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On The Horizon

Horizon Conference 2003

In the Race with Jesus
"Let us run... the race that is set before us."
Hebrews 12:1

We have the privilege of serving an awesome and faithful God. He knew all about our summer conference before we were even created.

Knowing that He would provide all our needs enabled us to trust Him more. This summer our conference director and her husband were not able to be involved in most of the planning and operation of conference due to the birth of their twin daughters. God supplied all the staff we needed for each week. In a couple of instances it was the night before the week began before He revealed His plan. Thirty-three staff members worked together to provide 3 great weeks of camp. Nine of those staff were there for the first time.

One hundred thirteen guests attended this year; twenty-three were first time attendees. Two of the



guests made decisions to accept the Lord into their lives. Once again, the guests had opportunities to choose two activities each day. In the morning they could choose to feed and brush the calf, "Boomer", go to archery or do crafts. In the afternoon they could choose from boating, cooking or Bible Study. Besides the ever-popular ice cream, the new hit in cooking class was making doughnuts. In crafts they made racetrack picture frames, derby cars and copper foil pictures.

We praise and thank God for the donations that were made to help conference run more smoothly. We were once again able to borrow a golf cart, which really helped us in getting around in Otisville. The donation of the purchase price and design of the t-shirts allowed guests and staff to have a memento to help remind them of the great times they each had. The design and laminating of the nametags, along with the lanyards, were also donated. We would like to say thank you for the financial donations that were made and for all who prayed to make conference 2003 happen.

Bowl-a-thon Update

The second annual bowl-a-thon was held in the Cadillac area on April 5. The purpose of the bowl-a-thon is to raise money for the sponsorship fund and to raise public awareness of the ministry of CHI. Two new group homes were able to be involved this year, giving us a total of 10 teams. Everyone had a great time bowling and seeing old friends. \$7184.70 was raised for the Cadillac area sponsorship fund.

How about a bowl-a-thon on the east side of the state? If anyone is interested in being on a planning committee, please call 616-956-7063. We would like to raise the public's awareness of Christian Horizons. We have lots of room to take more guests at the Otisville facility and we want people to know about the great opportunities CHI has to offer. We also need to raise funds for the sponsorship fund. This year \$11,000.00 was raised to help cover the costs of the guests' fees and we praise God for that. However, our sponsorship needs were \$15,000.00. Pray with us as we pursue a bowlathon, that God would be glorified and people would be able to learn more about the great ministry of Horizon Conference.

Staff Profiles

We would like to feature two of our summer staff in this newsletter.

Nate Clifton is from the Howell area and is a senior in high school this year. He attends Heritage Christian Church. He enjoys music, computers, and being with people. Nate has worked with CHI for five years as a counselor. He heard about the ministry of CHI through one of our former counselors, Jessica Messner. Nate's favorite part about working at conference is all the people. Joseph is his favorite Bible character and his favorite Bible verse is Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."

Sarah Elzerman lives in Grand Rapids with her family. She is a residential instructor in a group home and pursues her hobby of video editing on the side. She has produced our camp videos for the last 3 years. Sarah heard about Horizon Conference through her father, Jim, who is a CHI board member. She has been a counselor for the past 4 years. Her favorite parts about working with CHI are getting to know the people and being able to use her talents to serve God. Sarah's favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 33:3.



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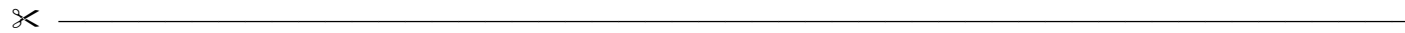


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We've started planning and so can you...
We have already begun to get things ready for conference 2004. We are researching themes and curriculums. Pray with us as we ask for God's wisdom for the planning committee. You can start planning, too. Work on putting a small amount away each month in order to have enough to cover your week at camp. What a great feeling it is to be able to pay for your time at camp.

Wish List

- Copier Purchase Price – our copier needs to be replaced. For \$1,500 we can purchase a quality refurbished copier and a 2 year service agreement.
- Golf cart -- for the last few years we have been able to borrow and rent a couple of golf carts in order to get around the facilities in Otisville. The board feels it would be better stewardship to own one than to continue renting. If you or someone you know have one or more you would like to donate or sell at a reduced price, please contact us at 616-956-7063.



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