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Children Come – Hearts Change – God Smiles

6 Wonderful Camp Sessions Completed Northside (2), Mountain Fork (3), DeQueen

John Loe is a board member of Corin Read and Mountain Fork Christian Camps, and a director of the MFCC Jr. camp week. He writes:

Mountain Fork Christian Camp (MFCC) recently completed 3 weeks of camp at Corin Read Christian Camp. Each week of camp is designed for a specific age group. The first week is Sr. session and is for campers who have completed grades 9 - 12. The second week is our middle session for campers who have completed grades 6 - 8 and the third week is our Jr. session for campers who have completed grades 2 - 5.

MFCC was formed in 1970 and has held camp every year since then except 1984, when the dining hall had burned at our old facility, and 2020, when COVID kept us away from camp.

It was great to be able to gather back at camp this year.

Our theme was *Upstander* based on the book of Ephesians. We learned that an *Upstander* is someone who stands up for others in need and that Jesus was an *Upstander* for us because he came to earth and died on the cross because we needed forgiveness of our sins.

MFCC has campers from many different congregations, most of which are located in northeast Texas, southwest Arkansas and southeast Oklahoma. We welcome any kids that want to attend. Many of our campers are either children or grandchildren of campers from our past.



Mountain Fork Christian Camp 2021

Calendar

- CRCC Board Mtg. – September 14 (tentative)
- September 17-19 - NS Hispanic Retreat
- October 8-10 - Northside Youth Group Fall Retreat
- November 24-25 – Blakeney Family Reunion
- December 29-31 – Richardson Family Retreat
- January 14-16 – MFCC Teen Retreat

NOTE: Renters must follow current Arkansas Department of Health and CDC guidelines for day or overnight group camping.

Please pray often for the ministry of Corin Read Christian Camp!



The activities we provide include daily Bible class and worship, Bible bowl, crafts, and several games and other fun activities.

One of the favorite games of the campers is Carpet Ball. The kids really get into the game and the strategy of placing their balls and some even learned to use the imperfections of the table to their advantage. It is really fun to play and even to just sit back and just watch.

At Jr. camp I witnessed an interesting game of Gaga ball. The object of the game is to hit a ball with your hands and cause the ball to hit another player anywhere but on their hands which causes the other player to be eliminated. The last person in the pit wins. This was a group of boys and they were playing where if you were eliminated and standing outside the pit you could get back in the game if you caught a ball in the air. The interesting part was that the boys still in the game began trying to hit the ball to others who had been eliminated so they could get back in the game.



It is great to see the campers trying to help others and not just play to win the game. Camp has the same influence on both the campers and the staff. It recharges our energy and encourages us to keep up the good work.



This year there was a first-time camper who was a young boy about 10 years old. His grandmother attends church regularly but this boy and his parents live in a

different town and do not attend church. The grandmother talked to the boy about going to church camp and the little boy said "I don't have a Bible or know much about it, but I want to go to Church camp and learn". Stories like that warm my heart. We have a chance to reach kids in a different way. Camp gives the campers a feeling of belonging, and whether it is a Gaga ball game or the Christian race, it encourages them in the right direction.

John



A great thanks to several who were able to generously donate extra to Corin Read this month! As a result, we should be able to resume finish work on the newest duplex cabin building soon, after the weather cools a bit. Also, thanks to Tom Davis, Carroll Davis, Phil Lincoln, Gary Black and Terry Hastings (If I overlooked someone, please forgive.) for their tireless work (despite the heat) on the 6-space RV park at the front of the camp property – Billy McLain

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PRIORITIES

1. Complete the 4th duplex cabin
2. Pool Bathroom
3. Nurse/Staff cabin
4. Amphitheater
5. Lake
6. 5th duplex cabin
7. Zip line
8. 6th duplex cabin

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