



SUMMER AT HOLSTON



Steve Cathcart shares a message to our campers at Evening Worship

Every night this summer we gathered together to worship Jesus and hear from His word. This summer we looked into the teaching on the senses that God has given us to experience Himself—both physically and spiritually. As you might imagine, it was difficult to think how we use all our senses to experience our Lord. How do you smell God? Look up 2 Corinthians 2:14! We produce a sweet fragrance when we are rightly related to the Lord. Maybe you've been around someone very briefly & just knew they had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He "spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him." So, consider what smells you emit to others, and ask Him to deepen your relationship with Jesus, so you can "spread everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him."

This summer was filled with a lot of sweet times. We were thankful for a strong, unified staff. Counselors had time of prayer and a devotion each morning while the children did arts and crafts or another activity with support staff. This worked well to keep the staff together spiritually.

Our staff doesn't always hear about some of the impacts we make on campers or the impacts campers make on us. It's special when we do see something; this summer we watched one camper as they decided to carry another camper's backpack to relieve him of his heavy load. See Galatians 6:2.

As usual campers enjoyed hiking through the woods around camp and climbing Big Easy at the Rock of Ages. This was a special year: it was the first year we had two lakes available for campers. Lake Lyons was the site of our Sunday afternoon Luau—campers went swimming, rode the zipline, chilled on the float, and went down the slides! Wildcat lake was again used for swimming and canoeing as it has been for so many years.

We were very thankful for Chaplains who served our campers. Some of our chaplains put together a footwashing service for children! Did you know Jesus told us to do that? See John 13:12-15.

We mainly thank Jesus and the Holy Spirit, whom we serve, for working in our hearts here—without Him, we serve in vain!



Children faced their fears at the tree climb; most of them learned about trust and faith in the process—lessons hard learned other places!



These campers are studying God's word together.



Greg Cartwright, chaplain from Morristown Pres., teaches children in a morning Bible Study.



Friends enjoy the camp experience together.



These two appear to be happy about doing dishes!

Want to **Change** a life?

Would you like to help change children's lives through the gospel of Jesus Christ? Are you college age & enjoy hiking and spending time outside? Consider spending your summer at Holston Camp as a Counselor, Media Specialist, Health Care specialist or one of our other positions. You might find that it changes your life too! We're also looking for Chaplains (pastors, CLPs & DCEs), van drivers & church vans for each week of camp. ***If you're interested, visit our website www.holstoncamp.org to learn more!***



Expect **lower rates**, new trips, and a lot of **classic** Holston Camp fun!

For complete schedule, descriptions, & registration information, please visit www.holstoncamp.org



THE CAMPS

April 30-May 2

Discover Camp MC

For elementary ages; come with parent(s) to enjoy a sampling of Holston Camp fun! \$90/person

Summer Camp

Week 1: June 13-18

Action & Adventure MC (ages 10-11) Rock climb, canoe, and backpack! \$385

River Rats II RC (ages 12-13) Overnight canoe, whitewater rafting and night climbing! \$445

High Country Explorers RC (ages 14-17) Climbing, rafting the Noli & Backpacking the AT! \$470

Week 2: June 20-25

Explorers MC (ages 8-9) Explore your camp—swim, paddle, and enjoy main camp traditions. \$325

Pioneers RC (ages 10-11) Pioneer games, climbing, and a short overnight camping trip. \$385

Highlanders RC (ages 12-13) Backpacking to Steele's Creek, Tree Climb, & water sliding. \$395

Week 3: June 27-July 2

Rock Hoppers MC (ages 8-9) Learn about the Lord's creation at Camp & visit Grandfather Mtn. \$395

Action & Adventure RC (ages 10-11) Rock climb, canoe, and backpack! \$385

Mountaineers RC (ages 12-13) Learn backpacking skills on a two-night Appalachian Trail trip. \$395

Week 4: July 4-9

Trail Blazers MC (ages 10-11) Learn outdoor skills and enjoy Main Camp activities. \$385

River Rats RC (ages 12-13) Take an overnight canoe trip and enjoy climbing at the Rock of Ages. \$385

I Care MC (ages 14-17) Use your time and talent for local unfortunates in this mission camp. \$395

Week 5: July 11-16

Rock Hoppers MC (ages 8-9) Learn about the Lord's creation at Camp & visit Grandfather Mtn. \$395

Pioneers RC (ages 10-11) Pioneer games, climbing, and a short overnight camping trip. \$385

Highlanders RC (ages 12-13) Backpacking to Steele's Creek, Tree Climb, & water sliding. \$395

R&R RC (ages 14-17) Rest & Relax! Hangout at camp & campout together at Table Rock. \$395

July 24-25:

Camp Celebration (All ages welcome) Enjoy the same activities summer campers enjoy—climbing, worship, paddling, swimming, arts & crafts & more! Choose from Rustic or Main Camp accommodations! Children must be accompanied by an adult! \$35/person.



MC=Main Camp sleep in main camp cabins & have meals in the dining hall

RC=Rustic Camp sleep in screened-in rustic cabins & cook breakfast & supper over a fire in Rustic

NEW! Summer Day Camp

Holston Presbytery Camp is partnering with Arbordale Presbyterian Church to offer a day camp for local children in the High Country of NC.

Key Information:

Ages: **10-13**

Time: **Monday-Friday during the same weeks as summer camp.**

Campers arrive at 8:30 & depart at 4:30.

Cost: **\$100/week (\$25 to preregister)**

Visit www.holstoncamp.org for more information!

Nature Corner

Fall Color in the High Country

Fall color peaked at Camp around October 9th. Cooler temperatures in the mountains allow for an early fall & late spring. At our third Naturalist-in-Residence Program around 40 people enjoyed learning common tree species around camp & walking through the forest painted in golds, oranges & reds.



Photo: C. Bell

Fall view across Wildcat Lake

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You Can Make a Difference: Pray!

Please take a few minutes to pray for Camp: our programs, our campers, our staff—that this place would offer hope, bring healing, and set people free through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are very grateful to the many people who have prayed for us.



Camp Director Craig Bell with a Waverly Road Church Camper.

Dear Friend of Holston Camp,

Greetings from the mountains and your director, Craig Bell. Many of you have had a mountain top experience at sometime in your life; it may have even been at Holston Camp. This past summer there were several life changing experiences here. Some children heard the message of "Sensing God" from the chaplain during a Bible study or evening worship and wanted to commit their life to Christ. We had an excellent staff this past summer and look forward to Labor Day weekend 2010 (September 3-5) as we host our Alumni Reunion for all past staff. The camp has been an American Camping Association accredited Camp since 1992. Next year your camp will renew its ACA accreditation.

Lodging rates have been reduced to help folks be able to afford coming to Holston. As an example of our rates: If staying in the cabins, cost per person for 2 nights and 4 meals is only \$56 for someone in Holston Presbytery and only \$79 for someone not in Holston Presbytery. The camp has been blessed with many wonderful gifts to help provide the top quality facility that it is. There are always needs but two stand out. The 1994 F150 pick-up truck is rusting out and falling apart. A good used 4x4 is much needed right away. The second is a wood splitter. We do not have one and we use a lot of firewood in our summer camp program and in all of our buildings.

Your camp is open year round and is being used by many groups including an increasing number of sewing guilds here mid-week. We are also hosting several week-long Artist in residence workshops in 2010. Thank you for your financial support, your prayers and commitment to Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center. If you would like to make a contribution, we are a 501 C3 non-profit, and can receive stocks, checks, or items. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Upcoming Programs (REGISTER BY CALLING 828-898-6611; FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.HOLSTONCAMP.ORG.)



Christmas Tree Cutting Party (Dec. 4-5)

Enjoy Main Camp accommodations of your choice, a hearty breakfast buffet, holiday crafts with your family, Christmas treats, Christmas carols, a fire in the fireplace, and a trip to a local tree farm to choose your tree! Starting at \$12/person (3 & under-free).



Spring Wildflowers (April 20, 2010)

Enjoy the spectacular blooms of trillium, trout lilies, spring beauties, and more! Presentation, lunch & walks \$8/person!