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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF BUTMAN METHODIST CAMP

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New Additions!

Great things have been happening here at Butman Camp and there are a few new additions to the camp we wanted to share.

In February, we began the process of updating our zip line on the high ropes course. Taylor Electric donated and planted the poles that would be the base for an extended platform and staircase leading up to the top. Bobcat allowed us a free month's use of a lift to place metal and wood to form the finished product. Through the hard work of Josh, our program director, and these generous donations, our groups can fly through the sky together.

Another new addition to camp began this summer. There have been dreams of a pavilion on the road to the high ropes and near our low ropes elements. This summer those dreams were fulfilled. Through the donations from *Christmas in the Canyon*, we now have a pavilion that provides shade and bathroom facilities for our guests. Doors and benches are to be added soon.

Still in progress, the last addition is the renovation to our Irvine Lodge bathrooms. Over time, the showers have started to sink into the ground creating draining problems. The new bathrooms have tiled floors and a fully tiled shower with a removable shower head. ☺



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Christmas in the Canyon

December 7, 2019
6:00 pm



Our 8th Annual *Christmas in the Canyon* fund-raising event will be held December 7th at 6pm. We will be hosting the event in our dining hall to accommodate more of our friends and family. Our silent auction will have many terrific items, including restaurant gift cards, event tickets, and sports memorabilia.

The proceeds will be put towards two causes this year. The first will be general scholarships for our summer campers who cannot always pay the full price to come to camp. We never want funds to be a barrier to kids coming to camp and these scholarships will help us reach kids

for the Kingdom. The second cause will be much needed renovations around the camp grounds.

Immediately following *Christmas in the Canyon*, will again be *Coffee in the Canyon*, an intimate setting designed with relaxed fellowship in mind. You can get a cup of coffee and visit with some of the great volunteers that ensure our *Christmas in the Canyon* and Butman Camp overall, continue to function well.

Tables are \$500 and seat eight people. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please email jeff@butmancamp.org, or call 325-846-4212. ✕

Staff Highlight – Brian Goode

Brian is a husband and father of four who has come to us from Chattanooga, Tennessee. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies from Belhaven University and is currently working towards his Masters in Organizational Leadership.

In his young adult years, he worked at a summer camp for three years in areas of maintenance, kitchen help, and belaying on the rock wall as well as any other needs that surfaced. Brian has also served in missions in Los Angeles and East Asia, as well as traveled to Israel. Prior to coming to Butman, he worked in construction and as a production manager. Brian's past experience, skill set, work ethic, and heart for people makes us honored to have him as our new full-time Maintenance Manager. Brian and his family have been a huge blessing and answered prayer to the camp. We look forward to working alongside the Goode family and what they will bring to the camp. ✕





Make a Joyful Noise

15th Annual Ladies Retreat: February 21-23, 2020

With great pleasure we are welcoming Darla Baerg as our keynote speaker for the first time. Our theme is "Make a Joyful Noise". We will be discussing having joy in faith, hope, and love.

Darla Baerg is a master communicator and storyteller. She shares her real life experiences (many of which are hilarious!), scripture and her love for the Lord into powerful messages for women. People are drawn to Darla's joyfulness, transparency and ability to honestly share God's word. She is a regular speaker at women's retreats, luncheons, dinners,

conferences, MOPS groups, camps, etc.

Darla incorporates the hope and joy of Christ into her rich message. You will leave feeling more inspired to fulfill whatever assignment God has for you... be it wife, mother, friend or co-worker.

Darla holds a Communication Specialist degree from Baylor University and a Masters Degree in Communication from the University of North Texas. In addition, she has a Masters Degree in Human Resource Development from Vanderbilt University. Before starting her family, Darla was the Chief of Staff for a United States Congressman and the

Director of Training for a large Houston company. Since having children Darla has served as an adjunct faculty member in the Communication Department at Houston Baptist University, taught Sunday School, Bible studies and has spoken to groups around the country. You can find several of her published articles in *Home Life* magazine. She has been married for 29 years to her husband Bill and they have four children.

For more information about Darla, check out her website:
<https://www.darlaberg.com/>. ✪

In-Kind Donations Needed

We depend on your generosity and currently are in need of a few items listed below. Check around and see if you can help us out. Contact Jeff Robinson at jeff@butmancamp.org, or call 325-846-4212. ✪

- Zero-turn or riding lawn mower
- 4x4 UTV
- 1/2-inch x 100-foot plumbing snake
- Hydraulic car lift
- Drilling pipe
- Truck loads of gravel & sand
- 12-15-inch x 20-ft. galvanized culvert pipe
- 2 7/8-inch steel pipe joints
- 4-inch steel pipe joints

Thank you!! ✪

CAMP DATES

SUMMER

2020

Next year's camp dates are set — mark your calendars.

June 1-3	Young Elementary, 3rd-4th
June 1-5	Mid Hi One-Way Advanced, 6th-8th
June 7-11	Spirit Wind
June 8-12	Sr. Hi One-Way Advanced, 9th-12th
June 22-26	New Dawn II
July 6-10	Elementary One-Way Advanced, 4th-6th
July 20-24	GRACE Camp, 4th-6th



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