



## December Birthdays

- 12/30 Joyce Roberts
- 12/19 Douglas Modny
- 12/23 Joshua Maust
- 12/22 Brittany Hartings
- 12/20 Stephen Wong
- 12/12 Erica Trombley
- 12/1 Spenser Hester
- 12/13 Nichole Carder
- 12/18 Jaylin Conley
- 12/14 Morgan Flagg
- 12/18 Sarah Schaber
- 12/11 Quilann Lewis
- 12/30 Natalie Glick



# The New Winding Streams

## Dock ... What Dock?

It stood there for 75 years but now it's gone. The construction crews are fast at work prepping the lake bed for the renovation project. Since our last visit; Most of the sediment has been removed (no small task), the docks and posts are gone, the bridge has been moved.

The next task is to contour the new beach. A new dock will be installed just past were the first dock was located. It will go all the way across the lake to the opposite shore. (The beaver is totally lost and confused. As of right now he has moved down stream). At the end of the dock there

will be yes ... a waterslide. Much to the dislike of many, there will not be a diving area.

I'll keep you all updated as to how things are progressing.

**Note:** The lake had to be totally drained. That was not the plan

but the control valve that controls the drain cover broke after 75 years. They sent a diver down to hook a chain to the drain cover and a backhoe pulled open the drain. When that happened there was no way to stop the water from totally draining from the lake. Along

with the water all the fish in the lake went down the drain as well. So fishing this year at camp will be a "little" sparse.

*I heard it from a good source that the backhoe operator that pulled open the drain was named "ALICE" glub glub.*

*Until next time  
Dave*



David Brizius standing where the new beach will be

## From the Archives

November 1989

### WHAT IS A FRIEND

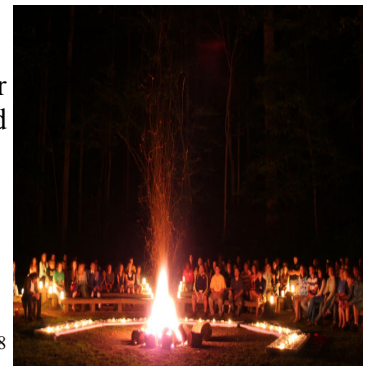
A Friend is someone who understands the way you act and feel. No matter what you do or how it's done a friend they'll always stay.

A person of all other who knows that you are real. Nkenge Boyken

From C.A.M.P. '85 "We are the World"

A friend keep an open mind about the things you say.

Photograph by Bob Vogt:Camp 2008



# Morning Watch

December 2009



**Do you have a great photo of camp or a camp activity? Send it to us and we will put it in The New Winding Streams. Send your photos to [tbrizius@sfacamp.org](mailto:tbrizius@sfacamp.org)**



*Did you write yourself a letter at camp this year?*

*If so your letters are on their way.*

*Many people wait to read their letters on Christmas. Or new years eve.*

*What a great way to start the new year!*



Once again it's time to be thinking about Christmas-- and about the Christmas story. We know that Jesus was born in a manger because "There was no room for them at the Inn."---This is God's Son we're talking about!

Do you really think that it was an accident that there was no room at the inn? Is there a doubt in anyone's mind that God couldn't have booted someone else out to make room for this little family? I think not. God meant for Him to be born "in a manger." Why? Well, we aren't God, so we'll never know exactly why, but why do YOU think He wanted it to happen that way? These very adverse circumstances of Jesus' birth as it turns out are an important part of the Christmas Story-- right? It wouldn't have had near the impact if He'd been born at Mt. Carmel, would it?

Let's go back a bit in the story. Mary was a teenager

who found herself pregnant! Surely she must have been worried-- to say the least!

Joseph, who was engaged to be married to Mary, knew that the baby could not have been his! Talk about worry!

Both Mary and Joseph chose to listen to Angels!-- and to accept the situation as God's Will.

In her ninth month of pregnancy, Mary found out that she needed to make a long journey--riding on a donkey , yet!

This was pushing that God's Will stuff a bit far!--but she did it.

So by the time it was clear that her baby was going to be born in a barn along side of



cows, sheep, and chickens, she had already been through so much it was not so hard for her to accept that," Yes, even this is God's Will."

Often times circumstances in OUR lives seem almost too much to bear. Indeed, is it possible that even these things are God's Will?

God sent Angels to help Mary and Joseph. If we

realized it, He also sends angels to help us in our times of trouble. (Angels come in many forms.)

Mary and Joseph trusted God and His Helpers in situations much more critical than most of ours.

The next time you're in one of those "hopeless" times-- Remember it isn't! Remember Mary and Joseph and how wonderful it all turned out for them because they trusted in God!

**Have a blessed Christmas everyone!**

## Thanksgiving Get Together



SFA held its annual Thanksgiving get together on November 15th. 2009.



Great food, friends and fellowship was shared by all.

Photographs by Lisa Kruse



# Stories from camps gone by

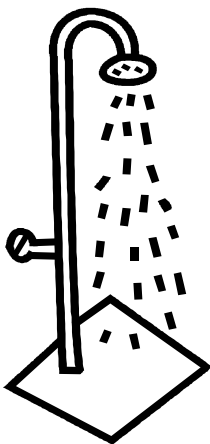
by Janny

## IT WAS SAD WHEN THE WATER TANK BROKE DOWN!

The campground at Camp Indianola's water supply came from a huge catch tank from which all of the water for the entire camp was pumped.

One year when we arrived at camp we found out that the system had broken down. I think it was Rev. Turner's first year on staff, and he and Rev. Selvey set about to fix it. (Never mind that we were renting the camp, and it was not our responsibility repair it.) It needed done, and they were going to do it!--NOW! Well from time to time they had bits of successes (enough that we could wash the dishes, at

least), but it was a stubborn problem, creating other problems that city kids never knew could exist! (I won't go into all of the details!) However a good part of the situation was that some of the more creative campers wrote a song about it. Set to the tune of "The Titanic", It was called, 'It Was Sad When the Water Tank Broke Down.'-- I'll try to remember it. I know I've seen



it in one of the very old camp newspapers if I have time to dig a bit. I do remember the chorus!

*Oh it was sad, it was sad,*

*It was sad when  
the water tank  
broke down,*



*'Cause we couldn't even--*

*Flush the toilets, brush our teeth,*

*Even wash our grimy feet!*

*It was sad when the water tank broke down!*

(Try to sing it to the tune of the Titanic!)

Cute as the song was, it didn't actually help the situation. We were going to have to GO HOME!

We prayed! and Prayed!

And a seeming miracle occurred! We had water!

### **Camp was saved!**

*And little Ernie Davies had nothing to do with it this time!*

## Mark Your Calendars



**C.A.M.P. 2010**

**August 1-7**

## WINNER!

This year's winner of the SFA scholarship is **Spenser Hester.**

She can use the scholarship for the upcoming 2010 CAMP session or be refunded for the 2009 camp.

Congratulations Spenser

# Good Feelings / Good Times

Good Feelings: The holiday season brings out the best in most of us. This Christmas enjoy the companionship of your family (even if it really hard to do). Remember that it's the giving that counts. So be grateful for your gifts, they all come from the heart.

Speaking of giving S.F.A. adopted a family from Delaware County. Three Boys. Toys and Clothes were picked out for each child and given to the parents.

It does look like Santa will make a stop at their house this year! GOOD FEELINGS.

Good Times: This coming August will be C.A.M.P.'s 55th year of camping. Think of all the people that have passed through the door of the lodge(s). Tar Hollow is a special place to many of us. Fun, friends, spiritual growth, and camp family are things that we all experienced.

To celebrate our 55 years we are planning a reunion at Tar Hollow. We are shooting for Memorial Weekend. So for right now: Save The Date Memorial Weekend May 28 & 29, 2010. We'll give you more information when we can confirm the date. GOOD TIMES!

*Until Next Time*

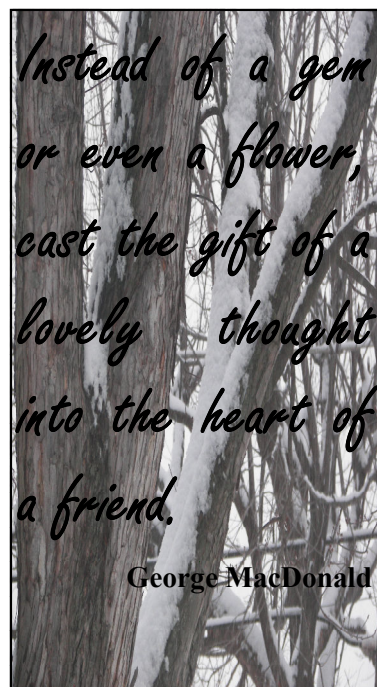


**Happy New Year!**

*Dave*

*Instead of a gem  
or even a flower,  
cast the gift of a  
lovely thought  
into the heart of  
a friend.*

**George MacDonald**





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**C.A.M.P.**  
**Established in 1956**



## What is SFA?

SFA stands for Staff Friends & Alumni of C.A.M.P.

SFA is a not for profit organization that supports campers & staff by providing equipment, supplies and scholarships for camp. Our activities enable CAMP to keep the registration fees affordable.

## Who Can Be A Member?

SFA is open to all persons. Anyone who has an interested in CAMP may join. (Staff, Past staff & Campers, Parents of campers or anyone interested in CAMP).

## What are the Benefits of Joining SFA?

In addition to our fundraising events, SFA is a social group. Along with our monthly meetings we have fundraisers and social outings throughout the year.

Members of SFA receive a 2 million dollar liability insurance policy that covers them at any CAMP or SFA event.

SFA Hosts an annual Staff Appreciation "Spaghetti Dinner" to thank our camp staff for their hard work throughout the year. At the dinner we give an award to persons who have shown outstanding service to CAMP.

## Fund Raisers

Funded mostly by membership dues, SFA also holds two major fund raisers each year.

In July we man three Pepsi Booths at Red White & Boom.

The last weekend in October we "haunt" the Santa Maria in downtown Columbus.

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