



The Ranch Rambler

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2011 Summer Camp Schedule:

- * Senior High Camp
July 4th-8th
- * Junior High Camp
July 11th-15th
- * Junior Girl's Camp
July 18th-22nd
- * Junior Boy's Camp
July 25th-29th

The harvest is plentiful,...

From your Camp Director, Perry Rotenberger

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Matt. 9:37-38 NASB)

Well, it has been three years since the last newsletter, and many things have happened since then. Some people ask, "What do you do when camp is not going on?" I have to stop and think (which doesn't happen much – the 'stopping and thinking') because I never get much time to do either of them. OFCR has become such a large ministry filled with: summer and winter youth retreats, fall and winter

church retreats, maintenance, office work, staffing, and the list goes on. Don't get me wrong! I am not trying to say that I am busier than any of you, but I am just saying that "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few", everywhere. Our Lord is in control of all things, including this ministry, and we keep crying out for more workers to help with everything, including newsletters! We have been blessed with some really good full-time staff over the years, but at this moment, I am the only full-time staff member on board. All that said, I still say this: "Things are really great!" God is continuing to bless this min-



istry beyond anyone's expectations. Praise our Lord! Two summers ago, we had the largest camp ever. 141 senior high campers! That was about 11 – 16 more campers than the maximum we should have, but who could turn any one of them away (certainly not our staff)? Last year, the board decided to move the ninth graders to the junior high week to balance things out better. So last

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OFCR Has A New Year-Round Staff Member

The ministry is growing, and change always happens. After many summers of serving our Lord at Old Faithful Christian Ranch, Brenda Wood is joining as a year-round staff member as our new Program Director.



Brenda Wood
Probationary Program Director (PPD)

She will be starting on a probationary basis, but after her first year, the Board and Brenda will pray for guidance and direction for the future. Please pray that God will bless her and give her wisdom as she serves here.

Chairman's Corner by Steve Molsee, Chairman of OFCR

We are living in a very different world from what it was when the last camp newsletter came out. The only thing that seems to be constant is change, and recently, this change has happened rapidly and in quite surprising ways. Each day, the news from around the world brings startling new events that have direct or indirect impact on each of us as individuals. A reminder that I believe we all need to hear on occasion to keep us from being overly stressed and distressed over the events taking place around us is this: We do not belong here! This is not our home even though, for now, we seem quite entrenched in this life and all that it entails.

Our citizenship is in heaven (Php. 3:20). We are strangers and aliens here (1 Pet. 1:17, 2:11) living our lives in reverent fear. Quite a different reference point than those whom we rub shoulders with day in and day out. Through bumper stickers and lifestyle in general, they in-

form the public that they are a people of **"No Fear"**. I believe it is important to remember that most often when we read of "us, we, you" in Scripture, it is addressing those who are "believers, born again ones, disciples, followers of Jesus". Our steps are to be "out of sync" with the world, and indeed, we may be marching against the tide of humanity because we are indeed marching to the beat of a different drummer! As the Board of Directors of OFCR makes choices and decisions regarding the direction we'd like to proceed, the steps we'd like to take, and the people we welcome and recruit to help us achieve our goals, it is my desire as the chairman to keep our focus on Jesus and serving Him. I praise God for a dedicated group of men who are truly seeking His will and way for the operation and future of the camp.

We are continuing to see the need to finish and complete the facility that has been built as a priority and a need. At the same

time, in view of the growth of the Summer Bible Camp Program, we cannot ignore the potential need for expansion of the facility at OFCR in the future. All the issues we see and face must be dealt with in view of the resources we have and the degree to which we sense God leading in a certain direction or area. We know that through prayer we are connected with and relying on our greatest resource! We would ask each of you who receive this to be in prayer for OFCR. We continue to seek those whom God is drawing to join with us through financial support and/or physical involvement. We are asking God to provide the people to fill the positions of responsibility as needed. If you sense God is leading you to a deeper involvement with the ministry of OFCR, we welcome your inquiry pertaining to our current and future needs. Thank you for your prayers and support!

The harvest is plentiful,...

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year, we only had 106 senior highers but 115 junior highers compared to 82 junior highers the prior year. Both of these weeks are only about 15 – 20 campers away from being full. What a great problem to have! Along with these great numbers, many, many have come to Christ for the first time and even more have rededicated their lives. **"The harvest is plentiful!"** Thank God for the harvest! God is good!

Now, to all of you workers who are serving in the fields, whether here at OFCR or supporting us from a distance – **THANK YOU!** We could use even more workers (staff) here, but we could not minister as we do without the love and support of everyone, everywhere.

To show you an example of how God **IS** supplying more workers, on page one, you read about our soon-to-be full-time Program Director, Brenda Wood. What a great blessing to help carry the load!

Until the next newsletter, *whenever that may be*, may God continue to bless you all as He has been blessing us!

Perry, your OFCR Director

P.S. Thank you for supporting and loving us, even when I am so slow at keeping in touch.

Paid Summer Staff Members

For the first summer ever, we are looking to hire summer staff for five weeks.

After 14 seasons, God is growing us so much that we need to bring on staff that will commit to working all the weeks of camp. This does not mean that we no longer need volunteer staff, instead, this change is to ease the burden of all the volunteers that have

been serving for so many years. These staff members will be working for one week of staff training and four weeks of camp. As the camp continues to grow, our staff needs to grow with it. As I stated earlier, we will still be using volunteer staff to offset the rest of the camp, but the main cabin leaders will be hired staff. The amount that will be given to this staff will not be huge, but the benefits

are great (not just the great food).



Creative ways to share the rules?

Prayer Requests for OFCR

- * Please pray for the summer staff that are needed to minister to the campers this summer, especially a Bible Teacher for the Sr. High Camp.
- * Praise our Lord for so many campers coming each year to hear the Gospel.
- * Pray for more full-time staff to continue on this ministry until our Savior's return.
- * Pray for healing for my body (Perry) as parts continue to falter.
- * Please pray for Brenda Wood as she

starts ministering full-time as the Program Director for the camp.

- * Pray that our Lord will continue to supply summer staff again this year.
- * Please pray that all the finances needed to support new staff will be supplied.
- * Praise God for all the youth that

came to Christ this past summer, and pray for the souls of those coming this summer.

- * Pray for the finances needed to restart the 'Campaign for Completion' fund drive and that God will continue to bless this ministry as we work to complete the projects that were started.

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; (Colossians 4:2 NASB)

Campaign for Completion

What has happened to the 'Campaign for Completion' fund drive?

Since the drop in the economy, the Board of OFCR decided to put the campaign on hold until times became better. The other decision the Board made was to put as much of the camp's donations into the scholarship fund. Last summer, this helped 44 youth to come to camp that financially could not have come. There is always a need for scholarship monies, but the

Board has decided to restart the 'Campaign for Completion' fund drive. Why? They feel that it is time to start working again at finishing what was started so many years ago. Some of the projects still undone are: the lodge and all the cabins, financing for more staff, upgrading of the old bath house, chinking and painting of the Director's cabin, and much more. At this present moment, we have raised about \$35,500.00 out of the projected amount of \$99,800.00, which leaves us an amount of about \$64,300.00 short.

We will be sending out more information on the details of this continuing fund drive at a later date.

For now, for the few that have not stopped giving to this fund and anyone else that may be led to donate to finishing what we have started, please make a note with any donations for the 'Campaign for Completion Fund'. Also, you can use the enclosed slip and envelope. Thank you for your continued giving to support this ministry.

Camp Events for 2011

Jan. 7 th - 9 th OFCR Young Men's Only Retreat	July 4 th - 8 th Sr. High Bible Camp	Sept. 12 th - 14 th C.C. Jr. High School
Jan. 14 th - 16 th T.V.B.C. Men's Retreat	July 11 th - 15 th Jr. High Bible Camp	Oct. 1 st Fall Workday at OFCR
Jan. 28 th - 30 th OFCR Young Women's Only Retreat	July 18 th - 22 nd Jr. Girl's Bible Camp	Oct. 14 th - 16 th Women's Scrapbooking
Feb. 18 th - 20 th 1 st Baptist Men's Retreat	July 25 th - 29 th Jr. Boy's Bible Camp	Oct. 21 st - 23 rd Ruth House Women?
Mar. 18 th - 20 th C.C. of Victor Men's Ret.	Aug. 1 st - 5 th Calvary Chapel Kids Camp	
May 6 th OFCR Appreciation Banquet at Calvary Chapel of Idaho Falls?	Aug. 5 th - 7 th OFCR Young Adult Weekend	
May 29 th - 30 th Pinedale Jr. High	Aug. 12 th - 14 th Father's House Retreat	
June 4 th Spring Workday at OFCR	Aug. 19 th - 21 st Gate City Baptist	
June 27 th - July 1 st Summer Staff Training	Aug. 25 th - 27 th JHBC Orientation	
	Sept. 3 rd - 5 th OFCR Family Camp?	
	Sept. 9 th - 11 th Inkom Men's Retreat	

Visit the camp website for the yearly calendar.
www.ofcr.org

More Full-time Staff Needed at OFCR

You may have already noticed that there has been a common theme running throughout this newsletter. Well, this is where we are. The camp is growing and that means that it takes more staff to take care of all the needs. Are you someone that the Lord may be leading into Christian camping? Are you just searching for where God needs you? Then maybe we should talk!

The staff that we are looking for, at the present time, are an Assistant Director and a Maintenance/ Host person. If you have the abilities and the gifts for one of these positions, then contact Perry to get a job description and more details. Who knows, you may end up like the rest of us, loving serving the Lord at OFCR. Oh, and don't let these two scare you off!



Please, pray for more staff, or we will have to use these two again!

To keep up with more news about OFCR, just send me your e-mail address, and I will add you to the 'Camp Update' list. The 'Camp Update' is e-mailed out more often than this hard copy newsletter, and it will include more stories and information that does not fit in this newsletter.

Missions trip, anyone?

Have you, or a group in your church, been seeking the Lord for a place to serve? Then, we have a suggestion for you! How about spending a week ministering at OFCR? We have an opening the third week of June for a group to do some work projects here at camp. The physical needs of the camp are great and varied, so there is something for just about anyone to do. This opportunity is not just for a group; it could be for anyone of almost any age. All you need to do is pray, then call Perry, and we will chat. Well, what do you think? The snow is melting and the summer is coming soon! We will be praying for you!

New for OFCR

What is new at camp? Well, since the last newsletter, OFCR has launched a new website at

www.ofcr.org and a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/OFCR.org.

At these two cyber places, you can see more pictures, videos, calendar of events, service opportunities, and much more.

Paule Patterson, who was a camper for many years, designed and launched both of these pages. If you need website or graphic design work, look for Paule at **'Stigma Designs'**.

Food Service Director needed at OFCR

For many years the Ruthardts, (mainly Valerie), have been taking care of the camp's food purchasing needs. We are looking for someone to take over this important ministry. So, if you love food (don't we all) and would be willing to volunteer as the Food Services Director, please contact me for more details. Don't forget, cooks can't cook and kids can't eat without physical food, and a camp is not a camp without physical and spiritual food! Call or e-mail Perry at: 208-390-9840 or campoffice@ofcr.org

P.S. We can pay for your expenses, and the people you minister with are great!

The Wood Shed, by Brenda Wood, Probational Program Director (PPD)

Fear! There are days when I can actually taste it, even feel it in my bones. Its pervasiveness never ceases to amaze me, as it slips in and corrupts. As I look at my life consisting of twenty three years, I see how fear has directed my steps far too many times. And as I embark on yet another part of my journey here on earth, I feel its pressing weight. But there is hope,

"for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7)

So, it is on this note that I wish to start the next chapter of my life. For the next year, I will be working

for OFCR as the Program Director. This will be for a probationary period, trusting that at the end of that time, I will better know God's direction for my life. Does He want me to be the full-time Program Director, or does He want me to assist whomever He has for the position? I am unsure, so this time is to serve as a fleece test, as Gideon received confirmation of God's will in Judges. I long for your prayers, that I may have discernment and that I would not give in to fear, but trust in the One who has proven Himself faithful. I have great hope for this camp season to see how God works and in

what way He brings honor to His name. I am so thankful to be involved with a God-centered camp, and I pray that He uses us to draw people to Himself.

"To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." (1 Timothy 1:17)

Camp needs

I get asked many times "what does the camp need?". Well, after fourteen years, the camp ministry grows and so do the needs. The needs for the camp are not the same as in the first years. In the beginning, we needed everything: toilets, blocks, shovels, and even water. Now we are still in need, but of things like:

- Canoes (new or good used)
- Chinking (caulk for in between the logs on cabins)
- RV campers for summer staff housing
- Finances to finish the camp buildings
- A portable sawmill
- Financial support for new staff
- Volunteers (anytime)
- Newer folding chairs
- Storage cabinet in dining area



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Old Faithful Christian Ranch

- Praying for this camp ministry began in 1988 by a small group of believers
- Started in the summer of 1997 by a group of Christian churches in Southern Idaho and Wyoming
- A non-denominational Christian camp
- Located in Island Park, Idaho (near Yellowstone National Park)
- Affiliated with American Missionary Fellowship

2011 summer camp theme is:

"In it but not of it!"

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 John 2:15 NIV

Old Faithful Christian Ranch Board of Directors

- Steve Molsee - Chairman of the Board
- Alan Brug
- Dave Ferguson
- Jeff Isham
- Kevin Odette
- Ken Parker
- Dave Ruthardt
- Jim Silvey

Full-time Staff

- Perry C. Rotenberger - Camp Director
- Brenda Wood - Program Director



Survivor Day
Senior High Week
Summer of 2010