

HIGHLAND LAKES BAPTIST CAMP

Jim Shields, Team Leader

What an incredible year, what an incredible privilege to serve as Team Leader for the ministries of your camp, Highland Lakes Baptist Camp. The SCBI churches that participate in the Cooperative Program have much to celebrate as we see God continue to use Highland Lakes as a resource to help others Discover, Develop, and Deploy a Transformed Life in Christ!

Rejoice in the fact that, during the nine weeks of summer camps, there were

- Over 95 salvations
- Over 50 recommitments
- 43 baptisms
- At least 32 who accepted the call into fulltime vocational ministry.

That's just what we know from the camps! There were numerous more decisions made during the various retreats, conferences and seminars held throughout the year. Your camp is serving as a resource to build the Kingdom.

Also, we were able to finish the log cabin, a beautiful addition to an already wonderful facility. The log cabin sports four bedrooms of hotel quality for a pastor, deacon, or family retreat. It has a gathering room for kicking back and relaxing, studying or playing games. Thank you to Cecil Seagle and Dave Wilson for their foresight and vision. Thank you to all the volunteers, Campers on Mission and financial donors for making it possible. And thank you to Rick Porter and Craig Kratzer for pulling it all together this last year.

Thank you to several of our churches for your VBS mission offerings, as well as all who gave to the Highland Lakes Mission offering. These with your contributions through the Cooperative Program enabled us to add these elements to your camp:

- New rope challenge course
- 9-hole Disc Golf course
- Archery tag
- Portable shelter
- 71 scholarships given to campers

And thanks to the efforts of HLBC Office Manager Debbie Hymmer, we were able to apply for and receive ten more scholarships through a program presented by the Christian Camp and Conference Association (CCCA).

Your generosity has made all these things possible and has added to the atmosphere of the camp.

The volunteer labor over the past year has been another great blessing. The servants' heart and expertise of the Campers on Mission from Indiana and Kentucky helped us accomplish tasks that will impact lives for years to come. Many individuals from across our state have pitched in over the year to help clean up, build up and tune up buildings and grounds. Thank you all for your continued belief in and service to Kingdom building through the ministries of Highland Lakes.

Also, thank you to those churches that sent us Summer Missionaries. The young people who worked with us this past summer are tremendous examples of what it means to serve sacrificially and joyfully. Danny, Dakotah, Tom, Emily, Nikki, Tiffany and Kelsey represented their churches well and demonstrated the love of Christ over and over again.

So now to the next year: Challenges are presented. The increase in the number of campers this year with each camp near or at capacity puts an exclamation point on the fact that we need to increase and improve upon our facilities. Our conference and retreat schedule has nearly every weekend and many weekdays filled with activity. We are even seeing some continued camp and retreat activity during the harshest parts of winter.

The long term vision of accommodating five hundred overnight guests is still the long term vision. Your staff team at Highland Lakes has a vision, a God-sized and God-inspired vision to see the camp become even more of a resource to reach Indiana.

It is the same inspired vision that has driven Camp Chairmen and Directors since 1972, beginning with Virgil Clark and including such men as Reathel Miller, Don Hamlin, Bobby Copeland, Brian Christy, Dave Wilson and myself.

To facilitate a time away from the world to come to know Christ as Savior, Highland Lakes serves as a resource to enable others to Discover Truth. To increase the impact of our leaders through times of study, reflection, and conference, Highland Lakes stands poised on the prospect of lending itself as a resource for Development. To better educate and equip those going into mission work, church planting or ministry, Highland Lakes stands ready to offer its ac-

commodations as a mission training center for Deployment. We, as Southern Baptists, as followers of Christ, hold the responsibility to see the Kingdom advanced. As Adrian Rogers said, “You teach a man his rights, you’ll have a revolution. You teach a man his responsibilities, you’ll start a revival.” We need revival. The need is great, the potential is tremendous and the results affect eternity. Join us in any way you can, whether as a camper, a counselor, a volunteer laborer or a financial donor, as we move forward at Highland Lakes Baptist Camp. God is at work at Highland Lakes and it is a privilege to be a part of His Kingdom work.