

# The Trout Creek Current

News of Trout Creek Bible Camp

FALL 2015

## Summer 2015

The summer of 2015 was busy, full, exciting, enjoyable, hot, dry, great, fun, exhausting, exhilarating...and many more adjectives that are too numerous to mention here.

With 2,821 total campers attending (including family campers), everyone had a great time and were Drvn 2 Lvn (Drivin' to Livin') a life devoted to Christ. There were new activities, new friendships forged, new staff members serving, along with all the great usual activities, renewed friendships, and returning staff. Everything put together made for an awesome summer.

Especially exciting were the many life-changing decisions made by campers. 257 dedicated their lives to serving Christ, 522 were assured of their relationship with Him, and 238 made first time decisions for the Lord.

This summer, we had nearly 100 volunteer staff serving for the entire summer. Along with those serving all summer, we were blessed to have many former staff returning for a few weeks here and there, helping us serve even more campers. What a blessing from God that He continues to place the ministry of Trout Creek Bible Camp on the hearts of current and former staff.



# Where Are They Now?

Alex ("Buttons", '03-'07) and Nicole Button, along with their two children, Henry & Hannah, are currently living in Beaver, Pennsylvania. Alex started his three-year Residency at Heritage Valley/Kindred Hospital in June after graduating from Midwestern University in Arizona as a Podiatrist (Dr. Button!). On graduation day, he was sworn into the Navy as an officer. Following his PA Residency, he will serve actively at a naval base for three years.

## 2016 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Here's a look at next summer's schedule. Registration will open online in January.

Camp Session	Grade in Fall	Dates
Primary . . . . .	2nd & 3rd . . . . .	July 7-9
Junior Super . . . . .	4th-7th . . . . .	June 20-25
Junior 2 . . . . .	4th-6th . . . . .	July 11-16
Junior 3 . . . . .	4th-6th . . . . .	July 25-30
Junior 4 . . . . .	4th-6th . . . . .	Aug. 8-13
Junior 5 . . . . .	4th-6th . . . . .	Aug. 22-27
JH/SH Super . . . . .	8th-12th. . . . .	June 27-July 2
Junior High 2 . . . . .	7th-9th . . . . .	July 18-23
Junior High 3 . . . . .	7th-9th . . . . .	Aug. 1-6
Junior High 4 . . . . .	7th-9th . . . . .	Aug. 15-20
Rockin' Raft . . . . .	9th-12th. . . . .	July 25-29
Family Camp. . . . .	All . . . . .	July 2-5

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# 70th Anniversary & Fundraising Banquet

On Sunday, August 2nd, Trout Creek Bible Camp celebrated 70 years of ministry with a special dinner and program held in the Charles Wecks Memorial Chapel. About 125 people joined together to eat, fellowship, hear stories of "way back when", and catch a vision for what the future might look like.



Left to Right: Dick Cochran, John VanDiest, LeRoy Ensign, Joe Fahlman

Guest speakers included Dick Cochran, Trout Creek's first director (1945-1946), who shared some great stories about meeting his wife here and serving under the watchful eye of the founder, Charles Wecks.

We also heard from John Van Diest, camp director from 1956 to 1972 who told of how many items were gathered from around the Portland area, including wagon wheels, train cars, etc. to enhance the program. Finally, LeRoy Ensign, director from 1973 to 1977 told of his adventures both at Central Bible as Youth Pastor and at Trout Creek.

A true highlight to the event was the showing of short clips from a video created from reel-to-reel film of the camp, shot in the late 50s and early 60s. It showed campers swimming in the original pool, heading into the lodge from the dirt entrance, Bible studies held with a view of Mt. Hood in the background, and much, much more. The full video includes almost 2 hours of filming and is available on YouTube or through the camp office.

Attendees included many former staff members (some even appeared in the above-mentioned video!), current staff members, parents of campers, and supporters. The room was filled with noise and laughter as people recalled the great times they had at camp.

Along with celebrating and reminiscing 70 years of ministry, we looked ahead to the future and began the work of fundraising for the next major project - new staff/guest housing facilities. For more information on that project, please see the article in this newsletter.



# DIRECTOR'S CORNER



*"Not to us, O Lord, not to us,  
but to Your Name be the glory,  
because of Your love and faithfulness."* —Psalm 115:1

Dear Friend!

Great and mighty is our God! He has been faithful forever and specifically for the last 70 years of camping ministry here at Trout Creek Bible Camp. As the Psalmist says, to Him be the glory because of His love and faithfulness!

We experienced His love and faithfulness this summer in so many ways! He manifested those attributes through the volunteer summer staff, His creation, the facilities, the camp program, and in the lives of so many campers this summer. He did an amazing work and poured out His Spirit in a very powerful way!

We were blessed with the opportunity to serve and minister to over 2,800 campers with the relevant and transforming Word of God. We know, based upon the testimonies of many campers every week, that they were impacted, and many hearts were transformed or renewed. Our counselors reported that there were 238 salvations, 522 assurances, and 257 rededications, for a total of 1,017 decisions! We are very grateful to the Lord for the outpouring of His grace and mercy! Please pray for the campers as they strive to remain steadfast in Christ throughout the year.

Also, it was so much fun to celebrate TCBC's 70th Anniversary with so many friends and staff, past and present! Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support of the new cabins for the summer staff. We raised \$25,000 at the banquet this summer!

It is the Lord alone who is worthy to receive the glory and honor for the many blessings we experienced this summer!

Rejoice with us in the Lord for His many, many blessings!

For His Glory, Joe Fahlman

## New Staff/Guest Housing Project

For many years, the summer staff has been living in old, "well-loved" cabins, some of which are original, built 70 years ago! As you can imagine, these cabins are held together by little more than duct tape and prayer (just kidding about the duct tape, but not the prayer!). It is time to look at replacing these cabins, along with a few other structures at camp that are about at the end of their lives.

Our desire is to replace seven Staff Cabins, the Laundry Room, the Guest Cabin, and the Program Office. By replacing these buildings, we not only give our volunteer staff a better situation during the summer, but we can offer these cabins to Guest Groups throughout the shoulder season.

Each of the cabins will include a bathroom, making them a little nicer for our hard-working staff, as well as more convenient for the Guest Groups. However, this will cause the permit and building process to be more involved and time-consuming. Our hope is that the project could begin by Fall of 2016 and completely finished by Summer, 2018. Of course, any plans we have are subject to the Lord's direction.

How can you help? First of all by praying! Pray for the process of getting permits through the county, DEQ, and City of Gresham. Pray for the funds to come in. Pray for safety of all involved. Pray for year-round staff as additional time and effort will be expended during this project. Most of all, pray for God's clear direction and blessing on the entire project.

Secondly, you can help by giving. Of course, this project will take lots of money to finish, way more than we can imagine at times. But God is faithful, and by using the generosity of His people, He can accomplish anything.

If you would like to help with this project, please contact the camp office.



# Family News

## BIRTHS

Henry Alexander was born to **Alex** ("Buttons", '03-'07) and Nicole **Button** on Jan. 7, 2015. Henry joins his 3-year-old sister, Hannah. Henry & Hannah are the grandkids of **Doreen Button** ("Mama Button") who helps in the office each summer. For more info on Alex & Nicole, see "Where are They Now".

## WEDDINGS

**Rachael Gallaway** ("Calamity", '10-'14) married Nat Dunn on May 9, 2015. They are living in Portland where Rachael is working at a coffee shop

**Ken Arneson** ("Chunk", '02-'07) married Corina Tudorache on Aug. 30, 2015. They are living in Portland where Ken is an electrician.

## DEATHS

**Jim Wecks** graduated into the presence of his Savior on Sept. 14, 2015, at the age of 96. Jim was the son of Charles and Laura Wecks, founders of TCBC. He helped in the construction and running of the camp in the early days, and continued to support the camp until his death. Jim was the father of Carolyn Bartlett ("Snoopy", '71), Paul Wecks ("Skinner", '68-'70, '75, '97-'98), Cliff Wecks ("Butter Rum", '71), and Nancy Johnson ("Rainbow", '77-'81 - current TCBC admin asst.). He was the father-in-law of Ann Wecks ('92), Kathleen Wecks ("Pooh Bear", '73-'75, '79, '91-'04), and Kelly Johnson ("Chinook", '78-'81, '83-'84 - current board member). He was the grandfather of Karen Johnston ("Goofy", '91-'93), Katie Lowe ("Thumper", '97-'02, '05), Jeffrey Wecks ("Chachi", '00-'04), Jessica Zuver ("Buttercup", '96-'00), Betsy Stibbe ("Flutter", '00-'03), Tim Wecks ("Phobie", '98-'04, '06-'09), Annette Young ("Squeegee", '01-'05), and Andrew Johnson ("Biscuit", '04-'08). He was the great-grandfather of Lily Wecks ("Pazu", '15).

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## 2015 Summer Staff

### GUY COUNSELORS

Nathan Buhkuhl (Big Red)  
Ben Love (Dash)  
Andrew Martin (Turtle)  
Connor Rogers (Craze)

### Part-Time Guys

Ben Johnson (Ankles)  
David Hildebrand (Soap)

### GIRL COUNSELORS

Madison Chose (Schwa)  
Grace Collins (Minnow)  
Alyssa Fahlman (Pep!)  
Sadie Gallaway (Jibber)  
Carolyn Grimm (Nala)  
Brynna Neff (Shortcake)  
Annie Sharpe (Cat)  
Karissa Wardle (Tinkerbell)  
Elizabeth Zinn (Band-Aid)

### PROGRAM STAFF

#### Lifeguards

Sarah Davenport (Zamar)  
Sydney Huber (Glitter)  
Kaelynn Wardle (Sunshine)

#### Go Kart Pit Krew

Jadee Cummings (Chewie)  
Seth Parker (Stirrup)  
Christian Serrano (Gadardy)

#### Photographer/Video

Katy Espinosa (Click)  
Hayden Rogers (Caboose)  
Taylor Rudge (Legacy)  
Victoria Steinmetz (Toes)

#### Craft Crew

Anna Bidondo (Denali)

#### Nursing Staff

Mary Case (Merry Mouse)  
Maddie Tesulov (Maui)

### GUY CITS

Calvin Boyce (Wombat)  
David Fetters (Nerf)  
Benjamin Foster (Anomaly)  
Elliot Foster (Skillet)  
Daniel Frentress (Panda)  
Garrett Rogers (Gatorade)  
Noah Wecks (Pi)

### GIRL CITS

Brittany Biggs (Bebop)  
Anna Collins (Dot)  
Meri Collins (Mocha)  
Rachel Frentress (Scuttle)  
Amy Hildebrand (Peachy)  
Moriah Jatho (Dory)  
Amanda Josberger (Pineapple)  
Regan Mandzij (Mushu)  
Malia Marshall (Lala)  
Leslie Morales (Guac)  
Mac Kenna Rogers (Macaroon)  
Tiana Scruggs (Tweety)  
Beth Walker (Mumsy)

### Part-Time

Kennedy Chose (Canada)

### KITCHEN STAFF

#### Kitchen Crew

Ashley Martin (Kowalski)  
Anne Noble (Spoons)  
Amber Rynearson (Phoenix)

#### Cooks

Jill Craft (Frilous)  
Sue Groom  
Bekah Schearer (Minutemaid)  
Katie Wardle  
Christina Wheeler (Boo)

### OFFICE

Doreen Button, Volunteer  
Dianne McGown, Assistant

### GUY CREW

Lukas Bogden (Vanish)  
Bo Brabec (Blazer)  
Kyle Brabec (Bronco)  
Cole Burbank (Officer)  
Levi Collins (Mountain Man)  
Sam Glanzer (Tabasco)  
Neiman Mathew (Nemo)  
Sawyer Mitchell (Flip)  
Grant Norman (Avalanche)  
Isaac Rush (Crush)  
Max Shannon (Clutch)  
Joshua Tesulov (Polo)

### GIRL CREW

Claudia Atkinson (Bambi)  
Mina Chandler (Stitch)  
Moriah Coffee (Kona)  
Abigail Colpoly (Irish)  
Noel Diers (Willow)  
Madeleine Kester (Jiminy)  
Paige Larson (Tropicana)  
Maddy Niese (Indigo)  
Madison Nieuwendorp (Swazi)  
Lily Wecks (Pazu)

### LEADERSHIP STAFF

Kayla Asbury (Butterscotch),  
Girls Counselor Dean  
Kelly Jo Cox (Jamaica),  
Program Director (summer)  
Joe Fanno (Sensei),  
Guys Program Dean  
Jacob Gallegos (Timon),  
Guys Crew Leader  
Hannah Inskip (Pivot),  
Girls Crew Leader  
Justin Jiron (JJ),  
Guys CIT Dean  
Victoria Lock (Crayola),  
Girls Program Dean  
Kaylee O'Neill (Chilly),  
Girls CIT Dean

### YEAR-ROUND STAFF

Angela Fahlman, Food Service  
Joe Fahlman (Little Joe),  
Director  
Nancy Johnson, Admin. Asst.  
Evan Schrenk,  
Facilities Manager  
Heidi Verheyden (Shazam),  
Program Director