opportunity to work on our listening skills.

- Aaron Schneider
Camp Director

Pray for Trail Ridge

- For our staff as we continue with general upkeep and maintenance during the summer.
- That God would fill the needed intern positions for 2020.
- For safety and good health for our camp staff.
- That we would still be able to hold our fall events that are currently planned.
- That the summer of 2021 would be especially blessed following the cancellation of this year's summer camps.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 15: Day of Prayer
September 1: Seniors Day
September 18-20: Young Adults Retreat
October 2-4: Father/Son Retreat
October 15-17: Work Weekend



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