

Camp NATHANAEL NEWS

Spring 2009

What's Happening



The Spring 2009 Work and Fellowship Days schedule is set and **Camp Nathanael needs your help.**

Saturdays, April 4, 18
May 2, 16, 30
June 6



There are many indoor and outdoor projects to do including:

mowing, painting, brush removal, repair, cleaning and much more!

Join the fun and bring the entire family for a day of service!

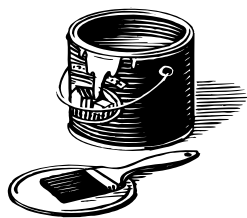
Please contact Jim Schroeder at 612-685-4448

Doug Hogleund at 952-237-0537

Or e-mail Volunteer@CampNathanael.com

to let us know you will be joining the fun.

Lunch and hot beverages will be provided.



Camp Nathanael Reflections

One of our regular Saturday volunteers, Eldon Schultz decided to stay overnight at Camp on a recent work weekend. He bunked overnight in the Cook's Cabin. In the morning, he announced that a new bed was needed to replace the one he slept on the previous night. Eldon contacted one of the board members to see if a donation of a new mattress and box spring for the Cook's Cabin would be accepted. A few weeks later, a new mattress and box spring was ready for pickup at the furniture store in Hinckley, compliments of Eldon. In addition to Camp's deep appreciation for your commitment to keeping our lawn looking good and for all the painting you do, we thank you for responding to God's tug on your heart to meet a need we hadn't even identified!! God Bless you Eldon.

Camp's kitchen was torn apart prior to the 2007 camping season for needed upgrades to the food preparation areas. Just a few short weeks before camp opened, the kitchen was entirely dismantled. The little pass-through window between the kitchen and the dish room was as large as the wall itself. Ken Hogleund of Berean Baptist, took ownership of repairing this wall from mounting plywood with intricate cuts around plumbing and electrical outlets followed by mounting the vinyl board overlay. Ken came up to camp several Saturdays in a row to ensure this job was completed in time to open camp. Without Ken's dedication and persistence with this project, Camp would have had a hard time seeing this project through in time for our opening date. Thank you Ken, for serving God here at Camp!

Camp Director Announcement

On February 17, 2009 Camp Nathanael's Board of Directors accepted Gary Maloney's resignation as the Camp Director. Gary has served Camp Nathanael and the Lord for 11 years as the Camp Director and in Gary's resignation letter he states, "God has given me continued affirmation during my 11 years as camp director that I was exactly where He wanted me to be. Yet, while there was a growing sense that 2009 might be my final summer as camp director, I now believe God wants me to resign as Nathanael's camp director.... I will continue to train and equip men and boys as a regional director for CSB Ministries."

Gary has agreed and is very willing to complete the task of filling our Staff and NonCom roster for summer of 2009. The 2009 camping season will be a transition to what the Lord has in store for Camp Nathanael. We are blessed to have many current and former staff and non-coms that will be coming back for another year. This will provide consistency and maintain the mission of Camp Nathanael as the Board of Directors seeks the Lord's Will in the selection of a new Camp Director.

Currently a search committee is being formed to fill the Camp Director as an interim position. Interested applicants for the open Camp Director position should contact BoardofDirectors@CampNathanael.com

Please be in prayer for Camp Nathanael as we continue to develop the camping season for 2009 and listen to God's Will through the changes. Please pray that we will have eyes to see what God has for us and strength to follow His direction. Pray for the Staff and non-coms as they prepare for the summer. Pray for the campers, that lives will be changed and many young men will surrender their lives to follow Jesus Christ.

The Camp Nathanael Board of Directors

Laymen Needed - What's a Layman?

Dad - would you like to spend an entire week at camp during the same week your son attends? Why not volunteer to be a layman and serve as a cabin counselor partnered with one of our noncoms during the week your son comes to camp. You'll be with the boys for meals, Bible Ex, supervising and teaching a craft, and have fun enjoying canteen, evening games, and campfires with all the boys in your son's cabin. Don't have a son at camp but still want to volunteer as a layman counselor? Doesn't matter! Christian men who have a heart for camp and our campers are always welcome to come serve as layman counselors. Your week at camp will be free in exchange for your willingness to serve as a Christ-like role model to our campers. Please contact us at CampDirector@CampNathanael.com for more information.

Camp Nathanael needs:

Can't come to camp, but want to help? Here a list of things we sure could use:

- ❖ Approximately \$7500 is needed to replace Navajo cabin. Navajo is one of our oldest cabins. Navajo sustained roof damage in server weather last summer. While necessary repairs have been made, it is time for a new Navajo! Ground work has been completed so with the necessary funds, we can move forward.
- ❖ We are looking for three (3) new or gently used electric or gas clothes dryers.
- ❖ Two 10x8 ft garage doors at a cost of ~\$500 each are needed for our new pole building.
- ❖ Any and all light brown 30 year shingles

If you can come to camp, we need

- ❖ Carpenters to install windows in staff housing
- ❖ General labor

Trips for Summer 2009 (Campers grades 8 and up this fall)

Canoe Base Camp July 12 - 18

After training at Camp and tackling the Kettle River, you will spend two challenging days battling the Brule River's rapids on the way to Lake Superior. A great overnight camping adventure and some "refreshing" pit stops along the way make this an unforgettable journey.

Horsepack Base Camp August 2 - 8

A three-day, two-night journey into St. Croix State Park or into the State Forest will guarantee a unique and exciting adventure with our Camp Wrangler. He will guide you and your horse along beautiful trails with breathtaking wildlife and new experiences to remember for a lifetime.

Nathanael Splash July 19 - 25

Beginner to intermediate skill levels will enjoy water skiing and other extreme sports. You will receive expert instruction, then get hours of high-speed action as you experience kneeboarding, wakeboarding, and skiing on one of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes. At the need of the day you will still be able to catch evening campfires back at camp.

Father/Son Camps

Our three night/four day Father-Son camps are a great time for Dads and Sons to bond away from the pressures and routines of home. You'll have Bible Ex studies and lots of time to spend with your son doing regular camp activities like carpet ball, swimming, woodshop, rifles or BBs, and even horses. In addition, while our non-coms are in charge of the campers, Dads will meet together for Bible study, prayer, and encouragement in being Godly fathers. Father-Son camps are also a great way for boys to experience what camp is like in preparation for a full week away from home. And of course Camp Nathanael loves to get Dads up to camp as we know the first trip will not be your last! Father-Son camp welcomes dads (or uncles or grandpas) and their boys entering grades K-7 in the fall.

Mixed Weeks

Our Mixed Week camps allow brothers, cousins and friends of different age groups to come to Camp Nathanael together the same week. Stockade campers are at one end of camp; Battalion campers the other. Both camps have their own programs and crafts, but the entire camp is together for free swims, meals and evening campfires.

We've added a 3rd Mixed Week 'cuz it's so popular!!

Weeks at Camp Nathanael often fill quickly so get your registration in soon.

Camp Nathanael camper fees support our summer programs but we count on donations to maintain and update our facilities. Won't you consider how God would have you partner with the ministry of Camp Nathanael in the coming year? Donations can be made to the address on the right or by contacting Giving@CampNathanael.com.

The Brochure and registration form can be found on our website a www.CampNathanael.com. Go to the registration tab then to the right column.

We look forward to seeing you at Camp this summer!

Donations to Camp Nathanael can be made online or sent to the address below:

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