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Letter from Jerry

Great things have happened at camp since last season. All three dorms got new thermal pane windows; cabin #4 has a new cement entrance pad; a wall was built between units 18C and 18D; new steps have been added to the back of cabins 17 and 18; two new power flush toilets have been installed in the main boys restroom (these are on a trial basis); and eighty new 4" mattresses have been added. Most of these improvements are a result of donations from our 4-H counties.

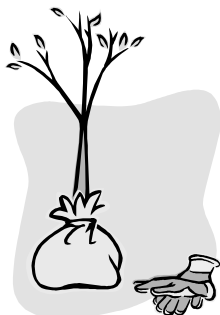
Our counties and 4-H volunteers do a lot to make 4-H Camp Ohio a better place to camp. 2005 Special Recognition Award recipients John Fark and Denny Elliott have worked to upgrade the ropes course. Meritorious Service Award winner, Russ Cahill, and his wife Peggy (Hardin Co.) donated furniture, window blinds, kitchen equipment, dishes and more to complete Campbell Lodge. Russ and a group from Hardin County will be installing concrete steps below the dining hall soon. The concrete steps were donated by Brim's Imports in Kenton.

Hancock County 4-H is making new curtains for all dorms and cabins and will be installing these on April 15th. Many other 4-H groups have donated labor and/or materials to these projects.

As you can see, 4-H makes a difference at 4-H Camp Ohio!

Jerry Duffie

Executive Director



Important Dates:

Tree Planting – April 15
(call for details)
Board Meeting – April 18
Adventure Training – April 22
CCW – April 28-30
Spring Workday – May 5

Camping Times New Look

We heard several comments about the last newsletter. The Marketing and Promotion Committee decided our newsletter needed a facelift. Counties are taking it on and trying different techniques. We hope all our readers will enjoy the same great camp news as well as what may be happening in the counties and schools that camp with us. Look for different styles as we explore and spread our wings in this area. Thanks for your understanding.

The Administrative Staff

The TEAM is still going strong!
Jerry Duffie – Executive Director
Doug Clark – Facility Manager & Assistant Director
Con Duffie – Business Manager
Cyndi Atkinson– Program Director.

Volunteers are Very Valuable

Jason Mehringer received the 2005 Volunteer of the Year Award. He contributed weeks/months to camp maintenance & wherever needed! Thanks, Jason!

As we begin a new season, we find volunteers are as valuable as ever. We need people with kind hearts, strong arms, industrious spirits, and just plain "willing to work" attitudes to get camp up and running. We have already started out strong – Cyndi's family camped here in February and accomplished a lot.

- Wood at Rec Hall split & stacked
- Bird blind area cleaned up from last year's ice storm
- All restrooms cleaned from ceiling to floor & dorms cleaned

There are many other odd jobs that have also been done: trash & limb pick-up, trail maintenance, etc. Boy Scout Troop #200 picked up a lot of limbs during their visit; Mike Williams has been busy putting on new showerheads, toilet seats, and cabin steps. Our own Doug Clark, has been very busy coordinating these events. We are looking forward to the Licking County volunteer workday and Hancock County coming up . . . and of course our annual May workday.

Timber Harvest

When you next visit our log cabin you will probably be shocked. The stand of pines that surrounded the cabin is gone. This area was hard hit by the ice storm of December 2004 and had severe damage. Our Forestry Consultant recommended (and the Camp Board approved) to clear cut the pine stand on that hillside. The piles of broken and uprooted trees in that area were a considerable fire hazard. We are working to replant the area this spring, so you will see new growth soon.

We will also be harvesting pines near the pond and across Camp Ohio Road from main camp. These areas will be a selective cut, but will still be thinned considerably.

Please understand that some areas around camp may look different than what you are used to. Trees are a renewable resource that we are trying to manage. No progress comes without a down side and, in this case, the down side is the aesthetic beauty of these areas – for a while. The last timber harvest at 4-H Camp Ohio took place in 1992. Now you can hardly tell that the harvest was done.

