

# Seeker Springs

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Sometimes when a foster child comes to Seeker Springs for the first time they are scared and unsure. That was the case with 6 yr. old little boy that came for Day Camp. He just wasn't sure about this whole camp thing. After many attempts by staff and volunteers to console him, my wife Tammie asked him if he liked dogs. He tearfully shook his head yes. She told him that she needed someone to watch her dog, Dixie, today and would he like the job. And he again shook his head yes. She took him to the porch and Dixie came right up to him. The little boy instantly started to smile. He told us about his dog that he had to leave when he went into foster care and that was that! He was happy the rest of the day. They got him to participate in every activity with the promise that they would check on Dixie regularly. Dixie is a true camp dog!

This newsletter shares many stories of God using so many people, (and Dixie) to help in carrying out His work here. Thanks to those of you who have allowed God to use you in incredible ways in helping us provide opportunities for people to seek God who loves them so much. Thank you for joining us in

serving and loving others with the love of Jesus!

Because of Him,

*Terry Slawson*

Terry Slawson





## Special Thanks to our Basketball Sponsors and Volunteers



A special THANKS to all the volunteers who helped make 2014 a great season! A special thanks to Sandy Ezell for her leadership.

This season was dedicated to the memory of Dr. Richard Buck. Dr. Buck served as a volunteer in many capacities at Seeker Springs including Board of Directors, refereeing basketball, teaching swimming lessons, maintenance projects, and many, many hours of mowing and bush hogging.

### 2 Point Sponsors:

- T-Mo Photos
- Northside Barber
- Johnny's Pizza
- Fuller's Grocery
- Caney Lake Baptist Church
- Unique Trophies
- Spring Creek
- Mayfield Construction
- Southeast Construction
- Reggie Harris Services
- FloorWorks
- The Assembly
- C & R Irrigation

### Nothing But Net Sponsors:

- Ben & Shirley Bradford
- LouisianaRents.com
- Price Right Apothecary Plus
- Mike Smith Heating and A/C

### Free Throw Sponsors:

- ABP
- Dooley and Christine Haddad
- 88.7 FM The Cross
- 100.9 FM The Hill

## Parkview Reunion Camp

Shades Mountain Baptist Church's, First Love (Jr. High Choir) spent their Spring Break Mission Trip in Monroe this year. Their trip included a reunion camp with Children from Parkview Apartments who were at Seeker Springs with them this summer. Hugs all around as they reunited with their "buddies." They also helped with some work projects around Seeker Springs.



## Camps for Foster Children

We hosted 2 camps this spring for Foster Children with the help of our awesome mission teams. On March 15 we had a Day Camp for children 6-14 yrs. On March 21-23 we had an overnight Family Camp for Foster Siblings who are separated. Not sure who had more fun, the children or the volunteers! Special thanks to First Baptist Moore, OK and North Monroe Baptist Singles and our many sponsors.

### Mission Camp Sponsors:

- St. Francis Medical Center
- FAIR Visions
- Sam's Club
- Northminster Church
- Jeremy Barnhill Foundation
- LA Baptist Children's Home
- Northeast Louisiana Baptist Association
- Entergy
- Grace Baptist Church
- Wal-Mart
- ULM Social Work Association
- Ogelsby Financial Group
- YOUR BUSINESS HERE - \$175 per child



## Tractor

*Ask and you shall receive. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work in us to HIM be the glory... (John 16:24, Ephesians 3:20-21)*



When we gained 191 acres of land we realized that the little tractor we had would never be enough. We put a tractor in the newsletter as a need and we thought maybe someone would have a used tractor they would donate. Never in a million years would we have expected what happened. The Montgomery Family Foundation found out about the need and felt lead to meet it in a way that was immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine. They purchased a brand new 75 horse John Deere Tractor with multiple implements! They also gave enough to build an extension to the barn to house it. God is so good.



## Reaching Out to Businesses

Seeker Springs had the privilege of hosting the West Monroe/West Ouachita Chamber board of directors and 88.7 the Cross staff retreat. They used the facilities for their meetings and then enjoyed team building on the low and high ropes course.

Seeker Springs would love to host your staff or board.

Go to [seekersprings.com](http://seekersprings.com) Retreats tab to book your date!



## Lodge Update

Much progress has been made on the lodge in the past 2 months. Special thanks to Christian Family Foundation for donating and installing the metal roof. Also a special thanks to Campers on Mission and Gary and Marleen Krusengza, a couple from Michigan that stayed and worked at Seeker Springs for 2 months!

## SPONSORS NEEDED! 2014-15 Mission Camp

We are looking for sponsors for the many children that we will serve over the next year through our mission camp program:

\$175 per child - Includes transportation, food, lodging, activities, supplies, EVERYTHING!

- **Generational Level** - 10 children, \$1,750 + You Get: Logo on T-shirt, recognition and link on facebook, newsletter, camp poster, and more.
- **Family Level** - 5 children, \$875. You Get: Name on T-shirt, link on facebook, newsletter, camp poster, and more.
- **Individual Level** - 1 child, \$175. You Get: Recognition in newsletter and camp poster, mention on facebook page.

Any amount is appreciated and helpful.

## Needs:

- Help Finish the Lodge: \$65 per square foot
- Monthly/Annual Donors: Helps sustain the ministry long term
- Mission Camp Sponsors: \$175 per child
- Utility Vehicle with seats (Polaris, Gator, etc.) New or used
- New Playground
- Individually wrapped snacks and Kool-Aid/lemondade Mix



## Team Up

We have had a successful year with our Team Up Program. We were in 4 schools this yr in 3 parishes! We served 163 students this year in this program. The program is a Faith Based Therapeutic Leadership program conducted by Licensed Counselors in Public Schools. School counselors choose the students that will participate and Seeker Springs Staff conduct a 7 week program in the schools using our portable ropes challenge course initiatives. At the end of the program, students and their parents are invited to Seeker Springs to experience the "Real" Ropes Course. Reports from parents and teachers tell us that this is a life changing program for these students as they learn communication skills, problem solving, decision making, relationship skills, and leadership. They often refer to their faith as a foundation for answers to life's problems.

### Team Up Sponsors:

- Living Well Foundation
- Lincoln Health Foundation



## HONORARIUMS

Danny, June & Nathaniel Jennings-Ray & Dorothy Young

Jessica, Linda, Courtney & Clayton Nickleson-Dooley & Christine Haddad

Alice Roach-Kevin & Polly Dunleavy

Tammie Slawson - Ragan & Carol Durham

Terry & Tammie Slawson-Ray & Gail Gambino

## MEMORIALS

Harry & Lil Addison-Richard & Judy Moore

Harry Anderson-Richard & Judy Moore

Lillian Arbuckle-Dooley & Christine Haddad

Betty Bricker-Bobbie Buck

Richard Buck-Faye Haddox

H.J. & Anita Derbonne - Paul & Dale Robinson

Nell Foster-Faye Haddox

Ken Fowler-Grant & Landry Albritton  
Kay Fowler

Jim Haddox-Faye Haddox

Dean Hart, Sr.-Alan & Kelly Mitchell

Bill Hebert-David & Kathleen Johnson

Pat Hunt-Alice Gilliland

Wayne Johnson-David & Kathleen Johnson

Billy Roach - Kevin & Polly Dunleavy

"Rocky" - Gilliland Inc, "The Hill Radio"  
Adele Arter Rosedale  
Alan & Kelly Mitchell

Michael Smith-Dan & Anna Gilliland  
Gilliland, Inc, "The Hill Radio"

Tiny Juanita Aikens Temple  
Alan & Kelly Mitchell

Sandy Terrell-Dan & Anna Gilliland



**Saturday  
May 17, 2014  
2 pm - 7 pm  
At Seeker Springs**



Zipline • Swimming • Hayrides  
Jumpers • Concessions • Free Admission

For information or tickets for zipline and swimming go to [seekersprings.com](http://seekersprings.com).

## Make Sure Seeker Springs is Around for Years to Come!!

If you have not already become one of our Monthly Donors at Seeker Springs it is not too late. Give \$10 or more a month and help us build a foundation for future growth of Seeker Springs! One time annual gifts are also appreciated and help build a strong foundation! Also ask about estate, legacy giving and special tax incentives if you give from your IRA!

For more information email [tammie@seekersprings.com](mailto:tammie@seekersprings.com) or call 318-249-4495.

# What is your child doing this summer? 2014 SUMMER CAMPS AT SEEKER SPRINGS

*This. . .*



*Or This?*



Have fun!

Connect with God!

Get Active!

Gain Independence!

## Day Camps:

(NEW HOURS! 8am-5pm each day)

### Day Camp 1

- June 9-13
- For girls and boys 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade

### Day Camp 2

- July 21-25
- For girls and boys 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade

### Day Camp-Sports

- June 23-27
- For girls and boys 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Same as other day camps but with sports tracks added
- Tracks include basketball, baseball, soccer and more.

### NEW: GIRLS ONLY DAY CAMP

- June 16-20
- 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade girls
- 3rd-6th can spend the night!

### NEW: BOYS ONLY DAY CAMP

- June 30-July 3 (Mon - Thur)
- 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade boys
- 3rd-6th grade can spend the night!
- NOTE: 4 day camp; \$100 (\$115 after May 17)

**DAY CAMP COST:** \$115 (\$130 after May 17)

**PICK UP AVAILABLE** at Hobby Lobby in West Monroe

7:30 am pick up and 5:30 pm drop off (\$10 per week)

## Overnight Camps:

### Girl's Camp

- June 16-20
- For 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade girls
- Cost \$180 (\$195 after May 17)
- **NEW: 1st and 2nd grade girls can come for the day!**

### Boy's Camp

- June 30-July 3 (STARTS Sun. 6pm)
- For 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade boys
- Cost \$180 (\$195 after May 17)
- **NEW: 1st and 2nd grade boys can come for the day!**

### SLAM Camp

(Student Leadership and Missions)

- July 7-11
- For youth, 7th-12th grade
- Mission work by day/camp by night!
- Cost: \$185 (\$200 after May 17)

**FIND DETAILS & REGISTER at**  
**[www.seekersprings.com](http://www.seekersprings.com)**

**Early Bird Special Ends MAY 17, 2014**  
**for ALL CAMPS.**

All camps require a non-refundable  
\$25.00 deposit (applied to camp fee)