

# The Hilltop Holler



Summer  
2019

Wow, what a whirlwind this summer has been! Throughout the summer, we held two unique family events and four weeks of youth camps covering students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades. God provided eight wonderful counselors who spent a total of 9 weeks with us this summer. We were also blessed by God's provision of ample volunteers throughout the summer. Volunteers served in many special ways at camp including camp nurses, kitchen workers, grounds crew, housekeeping crew, photographers and activities assistants. Friends, God is so good! Overall, we had a healthy and safe summer, but the best part was when we heard the news of 18 campers making a profession of faith in Christ and several others getting counseling regarding many other areas of spiritual growth. Will you take some time right now to put this letter down and praise the Lord for these decisions? Remember to keep all of our campers in your prayers as they are heading back to school—that they would be bright shining lights for the Lord Jesus! Keep reading to hear some more news as to what's coming up and how you can be involved at camp in the future.

## "The Trail Ridge Report"

Did you know Trail Ridge has a special time slot on Christian radio every week to share current camp events and commentary on our past events? Learn about how you can be involved at Trail Ridge by tuning to your VCY America station or by listening online at [vcyamerica.org](http://vcyamerica.org) every Wednesday morning at 8:00. You'll hear about ways you can participate as a camper or as a volunteer. You can also hear special needs and how you can be involved in helping support the Trail Ridge ministry. You'll also hear special upcoming projects and ways you can be in prayer for the camp. Be a faithful listener every Wednesday at 8 AM on VCY America.



Be sure to participate in the VCY Days of Praise  
Share-a-Thon September 5-6, 2019!

## We'd love to hear from you!

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## Camp to Host First Ever "Senior's Day"

You heard it right. Camp isn't just for the kiddos anymore. Trail Ridge is dedicated to serving those in all seasons of life. This Senior's Day is specifically for senior citizens and aspiring seniors ages 55 and up. Join us for a wonderful day of fellowship and activities here in beautiful Hillsboro, WI. The day will include lunch and supper, a camp tour, tractor rides, horseshoes, mini golf and much more. The highlight of the day will be the old-fashioned hymn sing followed by a chapel service with Pastor Greg Huffman. Registration is open right now at [TrailRidge.org](http://TrailRidge.org) or by calling us at 608-489-3810. The cost of the day is \$15 (including two meals and all activities). Overnight lodging into Sunday is available for out of town guests. For more information or registration, please contact us. The registration deadline for Senior's Day is Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

## What happens when there's no camp events going on?

It's a question we are often asked, so we thought we'd share our answer with you. During the fall and spring, Aaron does a fair amount of traveling to colleges, churches, conferences and schools to recruit staff and promote the opportunities available at camp. In the "off season" we do a lot of planning, preparing and coordinating our upcoming events. Josh heads up the continued maintenance and special projects that need to be completed before our next busy time. In the winter, we shut down and winterize several buildings; and in the spring we get to open them up for the year. Josh is also our chief snow plow man in the winter months. There are 36 buildings, a few miles of roads and trails, multiple vehicles and pieces of equipment, and several activity areas that must be monitored, maintained and improved throughout the year. In November each year, our staff gets to attend a Christian camp conference. This conference helps us to stay current with what's going on in Christian camping. It's also quite refreshing to fellowship with others who are active in similar camping ministries. All year round, Amber maintains the Mailbox Club grading Bible studies and sending out new lessons to the young people who are involved. Camp is available throughout the year to likeminded churches and ministries to utilize the facilities to hold their own event. To put it simply, there's not a day that goes by that we wake up and think, "Hmm, I wonder if there will be enough work to keep us going today?" We also take some extra time to spend with our families since large camp events take away from our regular time at home.

I Corinthians 10:31--Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.



## 2019 Calendar

August 24: Day of Prayer  
September 28: Seniors' Day  
October 11-12: Father/Son Retreat  
October 18-20: Young Adults Retreat  
November 15-16: Work Weekend

Events for 2020 will be announced soon! Be watching for the next edition of the Hilltop Holler for important dates and more information!

## Be an Ambassador

Will you please take a moment to copy and share this news letter with your church family? Your sharing this with others helps us get the word out to many more hearts that can be impacted by the ongoing ministry at Trail Ridge.

## Keep Getting the HH

If you aren't on our mailing list to receive this "Hilltop Holler" publication, be sure to add yourself to the list at TrailRidge.org or by sending us a letter including your mailing address.

## Ways to Give

There are many fun ways you can be involved in giving to Trail Ridge. All donations are tax deductible. Here, we'll list just a few ways you can support camp with your donations:

~Disc Golf Course: We lack 6 of the 9 goals that are needed to add this activity to camp. Goals cost \$120 each plus shipping.

~Tools, Equipment, Vehicles: View a list of needs on our wish list online under the "Donate" tab.

~Taxidermy: We'd like to add some more animals to our walls around camp. Seeing live wildlife is always a treat, but being able to look at animals up close is exciting for our campers.

~Monetary Gifts: Of course, monetary donations always help our general fund to keep things running here at camp.

~Daily Needs: A list of daily needs can be found online as well. The list includes office supplies, gift cards, kitchen supplies, housekeeping supplies and craft supplies.