

HIGHLAND LAKES BAPTIST CAMP TEAM REPORT

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**“This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.” Psalms
118:23**

Another year is coming to a close and as we look back over 2013 we realize that we serve an awesome God. SCBI has much to celebrate as we acknowledge all that God has done and continues to do at Highland Lakes Baptist Camp, a place where lives are transformed and changed forever!

Highland Lakes at a glance in 2013...

First time in the history of Highland Lakes Baptist Camp...

- Serving over 6,000 campers
- Camper nights should exceed 11,000
- Revenue/fees exceeding \$400,000
- Several first time churches brought their students to Highland Lakes Summer Camps
- Quickly approaching sold out summer camps

Celebrate with us...

- Salvations: 150+
- Numerous decisions for rededication and full surrender
 - Some responded to the call into full time ministry
 - Some surrendered as full time missionaries
- New log cabin (2400 square feet) will serve as a retreat cabin with 4 motel style rooms. Each room will have two queen size beds with private baths. Plus, a 30 feet x 25 feet meeting space with handicap restroom.
 - Thank You to Mr. Andy Beaver who has served as the general contractor in building and supervising the construction of our new log cabin. Mr. Beaver also supervised the removal of trees from our camp, milled the logs on his personal sawmill and then assembled them into a beautiful building. Again, Thank you!
- 100% funding has been raised and received for the new log cabin. Praise the Lord!
 - A special “Thank you” to the South Central Association for their generous gift.
- Recreation – installed a new 65’ swing for the young and the young at heart.
- Remodeling continues in the retreat cabins and dormitory cabins

This has been an exciting year on multiple levels. Brothers and sisters from around our state have committed their time, talents and resources to ensure the continued growth of Highland Lakes.

- It is the generosity of God's people that have made all of this possible by their giving through the Cooperative Program and the Highland Lakes Mission Offering. We say, "Thank You!"
- It is for the love of God that many have come from around our state to give their personal time to volunteer as camp counselors, chaperones, camp nurses, life guards, ground maintenance, mechanics, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, labors, administrative assistance and so much more... We say, Thank you for your servant hearts.
- It has been through partnerships with the NAMB and the Mississippi State Convention of Baptist that have sent college students to serve during summer camps as counselors, chaperones and operational staff. We say, Thank You for your partnerships.
- It has been such a blessing to partner with the Campers on Mission from Indiana and Kentucky. It was this group of volunteers that donated multiple hours of skilled services in building the new log cabin, remodeling retreat cabins and painting the exterior of the Dining Hall/Chapel/Motel building. Again, we say, Thank you for your partnerships.

Truly, the blessings have been many. It is with great excitement that we anticipate what God will do in 2014 and beyond. The long term vision for your camp is rather simple.

- We believe that God is leading our state to build a facility that will accommodate five hundred overnight guests.
- We believe that God is directing our state to create a camping, missions training conference center that will expand our current capabilities of reaching and teaching the multitudes throughout our state and beyond.
- We believe that God has great plans for Highland Lakes Baptist Camp...a place where lives will continue to be transformed by the grace of God.

Much to celebrate –

Highland Lakes is a place where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is presented with absolute intentionality and without apology. Join us as we seek to reach our state with the greatest news our world has ever known. Thank you Lord Jesus!