

JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP



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A Record of the Passing of Time
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Staff Members Deliver Core Values

A dedicated staff hired for the summer of 2010 will dispense smiles to relax campers' anxiety, bandages to dress campers' scrapes, encouragement to stretch learning goals, and hands of assurance on a belay rope, bow string or canoe paddle. Staff serving this summer will include Savannah Poole (a 6 year veteran who will drive the activity bus and coordinate trips) and Lucy Bennett (already logging 5 summers at JRVC) as aquatic supervisor.

Photo (left) highlights Lucy Bennett (left) and Savannah Poole (right) in staff photo shoot at the end of the 2009 summer season.

Some Say Rocks Were Meant for Climbing

Whether for the experience, challenge or thrill, campers can now scale a rock wall -- pretending for a moment to be Bat Man -- on one of four routes of Johns River Valley Camp's own climbing site. The element uses a natural rock face, enhanced with hand holds and equipped with a belay system, to introduce campers to the sport of climbing. The site was designed and built in 2006 by Ryan Beasley of *Rock Dimensions* in Boone. Ryan returns annually to inspect the site and train staff for its use.

Photo (right) reveals staff training at JRVC's rock site.



Youth Work Camp Promises to Open Eyes

Walk a mile in someone else's shoes and gain understanding of their journey. Help clean up a river, and reflect on cultural attitudes toward bodies of water (both large gulf size and small mountain streams). Put a hammer to a nail and repair some brokenness in the habitat of a former stranger. Pastors Shelly Wilson and Doug Long speak of introducing campers to a lifestyle of service amidst experiential service projects, and a camp environment of fun and fellowship.

Photo (left) spotlights Rev. Shelly Wilson with members of High Country UCC at a JRVC Work Day in the spring of 2005.

"Be A Hero," Says the Camp Curriculum

God's heroes act in ways big and small as they welcome, befriend, and include others; as they give, rejoice, and share the good news. Heroes come in many shapes, sizes, and forms, such as the small boy who shared his lunch with the crowd, or Jonathon who acted to keep David from harm. Heroes come from all kinds of backgrounds, such as Peter the Jew and Cornelius the Gentile. They give small coins that represent all they have, and they rejoice for everything that God has done. And in all that heroes do and say, they share the good news of faith, as did Lois, Eunice, and Timothy. [*Be a Hero; Living Like Jesus*, p. 37 (summer camp curriculum)]

Photo (right) features group building activity in 2007 "Caving Camp."



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