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My Summer As An Intern at Horton Haven

Emily Simpson—Last summer, I found Horton Haven on the Internet, and through a series of emails and phone calls with Kevin King, the Lord brought me down to Tennessee to serve. Upon arriving, within two hours I had made relationships that I knew would last a lifetime. By the end of the summer, my body was physically exhausted but spiritually I had found a ministry in which God was using me for His glory. I am a student at Huntington University, majoring in Recreation Management. By the end of last summer, as I had been praying and seeking God’s will for a place to complete my internship for my major, I knew that God had brought me to Horton Haven for the specific purpose of learning from the incredible resident staff He had placed there. So far this summer, I have been challenged and stretched physically and spiritually. I feel that God has called me to a life of service in camp ministry. In the few short weeks I have been here this summer I know I have gleaned a lot of practical knowledge that I can apply to any camp ministry I am involved with later on. As the summer progresses I will get an opportunity to taste all that is involved with making a camp run. But beyond that, I am learning this is God’s ministry and it is a privilege and a blessing that God allows me to serve Him in this capacity.

Gary Stott—My name is Gary Stott, and I’m originally from New England. This coming fall I will be attending my senior year at Emmaus Bible College, graduating with a Bachelor’s of Science in Bible and Youth Ministries and go on to Seminary afterwards. This is now my second

summer on Core Staff. Previously I had been involved at another Christian camp, Camp Berea, in New Hampshire. I had heard of Horton Haven through Christian Ministry Seminar at Emmaus and started praying whether the Lord wanted me to serve at Horton Haven or somewhere else. Well, He provided the way, and I was very pleased to find the camp so strong in the Word of God. They are so focused on creating a camp environment where people can come to know and follow Jesus Christ. One of my requirements for my degree in Youth Ministry was an internship. Well I enjoyed Horton Haven so much and felt that the staff here could teach me a lot concerning camp ministry (since camp/youth ministry has been my desire for a long time now). The Olympic theme for this summer, is ‘Run for the Prize.’ It has really encouraged me as an intern, and hopefully as a camp/youth worker in the future, to fulfill the ministry that I received in the Lord (Colossians 4:17). I am praying and ask for your prayers that I may do so, and also that, “God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ...that I (we) may make it clear in the way I (we) ought to speak” (Colossians 4:3-4). 



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“And whatever you do, do it heartily as unto the Lord and not unto men.”

COLOSSIANS 3:23

SIT Review

Many associate camp with laughter and the lazy days of summer, and many times, that is an accurate description. But one week out of the summer, camp would be described by the sound of weed whackers and the smell of cleaning chemicals. Every summer the third week into the summer camping season, Horton Haven hosts a Staff In Training (S.I.T.) week. Following our Sr. Teen week of camp, any fifteen year-old and older that thinks he/she might like to work at camp has the opportunity to come and learn what it takes to wear the coveted staff t-shirt. This year we had 37 eager high schoolers invade the property, ready to serve the Lord. It was a fun but exhausting week as the days were a mix of manual labor, training sessions and team building exercises. Every

morning the S.I.T. kids, led by the core and resident staff, would participate in a minimum of two hours of hard, hands on work. This is a big help in getting the camp ready for the Jr. camp weeks to follow. Many times this is an eye opening experience for the students. But by the end of the week, many walk

away with a feeling of accomplishment.

The afternoons were spent training and teaching the students how to relate to the Jr. campers, health and safety issues to be aware of at

camp and how to present the Gospel. Mr. Dave King prepared the kids spiritually by having Bible study sessions every morning and evening, walking them through the book of 1 John. S.I.T. students also fellowship together in songs of worship at the beginning of the evening Bible study. Many were challenged in the evenings when the group would go up and participate in some of the High Adventure elements. By the end of the week, the students left with a greater understanding of the meaning behind serving the Lord and a 3x5 card letting them know what weeks we would need their help and in what capacity. What a joy it is to see the next generation excited and willing to learn about and serve the Lord faithfully!! 🌲



Day Camp A Big Success!

Man oh man, what a week!! Horton Haven hosted its very first day camp the week of June 23rd. We had 26 local children attend ranging in age from 6-11 years old. The camp provided 5 incredible staff to lead the inaugural day camp. Mr. Dave King delivered the message in the morning with Homer, his puppet, assisting. Emily Simpson and Gary Stott directed the week. Nina Ricci, Nathan Phelan and Sam Hart jumped in ready and eager to help and minister to the children in any capacity they could. The children participated in a wide variety of fun games such as water and alka seltzer tag, dodge ball, egg toss, playing on a water-slide, and lots more fun activities. Through the prayers of many and a solid gospel message being delivered, the camp staff witnessed the Lord bring 10 children to

know Him. The children also got a picture of what it would be like to come to overnight camp. They were able to participate in a few of the classes that are offered at overnight camp like campcraft, air rifles, horsemanship and cooking. Throughout the week the kids got to explore the property through picnic lunches and hikes. They thoroughly enjoyed going to the river and skipping rocks and huntin' crawdads. Many parents were impressed and interested in sending their child to an overnight week. God set the foundation for the camp to have an outreach to the community. Please continue to pray that this ministry might be expanded upon and for the decisions the board makes concerning this new Day Camp. 🌲





Financial Update

General Operating Fund:	\$26,796
Capital Fund:	\$10,075
Core Staff Fund:	\$ 1800
Camper Scholarship Fund:	\$ 2,115

Prayer & Praise

PRAY FOR

- Safety for campers and staff
- Strength for staff
- Many to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ
- God’s protection from evil forces

PRAISE FOR

- A great Core Staff
- A successful first ever Day Camp
- 30 campers counseled for salvation thus far
- Many adult volunteers in every area
- A new pavilion and pottery Kiln house

For Information...

If you need information concerning camp, Please call: 931-364-7656 or fax: 931-364-3039 www.hortonhaven.org

- Matt Phelan, *Executive Director*
- Wendy Phelan, *Registrar*
- Kelton Meyer, *Facilities Technician*
- Sharon Meyer, *Food Service Director*
- Kevin King, *Camp Director*
- Joan Hart, *Health Care Director*

Please pray for the safe arrival and healthy baby for the following couples:

- Early Teen 1 speakers Robert and Adria Warner due in August
- Junior 3 Directors Jon and Kati Glock due in November
- Resident Staff Kevin and Christy King due in November



Core Staff

On Sunday, May 25th, 14 committed, excited, and dedicated college students arrived at Horton Haven ready to serve the Lord this summer as our Core Staff. Eight of them are returnees from last year. It is a pleasure to serve along side these young men and women whose desire is to see boys and girls come to know the Lord as their Savior. They commit to a lot when they come on



board. It is a long, hard, hot summer working 16 to 18 hour days, but they do it with enthusiastic and love for the

children. The day begins with staff meeting at 6:45. Then it is on to a day of cabin clean up, teaching activities, chapel, devotions, team competitions, supervising kids in the pool for two hours, verse memorization, and one on one time. Now throw in homesickness, occasional squabbles, health needs, sleeplessness, and that makes for one exhausting day! But it makes it all worth it when the day is done

and they find themselves sitting on the porch counseling a child for salvation or helping them understand biblical truths. That is what keeps these college kids coming back each summer to serve. So, when you kneel to pray, remember these young people: Brittani Ireland, Joann Witter, Emily Simpson, Hannah Stevenson, Jessica Morel, Calista Turner, Deniece Allen, Steve Lord, Gary Stott, Bart Dement, David Loudon, Ethan Willis, Steven Manning and Daniel Sherrouse. They are the heart of Horton Haven Summer Camp. 

Mid-South Labor Day Conference

August 29 - September 1

ADULT MINISTRY
Dr. Steve Witter
Dubuque, IA

TEEN MINISTRY
Justin & Claire Phelan
Dubuque, IA

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY
Arthur & Lois Manning
Dubuque, IA

Register soon for a great time of ministry, fun, & fellowship.





Out With the Old...

The next time you visit the camp you will notice several improvements that have been made to the facility. The original cabins (32 years old) have new windows, new paneling and beautiful wooden cubbies for holding campers personal items. The old metal lockers are gone. The kitchen has been expanded to include a service section complete with drink area and dish return counters. There is a separate room with a refrigerator, microwave and cabinets. An additional storage room was built so that we can store extra tables and chairs. These modifications are both attractive and practical. A third improvement to the camp are additional sidewalks. We now have sidewalks which now extend all the way from the Lodge and Dining



Horton Haven Christian Camp & Conference Grounds

PO Box 276
Chapel Hill, TN
37034



The mission of Horton Haven Christian Camp is to create a camp environment where people can come to know and follow Jesus Christ.



Room to the Chapel and Gym (TRAC).

This provides more stable ground for wheelchairs, strollers etc. It also helps keep the buildings clean. The fourth major improvement that you will see is a new pavilion and pottery kiln house adjacent to the swimming pool. The new pavilion is the same size as the one that was removed last fall, and will be a place for campers to enjoy snacks and get out of the sun during swim time. There are two craft rooms at the back of the pavilion. The Lord has provided twokilns and hundreds of molds. And now we have a kiln house so that a pottery activity class is available to the campers. We thank the Lord for the funds to make all these improvements and for those who have helped with the work to see them completed. 🌲