



BEECHPOINT *Christian Camp*

Spring 2011



"I learned about how to worship Jesus and I learned more by reading the Bible. And while I was here this

weekend I got saved! I had lots of fun sledding and playing broomball and in chapel and making new friends. I loved being here to learn about God and how to cooperate with others."

- Isaiah, age 14



"I went sledding and learned about God. I loved the food and had the best time ever! The list goes on and on and I had so much fun! I never want to leave."

- Lily, age 8



"I learned about some things that I used to think were the truth but they were really lies."

- Siclali, age 14



"I learned about the Bible since I have been here. I like everyone and am having a great time at Beechpoint. Thanks for sending money because if we did not have camp we would not eat."

- Tah'Jae, age 10



"I went hiking in the woods. I also learned about Paul, Job, and Peter and how they all three changed because of the mighty GOD!!!"

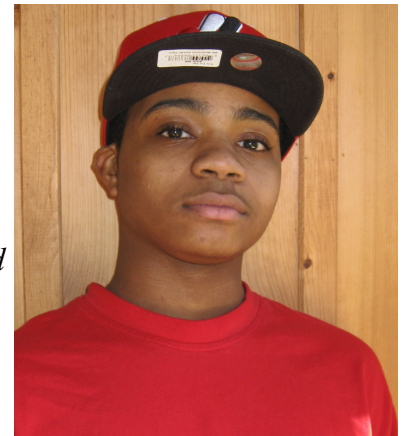
- Christian, age 8

WINTER BLAST— FULL OF IMPACT

Each year campers come to Beechpoint for our Winter Blast! This year we had 158 campers! It's a high energy weekend full of Bible lessons, reconnecting with camp staff and friends, and exciting activities. Campers enjoyed sledding and playing broomball on the frozen lake. During the Great Klondike Derby campers learned how to work as a team to complete challenges along the route. For many campers like Kadaivion, the weekend is an opportunity to do many new activities.

"While I was here I learned about helping and supporting. Also I enjoyed spending time with positive role models and learning about the Lord. I had fun enjoying doing new things like shooting bows and arrows and chopping wood. Again, thank you for this awesome weekend."

- Kadaivion, age 13



Our lessons for Winter Blast were from Romans 12:2 - challenging our campers to not conform to the pattern of the world but be transformed by renewing their minds. Satan's goal is to deceive and ensnare our youth. The weekend was full of teaching about how to reject the lies of the enemy by renewing our minds with the truth of God's Word.

Thank you for helping to make Winter Blast 2011 possible! Please pray for the campers who received this teaching, that they will stand strong in their faith and continue to learn from the Word. Pray for the five campers who made first time decisions to trust Christ, that they will be a light in their families!

BUTTERFLIES TO

BILLY GRAHAM TO

BEECHPOINT

The recent geological tragedy in Japan has heightened two key thoughts in my thinking.... **The power of a tsunami and the urgency of today**....

*In 1963, Edward Lorenz presented a hypothesis to the New York Academy of Science. His theory, stated simply, was that: A **butterfly** could flap its wings and set molecules of air in motion, which would move other molecules of air, in turn moving more molecules of air—eventually capable of starting a huge storm on the other side of the planet. Lorenz and his ideas were literally laughed out of the conference. What he had proposed was ridiculous. It was preposterous. But it was fascinating!*



*Therefore, because of the idea's charm and intrigue, the so-called "butterfly effect" became the staple of science fiction... So imagine the scientific community's shock and surprise when, more than thirty years after the possibility was introduced, physics professors working from colleges and universities worldwide came to the conclusion that the butterfly effect was authentic, accurate, and viable. Soon after, it was accorded the status of a "law." Now known as "The Law of Sensitive Dependence Upon Initial Conditions," this principle has proven to be a force encompassing more than mere butterfly wings. Science has shown the butterfly effect to engage with the first movement of any form of matter – **including people**. (The Butterfly Effect, pp. 6-8, Andy Andrews, 2009)*

This winter, while touring the Billy Graham Museum at Wheaton College, the "Butterfly Effect" was confirmed in my mind. One man, faithful and empowered by God's Spirit, whispered the beautiful wings of the Gospel each day for decades. What was set in motion affected millions and "tsunamied" the world through the impact of God's Good News. If one were diligent and informed, the path of each molecule of truth could be traced through each life – viewing how it propels each individual it continues to touch. The **Billy Graham** Evangelistic Association recently published findings - showing that sixty-five percent of Americans from the "Greatest Generation" professed to have a personal faith in Jesus Christ. Thirty-five percent of the Baby Boomers made the same claim. You see where this is going! Only fifteen percent of the Gen X and a meager four percent of Generation Y..... Wow!! What is our responsibility?

It is with renewed urgency that **Beechpoint** is committed to impacting this generation with the power of the Good News! Our goal is to double our efforts by 2016. Lives are changed at Camp! We see the "physics" play-out each year through our camp, retreat, and mentoring opportunities. If you had an extra minute, I would love to tell you about Joanne, Esther, L.J., Isaiah, and countless others ...who are parts of the tsunami of the Gospel that's gone out from Christ. Be encouraged by what God is doing! Be challenged by what must be continued!

What does tomorrow hold? I don't know. I do know that **Beechpoint** is reaching tomorrow's **Billy Gramhams**, who, like **butterflies**, will have an impact around the world.. Lord send your power! This generation can only be saved by the power of the Gospel! How has God prepared you to be a part? I'd love to talk with you about it. Thank you for praying and partnering. – Mark Davidhizar, Beechpoint Director

BENEFIT AUCTION

MAY 7 - 7th ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

Join us at Beechpoint for the most fun you'll have on one day in a very long time. Put a western steak dinner together with great live music in the beautiful new Lakeview Lodge, overlooking the shores of Dumont Lake – and how can you go wrong?! The meal begins at 3 PM and the auction starts at 5 PM and includes travel packages, handcrafted items, tools, sporting equipment, fresh-baked goods, flowers, furniture, gift certificates, services.... Basically something special for everyone... I bet you can't outbid me for my daughter's strawberry rhubarb pie! What makes it fun is that people come to give to the ministry! The bidding starts and stops with laughs and cheers. Tradition allows a center portion of the event to focus on "purchasing" camper scholarships for children in need. Every year I'm amazed! I hope you can join us! We are also asking that each of you bring a car-load of friends and consider giving a new or crafted item to the auction. Maybe your small group or Sunday school class could put together a "theme" combination package to be auctioned off. Looking forward to seeing you there!

BEECHPOINT Golf Marathon

MAY 20 - GOLF MARATHON AT THE LYNX GOLF COURSE

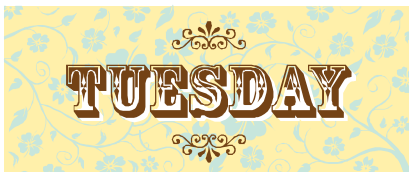
100 holes of golf in one day? You bet! This will be our second year to join together to raise camper scholarships. We are looking for men or women who would sponsor themselves for \$1.25 per hole and seek to raise an additional \$25/hole from friends, family, and corporate sponsors. From Scratch golfers to Scary Slicers – don't worry about it..., we have the entire course to make a difference in kid's lives. Each year Beechpoint gives away close to \$180,000 in scholarships to families in need and this year our Golf Marathon Goal is to raise \$50,000! Oh, did I tell you about the Hole-in-One Contest for \$10,000, player incentives, and multiple on-the-course prizes? Find a friend and sign up today! Call Mark for an info packet! (800-991-CAMP).



JUNE 4 - BEECHPOINT BIKE-N-HIKE and SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Walk, Jog, bike, hike, or skateboard your way around the Lombard Lagoon in western Chicago to raise scholarship funds for campers at Beechpoint. Get sponsors for the laps that you will log from 3 PM to 5 PM that Saturday afternoon. Individuals can enter the event for only \$40 or entire families can join for \$120. In a few hours investment, you can raise enough funds to send a child to camp (\$300) or an entire cabin (\$3000)! Lives are changed at Camp!

Everyone is welcome to join the Scholarship dinner and program to begin at 6 PM at the Lombard Gospel Chapel. In addition to good food, music, testimonies and program, there will be an opportunity to hear what God is doing through Beechpoint. The contribution total from the Bike-n-Hike will be announced and there will be a chance for others to add to that total. We are looking forward to a great summer of ministry! Consider this fun way of making an impact! Call Mark at 800-991-2267 with questions or sign-up information.



JULY - TESTIMONY TUESDAYS

Come to Beechpoint any Tuesday of July at 7:00 PM and see camp in action! You will be guided on a camp tour, see kids having a blast, enjoy some ice cream, and stay to participate in evening Cross Training – and fireside if you'd like! This opportunity will give you first-hand testimony of what God is doing at camp. RSVP at beechpoint@beechpoint.com.



“ONE SENT” - SUMMER CAMP 2011

Consider sending some children to camp this year - it's an action-oriented program for boys and girls ages 8-14. Our age specific approach provides recreation and teaching appropriate for each camper and a new experience every year! Cabin groups are divided by age and become the "family group" for the week. Campers go with both cabin leaders to archery, go-carts, swimming, hiking, the zip line, cook-outs, horses, boating, fishing, and bible time - and more! After five years of lessons guiding from Creation to the Cross to Christ-like living, this year's theme focuses on living as "One Sent"....one sent-out with the Gospel. Sessions begin June 13 and run through August 5th (Sun. - Fri.) and costs only \$300 (Scholarship assistance is available to qualifying families).

DAY CAMP - EVERY WEEK

Monday through Friday, 6-13 year-olds join up in cabin groups for action-packed daytime activities and adventures. It's fast and fun While our traditional "Day Camp Classic" is the first week of our summer and has 120 spots available, we also offer additional day camp opportunities every week for up to 20 campers! Day camp is a great value at only \$130 per week! Register today!

DISCIPLESHIP RETREATS

Beechpoint's Purity retreat moves into a new phase! We are moving our traditional retreat time from Spring to Fall with specific weekends dedicated, one to girls and one for the guys. To keep things fresh and exciting we will offer our Purity Retreats on even years and Discipleship retreats during odd years.

September 16-18 The Girls' Mentoring Retreat will feature guest speaker Deanna Mason. Games, crafts, workshops, and fellowship are planned for girls/moms/mentors.

September 23-25 During the guys Fall Retreat, Tom Schubring will bring lessons from life and the Word of God to build communication between boys/dads/mentors. Come and spend time together fishing, shooting air rifles, archery, and much more. Call for more information

**PLAN YOUR NEXT CHURCH OR MINISTRY
RETREAT AT BEECHPOINT!**

PRAYER -

- Male Cabin Leaders (19 years +)
 - Buyer for camp's house on Spec Lake
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WISH LIST -

- Scholarships (\$300)
 - 10 Indoor Basketballs (\$50)
 - 1 Gross Arrows (\$2/arrow)
 - Microsoft Office 2010 Software (\$70x10)
 - 4 New Computers + 1 Laptop (\$500)
 - Indoor Ball Set (\$250)
 - Flat-Screen TV (42")
 - Pneumatic Framing Nail Gun (\$400)
 - Administrative Volunteer for Discipleship Program (2 day/week— June thru Aug))
 - 15 Passenger Van
 - Natural Gas Well (Smile)
 - First Aid Kits (\$20)
 - Digital Cameras (6)
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