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Phase One: Extreme Makeover Cabin Progress

Cabin 9 Remodel

Before



After



Cabin 9 looks more like a hotel than a cabin. The patched carpet in the meeting room is a unique twist. The framed mirrors and light fixtures in the bathroom could make an appearance on HGTV!

Cabin 2 Remodel

Before



After



Shower stalls have been added in both Cabin 2 and Cabin 9



Always give yourself fully to the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Cor. 15:58

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The Springs

Latham Springs News and Updates



MARCH/APRIL 2009

More To Camp, More To Christ

For all you math guys, I have a perfect equation for you...More to Camp = More to Christ! It's our 2009 goal to get this equation correct. Everything we are doing at Latham Springs is geared toward this. The whole purpose for Latham Springs is to create a place where you can come, bring your friends, congregation, youth group, etc. and meet with the Lord! You get away from the noise, TV, traffic, jobs, school, and crazy lives, just so you can spend time in God's presence, studying His Word, seeking and worshipping Him! And I want to give you a great promise from our Lord.

"... you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart" Jer 29:13. What an amazing thing, to "find" the Lord, the God of Heaven and Earth! The spring season is a beautiful time at Camp and I invite you to "retreat" to Latham Springs and seek the Lord. As you look through the newsletter, you will see many things that are going on at Camp.

From building a waterfront, marina, cabin and dining hall improvements, new worship areas, hiking trails, riding arena, and more, everything we are doing has as its goal to bring "More to Camp, so More will come to Christ". To make this happen, we need your help. From giving of your time, or your prayers or your monetary gifts, we have many ways you can serve the Lord at Latham Springs. If you feel led to help, please give me a call. Hope to see you soon at Camp, and we pray that many will come to Christ in 2009!



Senior Day At Latham Springs

The Winter Senior Day kicked off on January 22. Over 300 seniors came to Latham to enjoy a day of fellowship and fun. God blessed the day immensely. From the music, to the food, to the speakers the day was successful and blessed. Thanks to Dr. Willie Clark of Olive Branch Baptist Church, Mark Westerfield of Central Baptist Church Round Rock, and Dr. Levi Price of Truett Seminary for their anointed messages. We thank all of the seniors for attending and for your continued support of Latham Springs! God bless you all!



We Want You!

To serve the lord at Latham springs!

June 8—august 5

Competitive salary

Must be a graduated senior or older

Recreation-food service-facility

To apply— download application online at lathamsprings.com or call (254) 694-3689



Meet our Recreation Director



Andy Strecker

I would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself. My name is Andy Strecker, and I was hired in September to serve as the Guest Services/Recreation Director. I am very excited about Latham Springs and I feel truly blessed to be a part of this ministry. We have a good amount of things going on concerning our recreation agenda. Our goal for the summer of 2009 is to be able to facilitate 100 campers every two hours, at each of our 4 main recreation sites: **The Lakefront, High Ropes Course, Paintball Course**, and the **Pool**. The recreation sites have the following upgrades taking place:

High Ropes Course: 40 foot climbable cargo net, two Auto Belay systems, and more zip line systems.

Paintball Course: Our paintball supplies will be upgraded

Pool: Water slide, tables, benches, and shading options

Lake front Development: Lake front Development: God's Hand has been ever present on the development of the Lakefront. He has allowed the process to continue, and some nice progress has been made. The **Wet Willie**, our 100 foot water slide, has been delivered and the tower, stairs and, platform for the slide were installed by the Firm Area volunteers. The **sandy beach area** has been incorporated and it gives a whole new appearance to the lake. The **Fishing Hut, Clubhouse**, and lakefront **deck** have all been built (Pictures on page 2) and are soon to be complete. Latham Springs would like to thank all of the workers and volunteers for helping to improve the lake front!



Gramvil and Verna Rost at Senior Day

Latham Springs Love Connection: It was June 19, 1946 when Gramvil and Verna Rost first set eyes on one another at Latham Springs. Gramvil was on leave from the military, spending a week at Latham. He told God that he wanted a reason to stay in the US (he was assigned to go to Japan). As he sat under the outdoor tabernacle, he asked God to send him a Christian girl with brown hair and a beautiful singing voice. As Gramvil prayed this prayer, a car pulled up and a lovely brunette stepped out of the backseat. Gramvil said that God gave him a nudge and said "There she is." Without hesitation he walked right up to the lovely lady (whose name was Verna) and they have been together ever since!

Volunteers at Work



We'd like to thank all the volunteers who have helped with the Extreme Makeover: Camp Edition!



The Firm Area Volunteers are responsible for our Lakefront improvements.



Latham Springs would like to thank Mr. Nathan Booth, Nolan River Rd Church in Cleburne, and the men of the Robertson Association for donating 50 benches to enhance the beauty of our camp!



We would like to thank Bob Tucker of First Baptist Hillsboro for the donation of our boating marina!

Extreme Makeover: New Waterfront Attractions



Our Wet Willie Platform is almost complete!



Lake front deck



The Fishing Hut is not yet complete



The renovated Clubhouse looks great!



Latham Springs Trails: Then and Now

The trail system at Latham Springs started with only a couple of miles of trail consisting of Bear Falls Trail and The Horse Trail primarily. Over the past 27 years, trails such as Seminary Trail, Cross Trail, Woods Trail, Rogers Circle, Smith Trace, Lenamon Loop, and Big Lake Trail have been added to give over 8 miles of hiking pleasure for our guests. We endeavor to maintain and add to your trail system to enhance your hiking and relaxation pleasure as you commune with the Father while enjoying His creation. We welcome your comments and ideas on how this resource can be improved and enlarged in the future.

James Lewis



You've asked about our needs...

Here are some of them:

- Cabin roof-\$2000
- Curtain Material-\$500
- Paintball Guns-\$150 each
- Zip line Cargo Net-\$4000
- Lifejackets-\$100 per set of 4
- Mattresses-\$100 each
- Picnic Table-\$50 each
- Blob-\$5000
- Floating Iceberg-\$6000
- Volunteer Help Needed!**
- Painting
- Marina Construction
- Floor
- General Remodeling
- Metal Roof Installation
- Tree Trimming/Brush Clearing
- Sewing

2009 Summer Schedule

June 5-13: TBM Leadership Training Camp

June 15-19: Area Wide GA Camp/Area Wide RA Camp

June 22-26: FIRM Area Pre-teen Camp/Wedgewood Baptist Pre-teen Camp

June 29-July 3: Progressive Hearts Youth Camp

July 6-10: Texas Fellowship of Cowboy Churches

July 13-17: Texas Fellowship of Cowboy Churches

July 20-24: Next Level Kids' Camp/North Point Youth Camp

July 22-25: Zarzamora RA Camp

July 27-31: Central Texas Pre-teen Camp

July 31st-August 4: Antioch Community Church Youth Camp

August 3-7: A&M Impact

August 10-14: A&M Impact

Questions or Comments for The Springs?

E-mail tessie@lathamsprings.com and you may be featured in the next issue.