

Onward & Upward



OUT OF THIS WORLD

Lives transformed

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." — Romans 12: 2

The year 2010 will go down for many as a year of transformation. To God's glory over 2500 lives were touched and many changed due to their encounter with Christ at Bair Lake's summer camps and events. To God's glory the physical plant is being transformed and the resident staff has also seen transformation. Celebrate with us God's goodness.



SUMMER CAMP ... YEARS LATER

I am so thankful to the staff and friends I made at Bair Lake; for the strong foundation of biblical truth that led me back into Christ's loving arms in 2005. Words are not quite enough, but I want you to know how far and for how long a person's impact can reach!

— Melissa Opashl

An excerpt from a poem written by camper/jr staffer. — Sarah Bobis

Set Apart

I want to be Holy,
Which literally means to be
Set apart from this world.
I want to shine like a star
While being what the world considers
The lowest of the low.

So who am I?
I am a child of God.
Set apart, undignified, and ready
To serve a falling world.
I am ready to love, but most of all
I am ready to give of myself,
to grow and change
...into who I was created to be.



GUEST RETREATS

We are grateful that we got the chance to meet you and experience all that is blbc. We had a fabulous weekend in Jones.

— The staff of Crossroads Farm



SILENCE AND SOLITUDE— Personal Retreats

This note is to express my deep appreciation for the ministry of Silence and Solitude at BLBC. Your obedience and commitment in providing a place for people like me to come away for awhile is impacting the kingdom in ways we may never know. — Amanda

COUPLES RETREATS

Amy and I had an amazing weekend at the couples retreat. We had fun laughing, crying, growing closer to each other, and most of all closer to Jesus. What an awesome weekend!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Four thumbs up!!!!

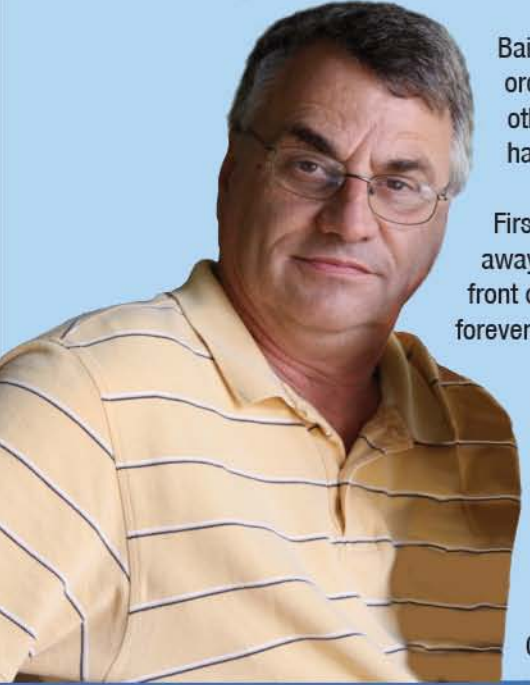
— Brandon Kinsey



Register for your next retreat today!

A WORD FROM THE Executive Director

We trust that you had a great Christmas! As we enter 2011 the concept of holiness has been on my mind. Holy means to be set apart, both a place and a people are said to be holy in the Bible. That is an exciting and challenging thought.



Bair Lake Bible Camp desires to be not only a 'holy' place, but also a group of people set apart in order to bring honor and glory to Almighty God. In turn we can provide a place and a people for others to encounter the Lord. Three stories from this year have hit home as to the impact Bair Lake has had, continues to have, and will yet have in the days to come.

First a young man stopped by for a visit. He is now married with a family, living a great distance away, but was in the area for a reunion and just 'had to stop' to see the place. He walked me to the front of the cabins and said, "This is where I gave my life to the Lord. That decision changed my life forever. I am so thankful for Bair Lake."

Second, a lady who had suffered a great family tragedy volunteered the week following. As I prayed with her she said, "This is the place I needed to be this week. Here I have experienced peace, love and support from the Lord and so many others. I can't tell you what being here means to me right now."

And this letter from a father, "We have many things to be thankful for in relation to Bair Lake Bible Camp. The number one thing that overshadows all is that my son came to saving faith in Christ during his stay at Teen Classic this past summer."

Our prayer continues to be that Bair Lake Bible Camp will be a holy place, conducting holy programs, being led by a holy people, making an eternal impact on the lives of others. Thank you for your part in making all of this possible. Please consider a gift that will be 'set apart' by this ministry to impact lives for the glory of God for all eternity. You are valued and appreciated.

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Bob Tissot, Executive Director



MOVE THOSE ROCKS

Yes, the rocks separating Bair Lake from the adjoining Pleasantview Campground have been moved, and are now an "Ebenezar" or a memorial of God's faithfulness.



We celebrated the purchase of the adjoining land, moved the rocks, and are ecstatic to report that \$177,600 of the \$223,000 has been given for the purchase. Praise the Lord! To see a video of the event visit Bair Lake's facebook page.



WAKE UP!
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WINTER BLITZ RETREATS

High/Middle School
Feb 4-6 and Feb 11-13

Wake up and experience relationships, creation and adventure at a blitz retreat. All inclusive weekend great for youth groups, small groups or the individual camper. Thad Stout, world renowned story teller and fantastic bible teacher will be speaker Feb 4-6, and Jeff Reichanadter Feb 11-13. Worship led by Tommee Proffitt, one of today's up and coming artists, with piano-driven rock/worship songs. FREE Tshirt to all campers. More info at www.blbc.com

WINTER BLITZ Juniors

Juniors 4th-6th grades
Feb 25-27

Break away and wake up to adventure. Come for a dynamic weekend with great counselors, awesome activities and more. Dave Pearce, (summer director of Juniors camp) will be the speaker. Worship with the Bair Lake band. FREE Tshirt to all campers. More info at www.blbc.com



PURITY & HOLINESS

Pure Expedition / Pure Adventure
March 18-20

Purity & Holiness is a crucial and relevant issue for both youth and adults. This seminar is designed for teens (6th-12th grade) who seriously want to live a life set apart for God. Middle and High School students will participate in joint sessions and then break out for age specific teaching.

Visit blbc.com for more information and to register.



I'm glad I came and learned a lot of new things, and changed the way I think about things. — Kaitlyn

SCRAPBOOKING RETREAT — March 4-6, 2011

Come be a part of Bair Lake's Scrapbooking Retreat! Take advantage of uninterrupted, focused time to work on your albums. Interact and engage with others in an encouraging and fun atmosphere.

Limited availability so call today!



MEN'S RETREAT — April 30-May 1

Mark your calendar for a week-end of spiritual challenge, crazy fun, some relaxation, and of course...STEAK! View highlights of 2010 on facebook.



Join The Team

2011 Summer Senior Staff application now available at www.blbc.com

Volunteer for winter weekends.
Cooks, dishcrew and counselors needed.

Bair Lake newsletter going online. Sign up by emailing information@blbc.com or visit blbc.com



View additional photos from Bair Lake events at www.blbc.com, in the photo gallery

Would you consider a gift to camp today?

A NEW ATHENE *For 2011*



Ready for a face 2 face encounter? Plan now to attend camp this summer. Register by March 1st for best price. Look for your brochure in the mail or visit www.blbc.com to register. Online registration opens Jan 14, 2011.



AN EASIER WAY TO GIVE

Now available –

Online giving through www.blbc.com under **get involved**.
Electronic Fund Transfer - predefined gift transferred from your account to Bair Lake.
Questions: Contact Kim at 888-899-7712 or email business@blbc.com



NOTE OF THANKS

Change is a natural occurrence in our lives, in our homes and at camp. Recently three staff members have chosen to resign from their positions at Bair Lake. We offer many thanks to Leigh Anne Behrends, Doug Kloosterman and Trevor Wickes for their years of service to Bair Lake, and wish them continued blessings.

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Join over 1400 friends who have enjoyed staying connected, hearing about and having a voice in God's work at Bair Lake.

P&H campers demonstrating the drool rule...



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Winter Blitz 1 - M/H	Feb 4-6
Winter Blitz 2 - M/H	Feb 11-13
Winter Blitz 4th-6th	Feb 25-27
Scrapbooking Retreat	March 4-6
Purity & Holiness	March 18-20
Men's Retreat	April 29- May 1
SWATT	May 1-6
Christians in Training	June 19-25
Juniors One	June 26-July 2
Rookie Camp 1	June 26-June 29
Rookie Camp 2	June 29-July 2
Day Camp 1	June 27-July 1
Family Camp	July 3-9
Sixers	July 10-16
Day Camp 2	July 11-15
Middle School Classic	July 17-23
Day Camp 3	July 18-22
Teen Classic	July 24-30
Juniors Two	July 31 - Aug 6
Day Camp 4	Aug 1 -5
Middle School ATAC	Aug 7-13
Youth Week	Aug 7-13
Labor Day Family	Sept 2-5



BATHHOUSE RENOVATION

"Did you know your bathhouse is destroyed?" Yes, I actually heard those words from a guest. The main bathhouse was gutted this fall, and is being rebuilt. Look for an updated, modern, and clean facility the next time you visit Bair Lake.



GUEST RENTAL AT BAIR LAKE

Bair Lake is happy to host any size group from 5 to 250, (families, schools, youth groups, scrapbookers, and more) A wide array of lodging and activities are available, but also opportunity to be still and quiet. Call Adam at 888-899-7712 to book your group today.