

# Camp Nathanael News

Winter 2005 - 2006

## What's Happening

It's not too late to give Camp Nathanael branded gear for Christmas! Go to [www.CampNathanael.com](http://www.CampNathanael.com), click on the Camp Store link at the bottom of the home page, print off the order form and send it in. Remember - a water bottle is included free with each order (\$3.00 value). Questions - Call Diana at 763-536-8634

## 2006 Camp Dates are set!

The 2006 dates have changed a bit from previous years. We are now offering a second Mixed Week Camp and some of our Base Camp dates have moved to better fit in with the weather. The first Stockade week will be a special theme week. Watch for more fun info coming soon.

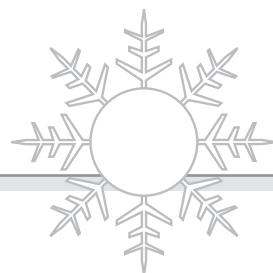
June 25 - July 1	Stockade I Camp (Special theme week!) Climbing/Rappelling Base Camp
July 2 - July 8	Mixed Week I - Stockade/Battalion
July 9 - July 15	Battalion I Camp Canoe Base Camp
July 16 - July 22	Stockade II Camp Splash Base Camp
July 23 - July 29	Mixed Week II - Stockade/Battalion (New!!)
July 30 - Aug 5	Battalion II Camp Horse Base Camp
Aug 6 - Aug 9	Father/Son I Camp
Aug 9 - Aug 12	Father/Son II Camp



Blessings this Christmas  
to you and your family from  
all of us!

"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6 (NASB)



## Camp Needs



Your financial contribution for 2006

We are so dependent on your cash gifts to keep the work of the 44th season of camp continuing in 2006.

Last year, because of your faithful gifts, we were able to purchase a new industrial sized mixer, stove and a used van. The board has approved a 2006 Nathanael Fund budget of \$41,000 for expenditures needed to keep the doors open at camp. Of this, \$3,000 is for additional program items and \$10,000 is for new equipment. Approximately 25% of this goal has already been raised.

In addition to the Nathanael Fund, the Dining Hall Renovation project will begin the first phase in 2006. Fundraising for this project has begun and you will hear more about that in the coming months. If you would like to participate in this special project, please mark your donation "Dining Hall Renovation".

Please pray and give as the Lord leads you. YOU are a vital part of the work at Camp Nathanael.

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# Camp Nathanael Reflections



This issue features reflections from Russ Liljedahl, Board Director and Grounds Committee Lead. Russ and his wife, Judy, live in Inver Grove Heights, MN and have 4 grown children, 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. They are members of Woodbury Community Church.

## A (Work) Day at Camp

Saturday, 5:30 am

Is it time to get up already? It seems like I just fell asleep. Well, better get up and at 'em because Doug will be by to pick me up at 6:30. Right on time, Doug is here as promised. We throw my stuff into the van and off we go, sipping the hot coffee that Doug has so kindly brought along. The ride up to Camp is pleasant, filled with conversations about kids, grandkids and Camp projects. The ride sure seems to go faster when you have someone to talk to on the way.

We arrive at Camp about 8:15 and some people are already busy working on various projects. We exchange greeting and talk about what we are planning to do and make preparations to get started. Usually about a half hour into the project the distractions start. "Hey Russ, the Toro won't start." "Have you seen the trailer hitch for the Deere?" After solving a few problems, the work starts in earnest and things are starting to get done. By now we're noticing what a beautiful day it's turning out to be.

## Lunch Time

Someone has prepared a delicious lunch for us that really hits the spot because everyone's really hungry by now. We pause to thank God for all the helpers, the beauty of the camp setting, safety while working and His provisions for us. I'm sitting next to Eldon who at 80+ years old can still work hard and get a lot done. Praise the Lord for him and people like him who do so much behind the scenes to make Camp what it is. After eating one more cookie than I really need its back to work. Things really hum for the next several hours and everyone seems to be in high spirits – even Jim who has heard his name called out at least a couple of dozen times.

The afternoon starts to fade into evening and small groups are seen standing around and heard talking about other things that could be done to improve camp, so I'm thinking that fatigue is starting to set in - but the work goes on. Is it just me or does everything seem to take longer at camp to get done than it does at work or home? Must have something to do with all the walking we do up here. About this time the question is starting to be asked; "Are you going to the Pizza Pub afterwards?", so I know that the day is just about wrapped up. Totally exhausted we start putting tools and equipment away and decide who will lock the gate on the way out.

We arrive at the Pizza Pub tired and usually dirty. Everyone is weary but in good spirits as we talk and chow down on pizza. Pretty soon someone notices how late it's getting so we all head towards home joking about being able to stay awake on the drive home after stuffing ourselves so full of pizza. Doug drops me off at home about 10:00 and my wife takes one look at me and tells me to go straight to the shower. Then it's off to bed and I have no trouble falling asleep.

The next day I wake up refreshed thinking, "What a great day serving the Lord at camp". I feel so blessed to have a part of this wonderful ministry. I can honestly say that I'm already looking forward to going up to camp for the next work day. Who can tell what effect Camp Nathanael is having in God's eternal plans, P!T!L!

Russ Liljedahl

Note: Won't you consider joining us for a day of work & fellowship? The Spring 2006 W&F dates will be published in January on [www.CampNathanael.com](http://www.CampNathanael.com)

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