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Rally Day / Open House 2006

The Lord provided beautiful weather to open the 2006 season at Camp Judson. Young musicians, *The Deacons*, from First Baptist Cambridge Springs set the tone for the day with their music and their testimonies.

Tad Bowen of nearby Cranesville provided an entertaining show of Frisbee catching dogs. Each of his dogs represented a rescue. It was easy to see how focused the dogs were once they had a purpose. One could easily draw a parallel to the focus a young person gains when they are given a chance to find Christ in the setting of Camp Judson.

Just before lunch the ECHO jugs were dedicated at the prayer tower. Judging from the weight of the coin filled jugs there was enough money to support several camp participants.

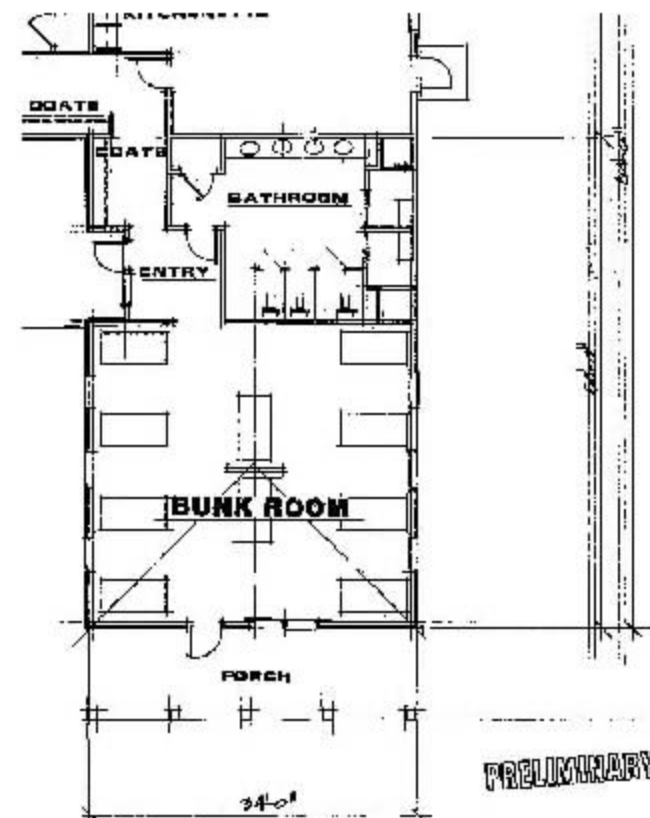
At the close of lunch folks were treated to a musical introduction to this year's staff. One male staff member playfully chided Ken Thompson by stuffing Kleenex tissue under the edges of his baseball cap. The laughter, which erupted, was a strong indication that he accurately represented the flying white hair of the camp director.

Afternoon activities represented the variety of things available at Camp Judson. Swimming, hayrides and a host of other physical outlets were open to participants. Additionally Mr. & Mrs. Bob Lindemuth provided a puppet ministry. Bob also provided the devotions at the lakeside during the afternoon closing. In summary those in attendance had a great opportunity to share in the resources of Camp Judson.

Dave Thompkins, Program Committee
Camp Judson Board of Directors

Fan the Flame

Plans for new lower cabins / retreat complex are being submitted to the State for approval. This is from the preliminary plans showing a part of one wing of the complex. Here's a peek:



Pledges and funds for the complete complex are not all there yet. Please be faithful with your pledges. If you weren't able to pledge or contribute yet but are able to now, please send to: Camp Judson Capital Campaign, P.O. Box 1133, Meadville, PA 16335.

An inspirational CHORAL WORKSHOP comes to Camp Judson

Make a Joyful Noise! 2006

Have you ever wanted to get together with other singers from a variety of choirs? Would you welcome a day with a very passionate, highly motivational, professional singer, song writer, and choral director?

Well, you are in luck. Kirk Kirkland of Evidence Ministries will be at Camp Judson, **Saturday, October 21st** to make that happen.

Our plan is to provide a day of learning new choral skills in a collegial setting with singers from many area church choirs. The music you rehearse will be showcased in a concert to be held at West Springfield Baptist Church at 7PM. Friends and family are welcome to attend the evening program.

Participants are guaranteed to leave with a portfolio of music. And hopefully they will have a renewed sense of the power of music to carrying the emotion and message of God's love.

Kirk Kirkland comes to us from Nashville, Tennessee. He has been living his passion as a songwriter, concert artist, worship leader and studio singer for more than a decade. He's been writing for his own publishing company since 2002 with many published songs to his credit. Since 1999 Kirk has led Evidence Ministries, a concert ministry that has brought him to stages nationally and around the world. In 2006, along with his father, Camp Kirkland, Kirk has begun a new creative venture to provide churches with a new line of worship resources called Kirkland Music Group. Check out the music and ministry of Evidence at www.evidenceministries.com.

We are fortunate to have a supportive gift from the French Creek Association which makes it possible to offer the workshop for a nominal fee of \$35. A brochure with an application will be sent to your church in September. Your prompt response is critical because the workshop is being offered to all church denominations in the Erie area and registrations will be limited. Please respond before the deadline to insure that we have time to purchase the correct amount of music and materials for each participant.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us in this unique workshop. Why not be a part of a wave of musical energy that will permeate the church choirs of this area? Remember, registrations will be limited so get yours in early. Kirk has been in our area before so we expect much interest from other area churches.