



RHODES GROVE CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

RHODES GROVE – News in a Nutshell

Fall 2015



From the Director's Desk

Advancing the Story of Camp

By: Angela Monn, Executive Director

We all face challenges; physical challenges, personal challenges, professional challenges, family challenges, and ministry challenges, to

name a few. I have heard it said that

one's true character, one's true faith is best defined, best observed in those moments of challenge. As a member of the Rhodes Grove ministry team, I witness challenges posed to our board of directors, challenges encountered by our team members, and challenges faced by our campers and guests regularly. I also see challenges faced by the Rhodes Grove Camp ministry, itself.

I was exposed to a sermon recently that was titled, "Don't Get Stuck in a Sentence". It was an encouragement to not allow a moment in time to define who you are. Do not allow a current circumstance to be your entire story. There is more to your story than a small moment in time. There are paragraphs behind you and paragraphs in front of you. There are chapters and volumes yet to be experienced.

Ephesians chapter 2 begins by declaring that we are made alive in Christ. Verse 10 shares that we are God's workmanship, created to accomplish the good works that the Lord has prepared in advance for us to do. There is more to your story. There is more to be accomplished. There is more to the Rhodes Grove Camp story and for God to accomplish through this ministry.

How do we know what is to be accomplished? How do we discern the direction to go or the decisions to make? How do we learn how to overcome the obstacle

in front of us? How do we discover what we are supposed to do?

My immediate answer to those questions is prayer and communion with God. I pray regularly for the wisdom of the Lord and that His direction and favor be bestowed upon me and every leader of the Rhodes Grove ministry. I know that our team prays for the Lord's will to be accomplished through the ministry of Rhodes Grove Camp. I have been provoked recently to secure additional prayer warriors for camp.

Are you a prayer warrior? Are you an intercessor? Do you have a heart for Rhodes Grove Camp and the mission of offering Christ centered experiences that reveal God's majesty? Camp needs you. Camp needs your prayers for the mission, for the ministry, for lives to be changed, for boundaries to be expanded, for the ability to operate in freedom. We are looking for prayer warriors.

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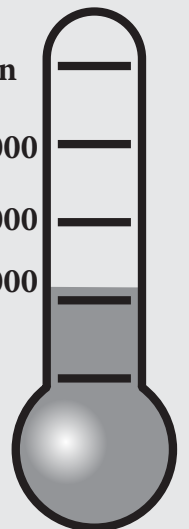
Advancing TABERNACLE FAITH

THE CAMPAIGN FOR RHODES GROVE CAMP

We are almost half way toward our Victory Goal of \$750,000. Logon to www.rhodesgrove.com to see continued updates on our progress. We covet your prayers in the process of advancing toward the future of the Rhodes Grove Camp Ministry.

Campaign Progress

\$1.5 million
\$1,000,000
\$750,000
\$327,000



From the Director's Desk (Continued)

Now is the time for the light to shine. Now is the time to eradicate the challenges of fear and hopelessness and the absence of Life. Now is the time to bring these things into the light and let them be consumed by the Power of God. Now is the time to lean into the battle with prayer and inquire

of our Lord: Where do we go? What do we do? Whom do we serve? How do we love?

Are you willing to advance our story as a prayer partner, a prayer warrior? Let's finish the next paragraph together. I look forward to hearing from you: 717-375-4162 or angela@rhodesgrove.com.

Conference and Retreat News

By: Carrie Forney, Guest Services Coordinator



Summer brought a whirl wind of activity through Rhodes Grove's campus beginning with our own five weeks of summer camps. Interacting with campers through cooking class and at meals reminded me of my days as a camp counselor on these grounds.

Directly following those camps were 5 weeks of conferencing summer camps. These are youth camps that use our camp as the site for their own camp. One of these weeks, we served a group of missionaries that had in attendance people from 36 different countries. Thank you to those who donated bed and bath linens so that we were able to accommodate these guests. Although sometimes we grew weary, it was a blessing to know that through what God has blessed us with at Rhodes Grove, we were able to shine Christ's love on all of those

who stayed on our campus. The interactions with these campers reminded me of our mission to offer Christ centered experiences that reveal God's majesty.

As the leaves change color, the air chills a bit, and the season changes, we enter into a new conferencing season as well! We enjoyed spending time with 209 ladies at our fall tea. We spent time getting to know quilters at our Semi-Annual quilt retreat. We look forward to many other quilting and scrapbooking groups, as well as young adult and women's groups. Our calendar is filling up, but there is still space for holiday banquets and youth retreats toward the end of fall and over the winter. Rhodes Grove would love to be the venue for your family or organization Christmas banquet. Youth leaders, we would love to learn how we can help serve you for your winter retreat.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!



Learning Today. Leading Tomorrow.

You may have heard a few things about a new Leadership Development Program kicking off this fall at Rhodes Grove. Let me tell you a few more. This program was made to help develop high school students into stronger, more enthusiastic, biblically based leaders. It's called 24/7. The reason for the name is the idea of learning for 24 hours, at each monthly meeting, and impacting each of 7 days in a week. We will take a deep look into what leaders achieved and how they failed through biblical history and how that can help us grow. The students will examine themselves; learning how they communicate, relate, and what their personality type tells us about their leadership style. They will also learn what this means while working on a team; that each person has a different basis for leading, hearing, and doing. While being held to a higher standard our students will learn, most importantly, how the best of leaders are first willing to serve. While our program kicks off, be in prayer for our students that God will be their teacher and that their new found strengths will bring Him only glory. —Tim Wolff



Summer Memories

By: Tim Wolff, Program Coordinator



Pool parties are over, Wednesday night campfires with s'mores are no longer happening, and the counselors are sleeping in their beds at home; this can only mean one thing, summer has come to a close. God has

blessed Rhodes Grove over five weeks of summer camp with an enthusiastic summer ministry team, powerful speakers who brought Gods Holy Word, and loads of energetic campers.

During our five weeks of camps, we saw campers understand God's love and grace for the first time, make commitments to honor and glorify Him for eternity, and open up about hurts and pains from the past opening the door to healing and peace. God was here this summer in a big way, as He always is.

New camp toys have changed the way fun is had, from playing bubble soccer in our new battle balls to Fire Fights and Princesses & Fairies with our new Swoodles and Froockets. (If you'd like to know what those things are, sign up for camp!) But despite lots of new things, old traditions remain the same, from late night campfire songs to celebrating in baptisms with our new brothers and sisters.

We thank God for the life changes and the many memories made this past summer. We are also looking forward to the coming summer of 2016, #TheyWillKnow. Registration opens January 1st! Keep your eyes open for coming info!

Other things to get excited for:

Heritage Days: December 4, 11, 18

Winter Blast: January 15-16, 2016

Revolution Retreat: March 4-6, 2016



THE RHOADE ADVENTURE RUN

On September 12, the first Annual Off Rhodes Adventure Run was held on the Rhodes Grove Campus. We watched 115 athletes complete our 5K run and obstacle course. Participants demonstrated their endurance and brawn by completing 13 obstacles including a mud bog, log carry, hay bale scramble and stream run. The kids

got dirty too! A 1 mile kid adventure run added to the excitement of the day. Congratulations to Ryan Thrush and Cheryl Scholl, male and female winner of the elite category; Ethan Izer and Alyssa Brechbill, male and female winner of the Challenge category; and the first three places of the kids race: Gabriella Sainato, Paytin Moore and Sydney Fleming. Much fun was had by all who participated. Make plans to participate next September! Thank you to all the participants who made this event a success and a special thank you to our sponsors for making the event possible.



Cabin Refurbishment Update

By: Brian Fleming



Rhodes Grove Camp has been refurbishing several cabins in order to make your stay at Rhodes Grove an enjoyable event to remember. Our refurbished cabins are highly sought after for Family Camp and other conferencing/camp meetings. We have been blessed to have Mt. Olivet United Brethren Church, Church of the Brethren

Camp Meeting Association and several individuals come and help refurbish the cabins this year. I want to thank everyone who donated the funds and materials that have made this project a success. We are nearing the completion of 4 cabins (2 buildings), are in the process of working on 6 cabins (3 buildings) and have a goal to start working on 2 more cabins (one building) next year. We are looking for more individuals and groups to help advance this project. We need carpenters, plumbers, electricians, painters and willing hands to serve God. If you are interested in helping refurbish a cabin please contact Brian Fleming via email, brian@rhodesgrove.com or by phone, (717) 375-4162.



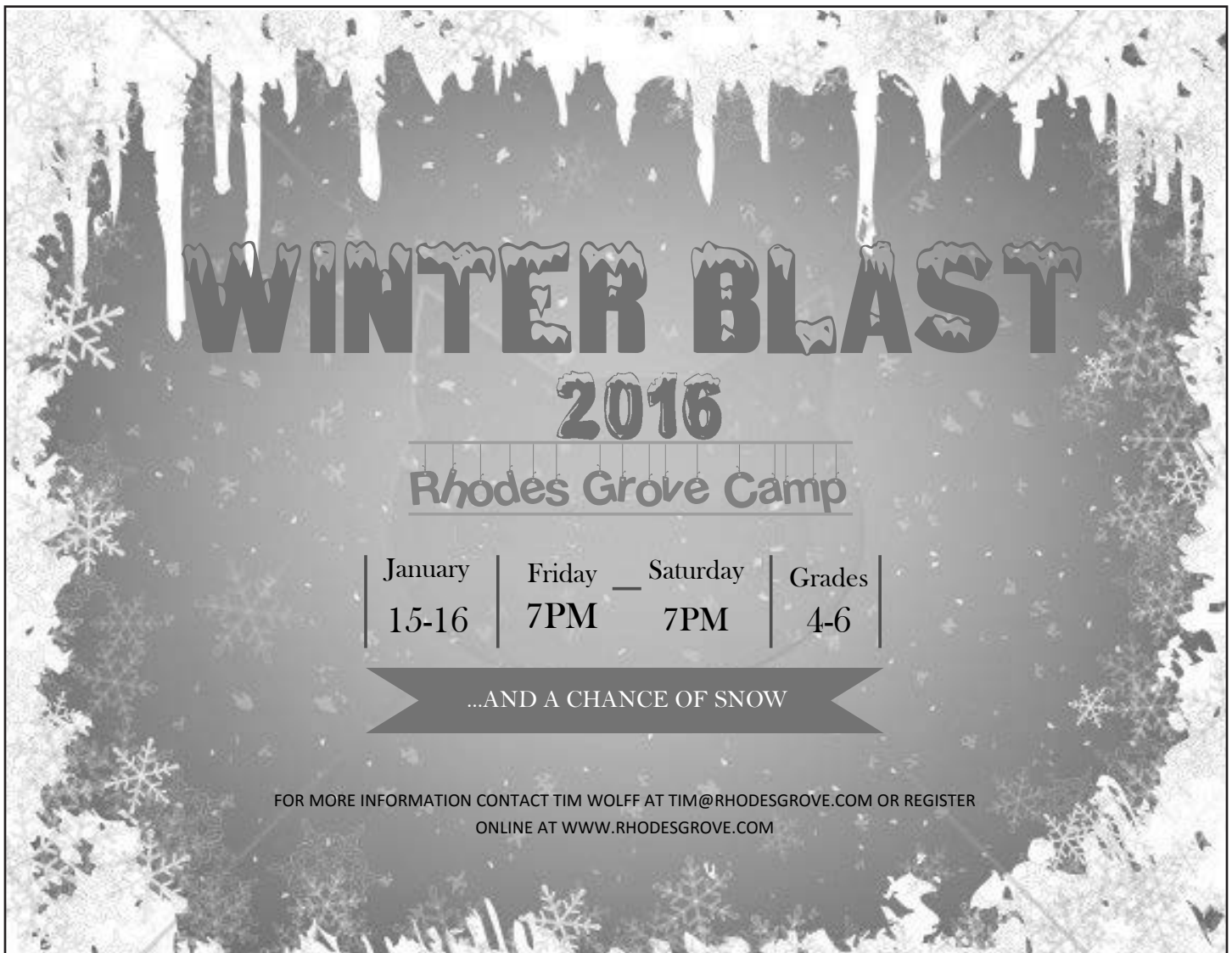
Christmas Tea Fundraiser

Rhodes Grove is eager to present the First Annual Ladies' Christmas Tea Fundraiser! This delightful day will feature live music, testimonials, and delectable treats and tea to be enjoyed from 11am – 1pm on Tuesday, December 15, 2015. A suggested donation of \$50 will secure your ticket while advancing the life changing ministry of Rhodes Grove Camp. Space is limited. Reserve your ticket as soon as possible by emailing Carrie at carrie@rhodesgrove.com or by calling (717) 375-4162. See you here!



Upcoming Events

- October 30-Nov. 1: Scrapbooking Retreat
- December 4, 11, 18: Greencastle Heritage Christmas
- December 15: Christmas Tea Fundraiser
- January 15-16: Winter Blast, Winter Camp for grades 4-6
- January 29-30: Ice Fest in Chambersburg PA
- February 5-7: Quilting Retreat
- February 19-21: Scrapbooking Retreat
- March 4-5: Ladies Breakaway Retreat
- March 4-5: unlimited, Winter Camp for grades 7-12



WINTER BLAST

2016

Rhodes Grove Camp

January	Friday	—	Saturday	Grades
15-16	7PM		7PM	4-6

...AND A CHANCE OF SNOW

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TIM WOLFF AT TIM@RHODESGROVE.COM OR REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.RHODESGROVE.COM

Growing the Grove

Thank you to the Franklin County Conservation District, The Nature Conservancy, and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for donating trees to improve the riparian buffer of the Rhodes Grove property adjacent to Muddy Run. Approximately 275 trees and 20 shrubs were planted by Rhodes Grove team members and volunteers, church youth groups, and students from Manito, Inc. spring 2015.

Thank you to Senator Richard Alloway and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay for donating 56 trees to replace trees lost throughout the Rhodes Grove property due to weather related events, natural maturity limitations, and insect damage. Trees were planted by Rhodes Grove team members and volunteers, October 2015.



Wish List

Program Department

New compound bows with arrows
 Soccer balls
 Footballs
 Inflatable bouncy house
 Inflatable obstacle course
 Canoe
 Camera – Nikon D5900 DSLR
 Video camera – Panasonic Flash Memory Digital Camcorder

Maintenance Department

Vise
 Multi tool
 Sawzall
 Drill and driver set (battery)
 4 wheeler with snow blade
 Zero turn mower with snow blower
 Volunteers – plumbing, electrical, carpentry, painting, caretaking

Kitchen

\$250 donation to replace some well worn kitchen smallwares.
 2 - 10 Gallon water igloos
 2 - 120 quart ice chests for picnics and trail camps

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