



## Lest We Forget

We recognized Memorial Day at camp last month. We revisited the historic significance of the 1944 crossing of the English Channel on D-Day early this month. These are important days for those who value our country and our heritage. I'm not sure if kids are hearing much emphasis on these remembrances in school any more. It seems that newer ideas have sprung up that are deemed more important to stress to students.

In a recent worship service at camp we read of an event recorded in the book of Joshua. God was ready to lead His chosen people into the promised land. The toppling of Jericho awaited, but there was something important that God wanted them to do first. That was to make a memorable crossing of the Jordan River. The river was flooded, but God's people were obedient in trusting as God stopped the flow and allowed them to cross on dry land. By God's direction, they shouldered twelve stones

***"When your children ask their fathers in times to come, 'What do these stones mean?' then you shall let your children know, 'Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.'" Joshua 4:21***

from the middle of the riverbed. These were placed in their first campsite in the promised land as a memorial to God's faithfulness.

We make a big deal of a girl graduating from camp. A special ceremony is held in her honor with family attending. There is some song sharing. Then staff, campers, and family join in on recognizing the memories and good qualities a girl has developed

during her time at camp. At the end of the event we give her several gifts of importance; a Bible, a camp songbook, and a plaque. The plaque recognizes a girl for her accomplishments in developing character qualities and the date of her graduation. This is not a diploma, but rather a reminder for her of what she and we have invested in over her camp stay.

We want our girls to remember the important things!

*Bill Collins*, Executive Director

## Bunkhouse Progress

God is Good! While the permitting process just takes some time, we are excited to see how funds have been coming in. Financially we have most of what we need, approximately \$50,000 shy of full funding. The site is leveled. And septic approved. Road, water, and power are in place. We could use some skilled labor in early fall.



## My Opportunity

Hi! My name is Cami Martin and I had the wonderful opportunity to be a camper at Wilderness Way Girls Camp in Fair Play, South Carolina.

Before I went to Camp, I was a very troubled young girl. There were quite a lot of things that I had not worked through or came to grips with, which resulted in me acting out on the nasty feelings I was having inside me. Sadly, I would take those feelings out on my family and friends. It came to a point where I knew that I needed some extra help.



**Cami was a pathfinder camper a couple of years ago. After returning home, Cami attended Elnora Bible Institute in Indiana. She now helps support the school through her volunteer work at their thrift store.**

I made the decision to go to Camp and get the extra help that I knew I needed. Once I was settled into Camp, it was time to tackle some big problems. Was it always easy? Let me tell you, under NO circumstances was it always easy.....BUT, if I chose to, I could learn from my problems and grow in learning how to handle similar problems later.

Throughout my whole camp stay, I learned some very valuable lessons and just some good, quality tools to learn how to handle the things life throws at us.

Some things I would have struggled with before going to Camp were disobedience, disrespect, and an over all problem of stuffing down all my feelings and thoughts so that I wouldn't have to think about them and the effects they had on me. Those were only a few things that I had to overcome, but I have had so much victory in those areas of my life. I realized that the joy, the peace, and the happiness that came when I did the hard things, whether that was obeying, being respectful, or just talking through things, was well worth the battle to fight for them.

The biggest lesson and victory I had at Camp was the moment where I came to the complete end of myself and realized that I was trying to find my Identity in myself and therefore trying to solve my problems on my own strength. When I came to the point where I hit

rock bottom, I realized that if I was ever going to win, it was going to have to be with Jesus's help.

Has it been an easy journey since then? Absolutely not! Do I still struggle? Yes, and I always will. But it's how you decide to handle each problem you are faced with that will determine how strong you will grow.

Outside of problem solving, Camp has other amazing qualities as well. We as campers get to experience life living outside all the time, go on some pretty amazing trips, build our very own structures that we call home for a time, and have some great fun with different traditions that Camp has throughout the year. Hands down, it was one of the best time frames in my entire life. I will never regret it, and it will always have a very special spot in my heart.

I very highly recommend every young girl who is struggling to go to Camp. In fact, I think each girl could go to Camp, because we all have struggles to different degrees, and could all benefit and learn things at and from Camp.

Blessings to each one who reads this!!!

## Pathfinders Explore the Chattooga Trail

Pathfinders group spent the middle of April hiking over forty miles through the Chattooga River Valley. The weather was....variable. The scenery was BEAUTIFUL. The trip was a big success! Read an article from each day and each camper in the insert.



### Join our ministry?

A Pathfinder chief has recently finished her (extended) term of commitment. We are praying for her replacement. Could we be praying for you? You may contact Chief John at 864-972-0611 or through the email address below. We have other support roles available as well.





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## Group pride

Yes, we get into pride at camp— the satisfaction of group achievements. Both groups have developed an attitude of success and accomplishments as they have planned out and con-



structed some important structures in the campsites. On the right is the recently com-

pleted Trailblazer wood tent. It just lacks a bit of wood, but don't worry. It will be full by fall. Trailblazers already have a sleeping tent replacement in the works!

The Pathfinders have been enjoying their new chuck tent where they dine on their campsite cooking on Wednesdays and Thursdays. It also makes for a good study room. This one is bigger than the one it replaced and the group added over a hundred wheelbarrow loads of dirt to restore forty years of gradual erosion. Pathfinders built this in the spring and now have a sleeping tent nearing completion!

