

# Gap Boys and Girls Club Newsletter

FALL 2014

## Girls Club Camp

This year's camp will forever hold a place in my heart! I had the very awesome but also daunting privilege of being a counselor in the oldest cabin. To be very honest, there was never a dull moment! During the week I saw God show up in so many ways and I am so thankful that he did! There were times when my co-counselor and I needed patience, and he gave it to us in abundance. There were times we needed wisdom, and he gave us the right words to say. He also gave us the strength and courage to say "I don't know" to those hard questions we were asked.

I was so glad that I was asked to be a counselor at camp this year. Every night the girls would ask any and every question on their heart and it was so exciting to see how much they wanted to know God and accept Him. There would even be nights where we would be up with one or two girls just answering questions about faith, other religions, and how a woman of God should present herself. I also remember the moment when one of the girls asked my co and I how we could have so much patience and love towards them during trials. Our answer? God. It showed her that if we can love each of them through all the hard times, imagine how much more God loves you. Every girl in my cabin was brought to camp for a reason and I can't wait to see how each one grows in their faith!

*-Alexis Anaelucci*



## Boys Club Camp

Boys club camp went incredibly well this summer! We had around 30 campers, ages 8 to 18. We had beautiful weather most of the week and no major injuries! Lavern King was our camp pastor. He spoke about the "armor of God" and did an excellent job explaining the battle we are in and the tools that God makes available to us to withstand the enemy. This year we had two older club guys take the role of assistant counselor! They did a very good job and it was really cool to see the respect that the campers had for them. Again, thanks for praying!

*-Matthew Stoltzfus*

## Girls club Camp

Girls Club Camp this year was a God-thing! We were incredibly blessed with 41 girls that stayed all week long! God answered our prayers above and beyond what we had asked for! We had beautiful weather, an amazing team of counselors, and cooks that fed us well!

Our theme for the week was "Daughters of the King". Crystal Smoker was our camp pastor and covered many areas of what it means to be a daughter of the King. We were challenged with practical application for everyday life about our thoughts, our actions, our dress, our relationships, and our priorities.

Watching the oldest cabin was one of my highlights of Camp this year. They really pulled together and went the extra mile to include everyone in their cabin. They talked through a lot of hard things and kept their counselors scrambling for answers to their hard questions.

Thank you for your support!

*-Marilyn King*

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## Boys Club Canoe Trip

We decided again this year that we would do a canoe trip with some of the older guys from boys club. Only this year we would be doing it without the help of Camp Andrews. That meant that me and Matthew as leaders were responsible for leading six young men on a week-long canoe trip.

We rented gear from Honey Brook Clubs, came up with a menu, and mapped a route on the Delaware River. Then on Monday July 14 we set out to canoe about 40 miles. Plans were to finish up on Friday morning but because several guys got poison ivy really bad we finished up Thursday afternoon and headed for home!!

It was an awesome week spending time with guys at the campsite and also being able to spend one on one time with them in a canoe. Lots of memories were made and the guys still love to tell stories about the week. Thank you for your support!!

*Wendell Stoltzfus*



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*-by Rachel Lapp*

### -Thanksgiving Banquet.

We decided to try something different this year; both the Boys and Girls Club Thanksgiving Banquet will be held together at Faith High School on November 24, 2014. You all are welcome to come!

### -Christmas Boxes.

On December 11, we plan to pack and distribute Christmas Boxes. This is always a fun time of going to each house and surprising them with a small Christmas gift while including tracts and information about the real Christmas Gift.

-Teen Retreat. This is the weekend, where we take the teenage girls (13 and older) to Camp Andrews. We rent the Millhouse and do our best to give it a homey atmosphere. It's one of my favorite club functions because of the relaxed atmosphere and the chance to get to know the teen girls on a whole new level.

### -First Clubs Next Year.

Clubs will be starting on February 9, 2015 for the Girls and February 10, 2015 for the Boys.

*Again, Thank you, thanks for supporting us! Keep praying!*