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wish list

Just DO-nate IT!

Check out the Camp Henry wish list and see if your gently used item could be donated to use for a child or program at camp! Our wish list is revised to reflect those items which we really, really need.

- Kids costumes or clothes, wigs, hats, etc... for skit nights
- A telescope whiz to help us set up our scope here at camp!
- 8 new Troxel riding helmets for horse camp (small & medium)
- Two new vacuum cleaners
- New platform tent canvases
- Deck furniture for Millar Lodge
- 15 passenger van or small bus
- New microwave for kitchen

- 28" refrigerator for Millar Lodge
- Snow plow
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs to help us conserve energy
- Area rugs for Kimball and Pickerel Lodges
homedecorators.com/outdoorrugs
- Gas cards in any amount for fueling camp vehicles on off site trips
- New and improved climbing tower
- Materials and labor for construction of new tack house for riding program or barn renovation - call Ron Bouwense
- Life vests for waterfront
- Hay for horse program

- Large metal or plastic storage cabinets
- Window unit air conditioner
- Large plastic storage bins
- Horse tack or equipment

Remember every little bit helps, and all of your donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your generosity and support of our programs.

Please call the camp office to donate (616) 459-2267.

Remember to support Camp Henry through your United Way Pledge! Simply write in our name on your pledge form as the recipient of your gift.

In memoriam

Good friends we have lost recently and will miss so much....


Rosemary Nye
Bill Halliday

the kimball call

news to know

Spring/Summer 2007

Celebrating 70 years

Nick J. Koster,
Camper 1988 - 1996, Staff 1997 - 2003

Summer 2007 marks the 70th Anniversary of the founding of Camp Henry. Since 1937, thousands of children and young adults have called the shores of Lake Kimball home each summer. Campers and staff - tens of thousands of us - have felt the excitement of the drive down Gordon Road on a Sunday afternoon. We have sung and laughed and played together. We have learned new skills and tried new things together. On the fields, in the woods and on the lake, we have built friendships that have stood the test of time. Something about Camp brings people together.

Despite our best efforts, we have all had to grow up and move on to other places and other things. But, inside us all, two things remain - a feeling that we are somehow a better, more complete person due to our experiences at Camp Henry and the genuine joy of having some really great people as our friends.

Today, I am proud to say that my best friends are those I met at Camp Henry. Some were my fellow staff members, some were my counselors as a child, and some were even my campers who have now grown to be staff members. Each day I spend with these amazing friends, I feel good knowing that I am a link in a larger chain of people who have all had their lives enriched by Camp Henry.



This summer, Camp Henry invites you to celebrate the 70 years of growing our community. On Saturday and Sunday, August 4-5, you are invited to join friends of Camp Henry from the last 70 years for a Summer Camp Reunion. For two days this summer, we will all come home again to play the games and sing the songs and tell the stories. I hope to see you there.

**for more information visit our new website at www.camphenny.org and register for the Camp Henry Alumni Directory.*



Clockwise from L: bottom - Nick, Sarah Hammer, Emily Clark, top - Mike Twigg, Jessica Anderson; Nick with campers; 1997 Staff Photo

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Camp Happenings 2007

PCUSA Pilgrimage

May 2 - 6, 2007

Bike Tour Around the Shores...

Spring 2007-Date TBA

Westminster-by-the-Lake Worship

Sundays Memorial Day - Labor Day, 9:30 am

Summer Camp Begins

June 17, 2007

70th Anniversary Alumni Reunion Weekend

August 4 - 5, 2007

3rd Annual Camp Henry Bid Bash

September 22, 2007

Schedule your retreat NOW! for Fall 2007

Space is limited!

summer camp



Job worth keeping

**Dave Kargol,
2007 Assistant Director**

I'll just come out with it: I've had a few jobs in my day. Within all of the positions I've held in the past-whether I was bagging groceries, waiting tables or

writing music reviews-the purpose of each was more or less clear from the moment I started. This little trend of understanding each new job before submitting an application came to an abrupt end in the summer of 2005, when I took on my first Camp Henry gig as a summer camp counselor. I naively thought my main role here would be to make sure kids had as

much fun as possible during their week away from home. Hah! Like a college undergrad geared up for the party scene, I'd soon discover the true value of the approaching experience. At Camp Henry, that value lies within the spirit of community we create week after week. From group activities to cabin vespers; from opening camp fires to shared meals; from morning chapel to gathering at the flag pole, nearly every aspect of the Camp Henry experience encourages people to come together (today an increasingly rare scenario, indeed). The spirit of friendship and cooperation that exists here is immense; greater than the best moments from my customer service, writing and-most recently-teaching experiences combined. And this, of course, adds up to a job that's truly worth keeping.

Loving every minute of it

**Leah Sprague,
Counselor**

What it means to be a Camp Henry counselor: It means waking up every morning with a smile on your face, getting thrown in the lake numerous times for no good reason, and dancing every day in a way that makes the rest of the world look at you like you're crazy. It means wearing face paint the majority of your nights and having it on your face for days after. It means playing British Bulldog not because the kids love it, but because you do. It means getting attacked during Capture the Counselor and standing on the fishing dock with hooks flying everywhere just to see that one camper catch his first fish. It means getting 10,000 hugs a day, losing your voice from singing "Rare Bog" after every lunch and getting mud



on every part of your campers and them getting it all over you. It means ruining all of the clothes you own, making your new perfume bug spray and eating pounds of beef stew stirred with a stick. It means being in Frontier Camp and playing baseball with horse manure. It means loving every single kid at camp and wishing each week would never end. It means we're just wannabe campers, loving every minute of every day.

Extreme boat makeover !

Ty Pennington and the design team here at Camp Henry? No, even better-- it's Dave Miller! When Dave saw our "vintage" Ski Nautique in his shop for a few repairs, he felt compelled to give a little extra elbow grease to the job. In addition to the repairs, Dave has given the Nautique a serious makeover including new upholstery, carpeting and a hand made laser-engraved Camp Henry sign for the back! Thank you Dave for all your hard work, generosity of time and enthusiasm for the project!

We feel like we have a brand new boat!

Time Capsule...

At Camp Henry in 1937...

- The registration fee for one week of camp was \$10!
- Counselors were paid a grand sum of \$3 per week.
- There were just 4 sessions, two for boys and two for girls.
- Sessions were limited to less than 50 campers.
- Kerosene lamps were used to light the buildings.
- Kitchen staff hand pumped water from a well to the lodge every day!

Our 70th anniversary

Events: some events to celebrate our milestone!

- Spring 2007 - **Bike Tour** Around the Shores of Old Lake Kimball...and beyond. - date tba
- August 4-5, 2007 - **Alumni Reunion Weekend** at Camp Henry - more information coming soon!



Projects

- Camp Henry History Book & Historical Displays**
We are updating our history book and display cases! Do you have any great stories, pictures or memorabilia? Contact Mary Robinson by e-mail at maryr@camphenry.org or Jennifer Hughes at jenniferh@camphenry.org. Both Mary and Jennifer can also be reached at 616-459-2267.

Letter from the Interim Executive Directors



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Dear Friends,

Change is almost always difficult. Goodbyes have to be said, there are new roles to fit into, there are questions to be answered and jobs always take a little longer when we are unfamiliar with them. But change is exciting as well! Change gives us all an opportunity to learn new skills, expand our abilities and explore new possibilities.

Camp Henry has experienced a bucket full of change in the past couple of months. In January, our executive director of 14 years, Judy Astle, was asked by Heifer International to join their executive team as Ranch Manager in Perrysville, Arkansas. Needless to say, she is really excited about this new opportunity and we are awfully excited for her. Judy served Camp Henry devotedly for a decade and a half - spearheaded the creation of camp's comprehensive master plan, led a capital campaign that has resulted in significant upgrades of our facilities, and helped Camp Henry grow into a year-round camp and retreat facility.

Camp Henry's Board of Directors has asked us to serve as co-interim executive directors while it examines and develops a search process for a new executive director.

How will these changes affect our summer camp and school/retreat programs in 2007? Not at all! We are already hard at work making sure that all of our spring and summer programs are well organized, our facilities are in good shape and that everything will be ready for your arrival. Betsy Bougie and her retreat staff are gearing up for a busy spring season with schools and retreat groups. Jeff Jacobs and his summer staff are already planning an exciting summer full of fun and adventure.

If you have any questions about the changes at camp, please feel welcome to email either of us - Mary Robinson maryr@camphenry.org or Ron Bouwense ron@camphenry.org

We are all looking forward to seeing you at camp this spring and summer!

God's blessings



Mary Robinson and Ron Bouwense
Co-Interim Directors

Sewing Circles Around Camp Henry

Marilynne McCready generously gave her time and talent in creating for us our own custom table banner for camp fairs. This one of a kind piece features the Camp Henry logo, our bright and cheerful colors and the loving and artistic touch of Marilynne. Thank you, Marilynne!

VOLUNTEER NURSES NEEDED

Two free weeks of Camp are earned for each week you volunteer as a nurse during the summer at Camp Henry. Please call Chris McClain at (616) 459-2267 ext. 2 for more information.

VACATION: va·ca·tion; vey-key-shuh (noun)

Definition:

1. break from work: a period of time devoted to rest, travel, or recreation, see: Camp Henry

Did you know that the United States is one of the few countries in the world where vacation time is not necessarily mandatory? In fact, most countries by law give citizens a minimum of 10 days vacation per year, with France allotting the most, at 7 weeks!

While we all can't go to Paris for vacation, we can use our vacation time and dollars wisely to get the most bang for our buck.

Most people don't think of camp as a vacation "destination", however, you may want to rethink that! Where else can you go sit on the beach, relax, spend time with your family and friends, eat great, sleep great, enjoy the beauty of nature, go boating, swimming, hiking, horseback riding and do it all for less than \$200.00? Where else can you plan a weekend retreat for yoga, stress relief, spiritual reflection, personal growth or just time with good friends?



Chris Tack



Adam Murphy

Camp Henry, that's where!

In most cases we're less than an hour's drive, saving both time and gas. We have beautiful amenities, a caring and responsive staff, gorgeous grounds, lake access and plenty to do! And while you might not choose to spend your entire vacation with us, we are a great, economical and fun way to bring friends and families together for a wholesome and budget-friendly vacation. So the next time you're thinking: weekend getaway, family reunion, time with friends or just plain decompressing--think "Camp Henry" and you'll be glad you did!

**average cost per person \$50.00 overnight, including meals. Some additional activities may incur an extra charge.*

Money well spent

Camp Henry is blessed each year with tremendous support. Its board members use their varied talents to provide leadership and guidance; volunteers spearhead special projects like the construction of the labyrinth and the creation of the Weenink Winks prayer points trail; volunteers also work on spring camp clean up day, trail and waterfront maintenance and high ropes training. Camp Henry donors provide critical financial support. How exactly does Camp Henry use your generous dollars?

Scholarships - Camp Henry has been providing camping scholarships to economically disadvantaged children since 1938. In 2006, we raised \$130,000 and provided summer camp scholarships to 453 children. We also help schools bring children to camp to enjoy environmental education and team building programs in the spring and the fall. In 2006, donors provided \$15,000 to our school scholarship program.

Operations - your dollars help us maintain our buildings and purchase equipment needed to keep our 215 acre camp in good shape.

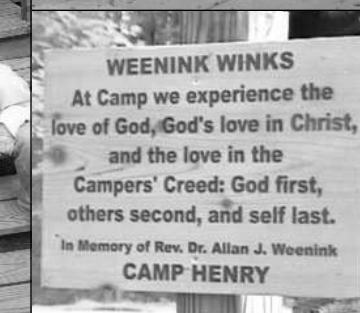
Campaign - campaign dollars have allowed us to make significant camp improvements through new cabin construction, building renovations and roads/sewer construction. Planning for boys' village improvements began in the winter of 2007!

Filling the tuition gap (700 for \$70) - keeping camp fees affordable is important to us. This funding initiative helps us address the gap between camp fees and increasing operations costs.

We thank all of our volunteers and donors. Your investments of time, talents and resources make Camp Henry the special place that it is.



Chris Tack



what people are saying about Camp Henry!



"Sage's days at summer camp will be some of his best memories and has afforded him a supportive coming of age experience."

"I have been so impressed with the quality of the counselors who have facilitated his camping experience. I hope they know that they make a big difference in the lives of young people."

Shalamee Iles,
parent

"I had so much fun! I came week 5 and I was in Mohican cabin with Brooke. That was the best week of my summer. I want to say thanks so much for the scholarship. I got to do the Lake Swim which I have never been able to do before! I got closer to God!"

"I made lots of new friends. I made lots of great memories. I also made some awesome art & craft projects."

"I just have to say my counselor was the BEST. I have come three years before and I still love it and I will keep coming back. Thanks again. I ♥ Camp Henry!"

Ashley N.,
camper

I spy...

Keep your eagle eyes open for the new Camp Henry billboards! Our face will be featured on several billboards around the downtown and East Grand Rapids areas from April to May as a way to increase our visibility. Thank you to CBS Outdoor for picking out some great locations for us!

we are thankful for our friends

support from October 1, 2006 - March 15, 2007

Memorials

Michael and Karen Bader
Gerritt and Arlene Egedy
Marilynne McCready
Lee Moore

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