

Golf Course Update

The golf course is an exciting new adventure in the ministry of the camp as we are able to reach out into our local community in new ways. We have renovated our tee-box areas, trimmed trees and remodeled the clubhouse. To find out how you or your church can be involved, give us a call! We are continually amazed at how God is faithful as we kick-off this aspect of the camp's ministry!

Service Ideas

- Recruit your youth group or small group and contact the camp about spending a day volunteering together on a special project.
- Become a member of Team 49.
- Volunteer to work in the office for a few days.



Summer Statistics

The theme for summer 2016 was BRAVE. Campers leaned about what it means to be brave and stand up for what you believe in. Here are some statistics!

Total Campers: 2049
Baptized at Camp: 82
Baptized at Home: 45
Rededications: 10
Volunteers: 922
Missions Giving: \$31,300.38

**SUMMER
2016**

Round Lake Christian Camp
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Lakeville, OH 44638



This Labor Day Weekend, something special took place at the Fall Family Camp. A boat carrying a handful of singers floated purposefully through the lake at dusk. Their voices traveled across the water, meeting those of the singers lining the shore. It was a beautiful scene complete with candlelight as the crowd dedicated the land- a newly purchased 12-acre section of lakefront property. This section completes the camp's ownership of the lake, and the group prayed for blessings as the land is directed towards the ministry of Round Lake. For decades, the camp had dreamed of owning this land. Now we thank God for making dreams a reality.

The camp has already begun construction on a pathway that will circle the entire lake, including the new property. For now, it is a peaceful place where campers and volunteers can enjoy the beauty of God's creation. They can reflect and pray, joining with us in dreaming of the ministry opportunities that will be available to us through this new property.

Round Lake is never stagnant. It is continuously dreaming and growing, always seeking new and creative ways in which to do ministry. Great thought and prayer are involved in each property purchase. Over the years, the camp has made several other property purchases, each with its own unique story. As we celebrate this latest addition, we reflect on all the times God has blessed us through the land in the past. You may notice this newsletter is in a different format than most. It is a story, a celebration showing how God has been at work during each property purchase since 1949. Travel with us through time as we reflect on where we have been and dream of where God is moving.

Together, these stories total 268.12 acres of land God has carved out for Round Lake. This is where the camp lives out its mission of being a "Unique Place Where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is Experienced."

Upcoming Events

Elementary Retreat- January 27-28, 2017
Keenager's Retreat- April 4, 2017
Men's Retreat- May 5-6, 2017
Family Camp- May 24-29, 2017



Summer 2017 Theme:

“The Story” of Round Lake’s Property

Founding/Campside

Date: 1949

Acreage: 67 Acres

Investment: \$37,000

The Story: In 1949, Round Lake Christian Camp was transformed from a dream into reality as the Holmes County Men’s Fellowship felt called to found a camp. After much prayer and consideration, they were led to Mr. Lehman, who owned a 25-acre lake surrounded by 42 acres of land in Ashland County. He agreed to sell the property for \$3,000 under his asking price so the land could be a tool in God’s ministry.

Lodge

Date: 1977

Acreage: 9.79 Acres

Investment: \$8,000

The Story: For years, others had attempted to purchase this tract of land just off State Route 3 with no success. Then, the Penn family was invited to see the camp in action. They were so inspired by what they saw that they not only sold the property to the camp but also made additional contributions to its ministry.

Retreat Center

Date: 1998

Acreage: 22.39 Acres

Investment: \$130,000

The Story: As the camp prepared to break ground on its \$1.2 million Retreat Center, the tract of land behind it came available for sale. This purchase opened up space to relocate the Retreat Center to a better spot. It also created room for the parking lot and RV park, as well as adding a storage barn and farmhouse for staff housing. God truly blessed the camp through the timing of this opportunity as it enhanced the setting of the Retreat Center.

Golf Course

Date: 2015

Acreage: 62.97 Acres

Investment: \$450,000

The Story: Several offers were on the table for the land directly across the road from the camp, yet not one of them was accepted. Founded in 1928, the golf course was in jeopardy of being closed and perhaps subdivided. This possibility caused concern for the security and privacy of the camp borders. As the camp began to negotiate in an effort to protect its borders, a vision grew for a new way of doing ministry in the local community. Now, the Round Lake Golf Course is owned and operated by Round Lake Christian Camp and has become a unique place of outreach in the community.

Lakefront

Date: 2016

Acreage: 11.93 Acres

Investment: \$63,000

The Story: The camp had long dreamed of owning the final corner of the lake which was under private ownership. As the years passed, it felt the camp may never own it. Of all the land the camp had purchased, this was the one prayed for the most. Once again, God softened hearts and the owners agreed to sell the section of land to the ministry of Round Lake.

Main Camp



Round Lake Development Expenses

The property expansion opportunities over the past few years have led us to borrow \$450,000. We would like to invite you to partner with us in furthering this ministry. We still have about \$450,000 left to pay for the new property. Our goal is to pay the entire amount off during the next four years. So far, we have been paying for the land out of the camp’s general fund, but this method has been putting a great strain on our budget and resources. We would like to ask you to join us by making a special donation directed towards the property. This past summer, 2,149 campers attended Round Lake. If just that same number of people were to commit to donating \$4.37 per month (the cost of one coffee drink) over the next four years, the entire property would be paid for. To put this in perspective, over 11,000 people visit Round Lake annually.



Wilderness Camp

Date: 1990

Acreage: 85 Acres

Investment: \$46,000

The Story: Dan Gault dreamed of extending Round Lake’s ministry to a second site in Licking County. He had already established a Wilderness Program in this area and envisioned the camp extending its reach there permanently. After the initial property purchase, the camp was able to purchase several smaller tracts to enlarge Wilderness Camp. Round Lake purchased 6.19 acres at Pine Bluff for \$19,000 (1996) and a 2.86 acre piece in the middle of the original 85 acres for \$23,000 (2012). God has blessed the camp with this land to create a unique camp setting for our second campus.

