

Krislund Korner

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Many Thanks to “God’s Gang” from Wisconsin

Krislund was a beehive of activity recently when 25 teens along with their 8 leaders arrived from Wisconsin during the first week of camp.

While about 60 regular campers and staff enjoyed a week hiking, swimming, Bible study, games, photography and worship, the Wisconsin crew spread throughout the camp working on improvement projects.

The self-proclaimed “God’s Gang” came from Rock Prairie

Presbyterian Church in Janesville,

Wisconsin. According to their leader,

youth pastor Rev. Will Houts, this is the 39th year that the church has sent out a mission group. Previous locations of service have included Tennessee and Morgantown, WVA.

The group spends considerable time choosing their work locations. Krislund Program Director, Art Devos, said that he spoke with the leaders several times and Krislund was selected from several options to receive the mission group.

The efforts of the Wisconsin leaders to ensure a positive mission experience, paid off with a wonderful result. The group completed 10 different projects from finishing the staining and painting of the RC, siding the amphitheater building, and splitting wood to creating a Gaga Pit (for a type of circular volley ball), installing a refurbished camp sign along the entry road, and establishing walking paths.

Two unique tasks that were completed were essential to the long term needs of the camp.

First, the youth transplanted cattails to the sewage filtration system to enhance its effectiveness. This was a requirement of the DEP inspector.

Second, the Wisconsin crew joined the Huntingdon Presbytery volunteers in improving the Lower Lodge. They tackled



Preparing to stain the RC



Siding the Amphitheater building



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the joists and center support beams under the kitchen and bathrooms. (It is estimated that this task alone could have cost the camp about \$20,000 if contracted out.)

In addition the group installed the ceiling panels in the bunk rooms and remodeled and painted the bunks so that they are able to receive larger, more comfortable mattresses.

Further, lots of painting was completed in the lower lodge as well as throughout the camp.

When the Wisconsin crew pulled out on Friday morning to enjoy a well earned reward of rafting at Ohiopyle and the



Installing the ceiling panels in bunk rooms



Painting the bunk beds



Installing the new floor joists in the crawl space under the floor

local volunteers headed home to rest before returning a week later to complete the bunk rooms, everyone could say “A job well done.” Many thanks.

Still time to Register for Camp

Krislund is buzzing with activity these days and sounds of laughter, song, and chattering friendships are evident throughout the camp. There is still time to join the fun!

Base Camp is the core of activity and there are still openings throughout the summer. The experience offers a wonderful opportunity for 3rd-12th graders to understand the message of faith presented in Scripture. In addition to all-camp games, beach night, cookouts, devotions, and



evening campfires, each camper gets to choose his favorite activity and repeat the experience.

Grand Camp and Mini Camps offer the very young an opportunity to experience age appropriate activities. The Grand Camp includes grandparents for 4-8 year olds, while Mini Camp provides a three day experience for those in kindergarten through 2nd grade

Canoe Camp is for junior highs. The Campers will spend 3 days and 2 nights, canoeing the Susquehanna River, cooking their own meals, setting up tents, discussing the Bible lesson and enjoying new friends. The rest of the week will be spent enjoying Krislund activities.

White Water Rafting for 9th-12th graders and includes 3 days and 2 nights at Ohiopyle camping and riding the rapids. The group will shared conversation around the campfire and spend time at Krislund as well.

Wilderness Camp is for 6th –8th grades. Campers will stay in 3 different locations and also participate in some of the regular activities of the camp

Disciples Program is a special two week program for those aged 15 –19. The program will include mentoring from counselor leaders and will include opportunities for improving Bible knowledge, developing a prayer life, interacting an a community of faith and learning to lead others by assisting in leading devotions, implementing games and holding small group discussions.

Register at www.Krislund.org. See you at Camp!

Message Board

The Message Board is open for comment from campers, parents, and persons who embrace the ministry of Krislund. Send comments to: info@krislund.org or Krislund Camp, 189 Krislund Drive, Madisonburg, PA 16852.

Why?

People ask me why I am so involved with Krislund. The answer is easy. I have watched the effect Krislund has had on my kids and grandkids. They have received excellent Christian educations through our church but that knowledge is put into their heads. The interaction with their peers and counselors (not people over 30) discussing what the Lord means to them through Vespers and small group discussions has put God into their hearts and to me, that is what Krislund is all about.

Harold Nightwine

Garden Club

Hi, friends-
Krislund is in the planning stages of its new garden club. We're picking out a site at camp and we wanted to get the word out about the community garden that will become a part of Krislund very soon. However, we can't do it without your help! Anything that friends of the camp can contribute to the garden is very much appreciated. Whether it's your time, tools, or talents, anyone has something to give to the garden.
I think this garden is a wonderful opportunity for the Krislund community to learn more about living in and caring for God's earth. If you have any questions, please contact the camp office. We all hope you can join us!
Peace,
Andrew Foltz-Morrison,
Eco-Stewards Intern

To Krislund from Rachel

Every school year around the beginning of second semester I start to think about the summer vacation awaiting me at the end of the year. As I think about summer vacation the one week I look forward to the most is the week I will spend at Camp Krislund. I have been a camper since I was in cabins (about 3rd grade) and now after this summer I will only have one more year as a camper.

The weeks I have spent at Krislund have been more than just fun. Over the years my faith has grown, friendships have been built, and I have been stretched to do things I would never have done by myself.

This past week seventeen high school students including myself came to Krislund. Other than a few friends that came together, we were strangers. By the time Saturday came we were no longer strangers but friends and in some ways we were like a family. My favorite part of Krislund is these friendships that are built, helping me to realize that there are other Christian teens in the area. Krislund has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember and I hope that other kids can have the same experience that I was blessed with having.

Registrations are still coming into our office even as the summer has officially begun! What a summer this will be!

Krislund has been a blessing to campers since 1963. We have continued to offer an outdoor experience where one can come to a deeper understanding of who God is and to bring them further in their faith. Krislund has also maintained itself to be a place where life-long friendships are formed.

At the very least, Krislund is a place to have an incredible adventure and have a wonderful summer experience. Our well-trained staff is here to care for the campers, to facilitate their activities, and to mentor them in their faith.

What a blessing it is to be in this place, and we are looking forward to a great summer! It's not too late to sign your children (grandchildren) up today for this amazing experience!

Art Devos, Program Director

Meet the Summer Staff

Alex Borzok

Hello, my name is Alex Borzok. I am originally from Wellsboro, Pennsylvania and hold an undergraduate degree from Lock Haven University in Health Sciences and Biology. During the school year I works as part of the adjunct faculty at Pennsylvania College of Technology and McCann School of Business and Technology. Having started working at camp 9 years ago, I am again looking forward to continuing as a medical servant in the camp's infirmary this summer.

Alex

Andrew Bartoe

Hi, I'm Andrew Bartoe and I am currently a pre-veterinary student at Gannon University in hopes of one day becoming a wildlife veterinarian. I live in Meadville Pennsylvania and I love the great outdoors, sports, music, and board games. I am really looking forward to coming to camp this year to celebrate God and have good old fun outside with everyone

Andrew

Rachel Lins

Hey-oh, my name is Rachel Lins! I'm a rising senior at Lee University in Cleveland, TN but my real home is in Millsboro, Delaware (second smallest state...trust me. It's small!). I love most all sports which is probably the greatest contributing factor for my love of how the body works and thus the reason I'm majoring in Health Science. Something most people do not know about me is that I want to have a really cool petting zoo when I am older! The reason why I am at Krislund this summer is because I am dying to share the love of Christ with these kids and gain godly wisdom from those around me. My hope is that God would soften the hearts of the kids we get to minister to and that as staff we would be steadfast in our walk with Him.

Rachel

Stephenie Noyes

Hi! My name is Stephenie Noyes and I am from Newville, PA. I just graduated this May from Westminster College with a bachelor's degree in Biology. I enjoy playing the piano, singing songs and being outdoors. I was counselor at Krislund 2 years ago and I am excited to come back on the Adventure this year. I am very excited to work at Krislund this year and to minister to all the campers.

Stephenie

Darlene Schmidt

Hi! My name is Darlene Schmidt and I am from Baltimore, Maryland. I am attending Geneva College where I am studying Elementary Education. I love singing and playing volleyball. I am here at Krislund because I am excited to help children build lasting relationships with peers, staff, and God through activities, community building fellowship, worship, Bible Study and by using God's creation surrounding us. I am eager to see kid's lives, as well as mine, transformed this summer and am blessed to be a part of that process.

Darlene

Danielle Saxvander-Weyden

Hello! My name is Danielle SaxvanderWeyden, but you can just call me either Dani or Nell, and I come from a little town called Pennsville, New Jersey. This fall I'll be entering my Sophomore year at Lancaster Bible College where I'm majoring in Student Ministry. I love anything that has to do with music and art, and incorporate that into multiple aspects of my life. I'm here at Krislund because I'm ready to let God use me in new ways to glorify His name! I'm ready to let God take control of this summer and bless the socks off of everybody. :) Danielle