



Spring 2021

Notes from the Woods

Grass-Roots Ministries

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It has been an absolute honor to serve at Camp Buckeye for the past 15 years. In high school I knew I wanted to do some work with children. So I signed up for the BBBS after school program, where I met Nate Miller; one of Camp Buckeye's founders. After talking with him I decided to dedicate one month of my summer to God, Kids and the Woods. It's now fifteen years later and I'm still actively a part of Camp! For the past three summers I have been a weekly Director of Basic 1, my co-director Julie and I have worked hard to give the kids the best week of their summer.

Camp has been a huge part of my life, being a counselor for a majority of my time at camp – from assisting in the office as needed, teaching team building to schools for the outdoor education program, to assisting in all areas of the camp to help ensure that all is running smoothly. Camp Buckeye is like a second home, a place for staff/campers to make a difference, make friends and enjoy fellowship. I have met many new friends throughout my last 15 years, and most of them are like family. We are now watching each other begin our families, watching our kids grow and now beginning to send our children to camp as campers. Without Nate Miller, and many more behind the scene people, camp would not be the same and many kids would not have had the experience of going to go to camp, and being a part of a wonderful experience.

Outside of camp I am a licensed foster parent, 4-6 year old soccer/t-ball coach, still a Big brother at BBBS, I also just adopted two little fellows of my own. Life can get crazy and it's easy to forget about the little things, but anytime throughout the year when pulling into camp's driveway or talking to a camp friend, it's like being home again. The stories I could tell about camp, and the memories will truly never end. I look forward to being part of camp for many more years!

-Josh



Camp Buckeye's CORE VALUES

- Accepting & affirming all children, teens and adults
- God honoring in philosophy and methodology
- Acknowledging and honoring the intrinsic value of each individual
- Promoting a peaceful & safe environment
- Ecologically honoring & preserving God's creation
- AGAPE** - God's love for Humanity

Camp Buckeye's 2021 Schedule

Summer Camps

Adventure Camp - June 20-25 Basics I - June 27-July 2

Day Camp - June 21-June 25 Basics II - July 4-July 9

DATES *to remember*

Pig Roast - August 21

Deck Your Halls - November 18

Board Members:

Dennis Koshmider, Marcia Swiger, Jayne Galada, Jordan Hartzler, Chuck Zobel & Jeremy Kimble

Online Auction and Deck Your Halls 2020 Covid 19 Style

2020 sure impacted us here at Camp Buckeye. We managed to shift gears and learn how to do things online, socially distanced and with masks.



Deck Your Halls is our annual craft fundraiser. I love getting it all arranged and having the ladies come back year after year and having a ½ a day to do crafts, eat cookies and have a delicious lunch in the

Lodge. This year that was not going to be possible because of Covid 19; sooo the committee members who normally do the planning and work of putting the event together bravely stepped forward and we did a drive through Deck



Your Halls complete with our usual lunch! It was challenging but we had fun and leaned a lot!

Our online auction also had to be redesigned. We normally have a silent auction at the annual Pig Roast fundraiser dinner. Thanks to Kauffman Reality, many donors, and lots of rethinking we were able to pull off the auction. It took a lot of hard work by our staff and volunteers to categorize, photograph and get the many items gathered for our drive through pick up at the Lodge.

We so appreciate all of you who were willing to think out of the box with us and thus support the ministry here at Camp Buckeye. Your patience and generosity have been a blessing.



Thank you so much!



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What it Means to be a Counselor



When I was a counselor here at Camp Buckeye, I learned how important it is to be willing to work with people that have different ways of handling problems. God really can help us overcome anything when we take the time to listen to His guidance, and have His commands in mind!

-Titus

Hi! My name is Natalie. I was a counselor here at Camp Buckeye for Day Camp and Basics 2 in the summer of 2019. Before the first day I was a little unsure - but that week was absolutely amazing! Spending time with the kids made such special memories that I will never forget. Originally I was only planning on doing Day Camp, however when they asked me if I was interested in helping with Basics 2 I decided to go for it! Being here and spending lots of time out of doors, being here for all the kids was incredibly special. We made so many memories....everything from swimming to crafts to campfire. The time you spend here will never feel wasted - so many of the children who come to Camp feel safe and at home here. Working with and getting to know the rest of the staff was another blessing - everyone from the directors to the cooks, and other counselors. The blessings of being a counselor so much more than I could ever put into words, but I know it is a special opportunity to reach out and touch lives right in our own community!

Counselors Needed

Camp Buckeye will need some amazing counselors in order to provide a week of camp where the campers can be safe and have fun in the beauty of God's creation that is here at Camp Buckeye! Give us a call, check out the website www.campbuckeye.org or email office@campbuckeye.org. It's a life changing experience!



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Camp Buckeye is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization funded through generous community donations, state & local grants, fundraisers and our guest groups.

WISH LIST 2021

For all of our WISH LIST ITEMS Gently Used would be great!

Regular wish list items

- Card stock - for summer camp!
- Copier Paper
- Blue shop towels
- Sidewalk salt
- Clorox wipes
- Dish cloths for handwashing dishes
- Brillo pads for the kitchen
- Kitchen cart with wheels
- Various size wood screws
- Box fans for the summer camp cabins

Regular wish list items

- Green scrubbers for pans
- Potato peelers
- Cooler to transport lunches for campers
- Ice cream buckets with lids
- Plastic sandwich bags
- Gallon size freezer bags



*You have all truly blessed us above and beyond
what we could have imagined!*

Our camp truck has been a blessing but age is creeping up on it! The list of issues that plague it is rather long and requires a lot of attention. As we are (hopefully) once again able host our camps and the many families who gather; we need a reliable vehicle that can help us keep things up and running. A small pickup truck or a mule would be so helpful.

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