



# Rhodes Grove

Camp & Conference Center Est 1917

RHODES GROVE – News in a Nutshell

Spring/Summer 2013

## From the Director's Desk

By: Angela Monn



Camper registrations are coming in at a frenzied pace. We are eager to serve as many campers as possible during our extended summer camp season. We have added 2 weeks of camp this year. We will be providing 6 weeks of Rhodes Grove camp. We added a week of Paintball Camp and week of

Extreme Camp that will take our campers hiking, biking and white water rafting. We will continue to offer 3 Traditional Resident Camps, Day Camp, Swim Camp and 4 Equestrian Camps. That totals 11 programs in 6 weeks...The pace will be furious, the days will be long, the work will be hard and prayerfully, the fruits of the labor will be much!

Ephesians 2:10 shares:

“You are God’s **masterpiece**. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus so that we can do the good things He has planned for us long ago.” – NLT

“For we are God’s workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**” – NIV

“He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to **join him in the work he does**, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, **work we had better be doing.**” – The Message

This summer we will be teaching our campers that they are God’s **masterpiece**. We will be teaching them that when they choose to receive Him as their savior, as their Foundation, they are recognizing that they are **created anew in Him**. We will celebrate their decisions

to have Christ be Lord over their lives, but it will not stop there. We will also be teaching our campers that as a new creation they will be asked to **join Him in the work that He does**. We will talk about how to recognize the work that **God has prepared in advance for us to do**. We will be encouraging the seeds that are planted this summer to grow and be fruitful and to do the **work that we had better be doing**.

Friend, I covet your prayers during this time of preparation. Will you please pray for us as we get ready to “do the work that God has prepared for us to do”? Will you call upon the power of God to shower down on the Rhodes Grove ministry? Please pray for campers to register and for summer staff to avail themselves for hire. Will you pray stamina and energy and joy in serving? Will you pray that the love of Jesus be demonstrated in every word, action, response and deed? Please pray for the campers hearts to be receptive to the redemptive power of Jesus Christ. Please pray for the funds to be available for the many campers applying for assistance and to underwrite the gap for every regular registration. Most of all, please pray for His Kingdom Come and His will be done on earth (at Rhodes Grove) as it is in Heaven.

Thank you for partnering in **the work that we had better be doing!** **YOU make it possible!**



## God's Masterpiece

I have some exciting news to share with you about what is going on in preparations for this year's summer camp entitled "Uniquely You"- Discovering Your Identity in Christ. It is based on Ephesians 2:10, which says (NLT) "You are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus so we can do the good things He has planned for us long ago."

The preparations are taking place to ensure that this summer will be an unforgettable experience. We will have 40 summer staff employees this summer. I have the counselors, junior counselors, work crew, life guards, wranglers, speakers, nurses, and assistant program directors all picked out. Throw in Grace as the awesomely talented picture/movie person and the summer staff is complete. Please contact me if you would like the individual names of the summer employees so you can add them to your prayer list.

We have added 2 new weeks of camp with a goal of reaching more students for the case for Christ. We added a "Paintball Camp" for students in grades 6-9 and we have added an "Extreme Week" for students in grades 9-12. We will be going white water rafting, laser tagging, and other fun activities.

We have also teamed up with a local community group that wants to bring their students to Rhodes Grove three different times this summer. Rhodes Grove has the God given potential to reach nearly double the number of students that we had the privilege of serving last summer.

As I sit back and see this unfolding, I'm convinced of a few things.

1. God is in control of Rhodes Grove Camp. This camp is His camp and the staff that works here simply has the privilege of watching Him work in miraculous ways.
2. God wants Rhodes Grove to reach out to the community- We participated in ICE FEST in Chambersburg, PA where we passed out over 3500 s'mores to the people in the community along with literature about Rhodes Grove. We are also actively pursuing continuing relationships with both Greencastle and Chambersburg Chambers of Commerce.
3. Rhodes Grove Staff and families need your prayer support. I often joke with my wife Lorayne about her having the "bat-phone" straight to God's desk. Since we are trying to make a



difference for God's Kingdom, we are getting some opposition. Would you please include us in your prayer life on a regular basis? Would you be willing to send us a "Praying for you" comment onto our Facebook page?

Would you please pray that Rhodes Grove reaches hundreds of students with a clear gospel message of Jesus Christ? Please pray for us a staff that we will continue to walk in obedience with what God wants us to do? Thanks your faithful financial and prayer support. We couldn't do what we do without you.

Blessings,  
*James Reaves, Assistant Director*



## A New Beginning!

By: Missy Routzahn



What a blessing it is to be sitting in the office of Rhodes Grove Guest Services on the first day of spring, enjoying the sunshine, hearing our guests sharing their passion for our Lord around the lobby fireplace and personally anticipating what God has planned for Rhodes Grove's future.

I am Missy Routzahn, the new Guest Services Coordinator for Rhodes Grove. After many years of enjoying the career of a homeschooling mom, the Lord has changed the season of my life

which has allowed me to serve Him through Rhodes Grove. Stepping into the position late December was a blessing in that the quiet schedule allowed for in depth training, preparing for the busy months ahead.

From guest groups and Chamber events to the Christian Camp Conference (CCCA) these last few months have brought much activity to our facility.

It is my desire as Guest Services Coordinator to provide services to our guests with excellence, representing our core values of being Biblically Based, Family Focused, Community Connected and Ministry Minded. It is also my desire to increase our revenues through growing our mid-week groups, reaching out to the business community, educating

folks as to what our conference center has to offer.

From custom tailored meeting spaces, presentation technology and professionally planned meals options, it is a prime location for our area businesses and beyond to conduct conferences, training programs, board meetings and seminars. Please call and let me know how I can serve you and your Sunday School Class; your women's ministry, men's ministry, or youth ministry; or your business meeting and training needs. I am anxious to share Rhodes Grove with you!



## Cabin Refurbishment Update:

We are in year number 4 of efforts to restore a bit of Rhodes Grove heritage. The Rhodes Grove Cabin refurbishment project began in 2010 with the goal of completing 2 cabins/1 buildings per year. At the moment 4 cabins have been complete and plans have been laid to finish another cabin this year. Completing cabin number 5 would place progress 1 year ahead of schedule! Thank you to all that have been involved in advancing this progress!

Rhodes Grove continues to accept donations toward the goal of complete cabin renovation. Donation of materials, labor and skills, and finances are always welcome!

Rhodes Grove is truly reliant on a group effort to accomplish the goals of this facility improvement! Thank you so much!



# UNIQUELY YOU

## 2013 Camp Schedule

### TRADITIONAL CAMPS

#### Quest

June 16 – June 22  
For students entering grades 9-12

#### Adventure

June 23 – June 28  
For students entering grades 4-6

#### Day Camp

July 1 – July 5  
For students entering grades 2-4

#### Swim Camp

July 1 – July 5  
For students entering grades 2-4

#### Journey

July 7 – July 12  
For students entering grades 6-8

### SPECIALTY CAMPS

#### Equestrian Experience

June 16 – June 22  
For students entering grades 9-12

#### Mustangs & Mavericks 1

June 23 – June 28  
For students entering grades 6-8

#### Mustangs & Mavericks 2

July 7 – July 12  
For students entering grades 7-9

#### Wild Wind

July 14 – July 19  
For students entering grades 8-12

### NEW FOR 2013

#### Paintball Camp

July 14 – July 19  
For students entering grades 6-9

#### Extreme Week

July 21 – July 26  
For students entering grades 9-12

## Calendar of Events

May 14	Ladies Tea 11 am – 1pm
May 24-27	Family Camp
June 1	Open House 1pm-5pm
June 17- July 26	Rhodes Grove Summer Camp
August 20	Senior Day 10am – 2pm
September	CLP Kickoff
September 6-8	The Art of Marriage Retreat
September 17	Ladies Tea 11 am – 1pm
October 19	Fall Cleanup
October 26	Rain date for Fall Cleanup
November 29, 30	Rhodes Grove Dinner Theatre
December 1	Rhodes Grove Dinner Theatre



# TESTIMONIES

"I can't believe that many campers got baptized this summer" - *Assistant Program Director*

"I've learned to put my trust in Christ"  
- *Counselor*

"This is my first time here and I am sooooo coming back next year" - *Tabby*

"I loved painting horses" - *Horse Camper*

"The spiritual level of this camp has gone to a much deeper level" - *Angie*

"The speaker really connected with us"  
- *Journey Week Camper*

"Rhodes Grove is the best camp that I have been to so far" - *Quest Week Camper*

"I like the deep discussions, powerful moments, and close relationships" - *Leah*

"I loved playing underground church" - *Adventure Week Camper*

"I'm so glad I worked here this summer" - *Work Crew Member*

"I loved riding the trails with the horses" - *Horse Camper*

"Thank you for having horses at your camp. They were fun to ride" - *Horse Camper*

"Please do the Chocolate water slide again... that was amazing" - *Journey Week Camper*

"Jesus showed up time and time again this summer. I will never forget it." - *Megan*

"The zip line was awesome"  
- *Journey Camper*

"I loved making new friends" - *Day Camper*

"I am so grateful that I came here this summer to work with campers" - *Erika*

"I came into your camp carrying so much stuff... I left so much lighter"  
- *Quest Week Camper*

"I loved the pool, the games, and the camp store"  
- *Day Camper*

"I loved my counselors and all of the girls in my cabin" - *Morgan*



## Volunteer Opportunities

**Prayer Partners** - Will you sign up to join our prayer team? This is a VITAL part of our summer camping experience. Please go to [www.rhodesgrove.com](http://www.rhodesgrove.com) to sign up and receive updates about our camping/conference center ministries.

**Counselors/Co-Counselors** - Do you love God? Do you love students? Are you able to give one

week of your time this summer? Would it warm your heart to see young people connect with the Maker of our universe in a very real and relational way? Maybe you and/or your Sunday school class would like to participate in a missional outreach opportunity this summer. Volunteer for 1 week this summer and see the difference that Christ can

make through you by spiritually investing in the lives of students in a relational way.

**Cabin Refurbishment** - Maybe building relationships with students is not your cup of tea but working on buildings is. Would you be willing to join our cabin refurbishment team? Please go to [www.rhodesgrove.com](http://www.rhodesgrove.com) for more information.

Registration now closed for May.  
Taking reservations for September beginning August 1.

## Spring Infusion ~ A Tea for Women

Tuesday, May 14  
11:00am - 1:00pm

FOR THE LADIES!



Spring has sprung and that means it is time for tea. Won't you join us for a morning of food and fun as we welcome Heidi Cook Ditmar to share a message that God has laid upon her heart.

Heidi is a native of Pennsylvania. She has called Newport News, VA, home since 1990. A year later she met her husband Bill and they created Executive Lifestyle Magazine, a business magazine where they encourage their readers to strive for a balanced life and pursue Success with no Regrets. As editor and

writer, Heidi has evolved and found her "voice". Deep inside she had a desire to write a book, but dismissed it as a pipe dream. Three years ago God whispered into her heart that she would write a book and call it "Unforced Rhythms of Grace". Heidi's wish for you is that you discover that God loves you desperately, that He sees you as amazing and beautiful and oh so talented. Heidi prays that women will learn unforced rhythms of grace and let God define them.



### Gifts Given

#### In Memory Of

Mary C. Davis  
Dean Hoffman  
Don Rotz  
Allison Archibald  
My Mother  
Mary Miller  
Raymond & Mary Helman  
Evelyn & Richard Reese  
Mike Mason & Kameron Jenkins  
Arthur E. & H. Louise Wilson  
Donald Alamo  
George J. Kline  
My Father, Richard Lee  
Raymond Stouffer & Norman, Catherine Martin  
Sam Shannon  
Danielle N. Forney  
Our little Angel, Nathaniel E. Reaves  
My Dad, Richard L. DeGrange  
Denny Jones

#### In Honor Of

Mary DeMott  
Church of the Brethren Camp Meeting  
Aliyah Witmer  
Beth Jaczun  
Clyde & Lillian Burkholder  
Marshall Mentzer

#### Given By

John L. Davis  
Doris Hoffman  
Ruth Rotz  
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Robert DeGrange  
William & Donna Martin  
Perry & Tina Mentzer  
Dale & Donna Forney  
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Robert DeGrange  
Diana Jones

#### Given By

Katy Womack  
Jay & Doris Fogelsanger  
Curtis & Nicole Witmer  
Eric & Carole Silberhorn  
Karen Dangler  
Perry & Tina Mentzer



## The Art of Marriage

September 6-8, 2013

*God can turn any marriage into a masterpiece!*

Marriage is colored by personalities and passions and experiences. Making marriage work is a divinely inspired art form. For more than three decades, FamilyLife has been helping couples understand God's plan for relationships. Now, in this video-guided event, The Art of Marriage, we weave together expert teaching, engaging stories, man-on-the-street interviews, humorous vignettes, and much more to portray both the challenges and the beauty of God's design.

Join us for a weekend of learning and encouragement to live what you learn through six dynamic sessions:

**Love Happens – Love Fades – Love Dances –  
Love Interrupted – Love Sizzles – Love Always**

This event is for marriages in all ages and stages! Each session will open with Praise and Worship and close with an opportunity to put teaching into practice. Lodge with us for a weekend away or choose to commute. All meals are provided with the cost of registration.

You will not want to miss this. Registration opens July 1.

For more information: [info@rhodesgrove.com](mailto:info@rhodesgrove.com) or call the Rhodes Grove office 717-375-4162.

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**heart**  
of God's design

### Wish List

Quick Books Software

Sound Board/Mixer –  
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Sound Board Amplifier

Keyboard

Compact Car

15 Passenger Van

Light Weight 8 Ft Tables

Resin Park Benches

#### Maintenance

Window A/C Units

Gator

4 Wheeler

Tractor

Zero Turn Mower

Cabin Restoration Supplies

#### Kitchen

Walk in Freezer

Soup Bowls (200)

**Purchased Thank you!**

Tea Pots –

**Donations received –  
Thank you!**

Tea Cups & Saucers –

**Donations received –  
Thank you!**

Cake Stands

Chest Freezer

Dining Room Chairs (200)

#### Programming

Legos

Sports Equipment:

Basketballs

Footballs

Frisbees

Portable Soccer Goals

Hockey Sticks

Arrows

Megaphone

Video Game Systems/Games

Video Creation Equipment

Oversized Chess Pieces

Oversized Checker Pieces

5 Gallon Igloo Water Coolers

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*Rhodes Grove seeks to advance our Christian Community through personal renewal by offering experiential camping programs, Biblically enriching educational opportunities and full service retreats all in a naturally pleasing environment.*

## Family Camp 2013

**Join us for Family Camp 2013, May 24 - 27!**

Family Camp takes place over Memorial Day weekend from Friday evening until Monday morning. (We let you go before the parades.) We offer an optional full meal package, kid's activities, horse rides, a variety of lodging accommodations (including air-conditioned motel rooms), world-famous chicken BBQ and a safe place to enjoy time with your family while growing closer to God. You won't want to miss it! Lodging sites are still available at all price points – Hotel Rooms, Cabins and RV Sites.

Terry and Barbi Franklin will be our speakers and worship leaders for this event. Terry & Barbi Franklin are singers, songwriters, and speakers that have ministered full-time for 25 years as a duo, focusing on their theme: *"Inspiring Love in the Home & Revival in*

*the Church."* Through Family Concerts and Marriage Seminars nation-wide, as well as in 35 foreign countries, they are reaching countless marriages and families with the hope and love of Jesus.

Call the Rhodes Grove Office to register for this memory making jumpstart to Summer!!

