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• A Quarterly Update for the Friends of Twin Pines Camp, Conference & Retreat Center •

Connect & Refresh!

by Shawn Fetterboff, Executive Director

Who doesn't enjoy summer vacation? Every spring school-age children (and teachers and parents!) begin the countdown to the last day of school and the beginning of summer vacation. Swimming, spending time with friends, and playing games serve to refresh kids after a school year.

Summer camp at Twin Pines is a great way for "kids" of all ages to experience refreshment. Twin Pines provides a safe environment to enjoy all of the activities that make summer fun as well as an opportunity to connect with Jesus Christ. Research has shown that the impact of one week of Christian summer camp can be equivalent to an entire year of Sunday School. Every week of camp at Twin Pines includes times of Bible study and worship. Perhaps even more important are the relationships campers form with summer staff and summer camp directors who share Christ's love with those around them.

Twin Pines has a summer program for everyone. Adults of all ages, from college and career age, to empty-nesters, to retired folks are invited to attend Adult Camp where there is opportunity for Bible study, sharing with others, partnering with the summer staff in prayer, and time away from the busyness of life. For those looking to get away with the entire family, Twin Pines offers two options, a half week or a full week family program. Family Camp has Bible lessons and activities for every age group. Each evening the

summer staff provides childcare so parents can enjoy a little break.

Twin Pines also offers half-week programs for mothers and daughters as well as fathers and sons. The Moms 'n' Gals campers sleep in cabins and enjoy times of Bible Study,

who have completed first grade in 2012. This camp is designed to give campers a taste of everything that summer camp has to offer. Campers arrive on a Wednesday evening and leave on Saturday morning. There are several different camping programs at Twin Pines for campers in grades 2 through 5. Adventure campers are housed in cabins with a counselor in each cabin. These campers enjoy Bible lessons and activities, games, and all the fun Twin Pines has to

offer. New for the summer of 2012 is an On the Edge program for 2nd through 5th graders. As part of this program the campers sleep in platform tents and do most of their programming at the tent site but eat meals in the dining hall. For campers who enjoy the outdoor setting and a nature intensive program, Twin Pines offers Outpost. At Outpost campers learn camping skills along with the Bible lessons each day. These campers sleep in tents and help with cooking at the camp site located on the side of the mountain. Outpost campers enjoy all of the free time activities at base camp. Campers who have completed 2th through 5th grade may also enjoy the Twin Pines Martial Arts camp. This program can serve as an introduction to martial arts or as a basis for honing and learning skills.

For campers in middle school, Twin Pines offers Flyin' High base camp. Campers sleep in cabins and experience challenging and interactive Bible studies, fun games, and all the activities available at camp. Twin Pines also has

an On the Edge and an Outpost program for campers



crafts, and games. Dads 'n' Lads camp in the platform tents and enjoy Bible study, fishing, hiking, campfires, and time together.

My First Camp is a half week program for campers

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Replanting the Forest

As any wildlife biologist, forester, or outdoor enthusiast will tell you, planting a tree is a good thing. When you plant a tree it benefits so many in so many different ways. It allows birds to have a place to perch, it provides cover for animals, it is good for the soil, and depending on the type of tree, it may even provide food. Trees are an important part of God's creation.

At Twin Pines we have a program that we call our Foresters Association. Our Foresters pledge to make donations on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual basis. These faithful givers are planting financial trees to benefit the ministry of Twin Pines. The Foresters Association provides the financial base for the quality facilities and programming at Twin Pines. The regular contributions from our Foresters have a significant impact on the Twin Pines forest. A Forester who plants a \$25 per month tree will have donated \$300 in one year! Each Forester and each donation help to make it possible for people to come to Twin Pines and grow closer to Jesus Christ.

Over the last several years, Twin Pines has seen a decline in the number of Foresters. We have set a goal to add 50 new Foresters to the program in 2012. The Foresters Association is designed with several different levels of giving

Red Cedar Forester	- \$5 to \$20 per month
Pitch Pine Forester	- \$25 to \$40 per month
Norway Spruce Forester	- \$45 to \$60 per month
Virginia Pine Forester	- \$65 - \$80 per month
White Pine Forester	- \$85 and more per month

A monthly donation of just \$10 from 50 new Foresters would add up to \$6,000 per year. Foresters receive a monthly update about Twin Pines as well as donation cards as a reminder of their commitment to the ministry.

Please prayerfully consider planting a financial tree at Twin Pines by becoming a Forester. To become a Forester you can send a check to Twin Pines with a note indicating the level to which you are committing for the year, or you can call the Twin Pines office at 570-629-2411 to request a Foresters brochure. Thank you for helping to replant the Twin Pines forest!

Candace's Two Cents *by Candace Sweigart,* *Guest Services Coordinator* **Child-like Faith**

In the last few months, my thoughts have been consumed by this one question: "How different would my life be, if I fully believed and acted in faith; knowing that nothing is impossible with Christ?" Matthew 19:26 states, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." When you examine yourself, does your life reflect that you truly believe this verse? God desires to do the "impossible" in our lives. If something is beyond our human capabilities, we tend to deem it as "impossible." Through recent events and circumstances in my life, God has made it very clear to me that there is another way to live. God desires for us to live a life fully dependent on Him. Our God has no limits. We need to train our minds to have a steadfast hope in Christ; leaving our fears behind us. There is nothing that is too complicated, too big, or too hopeless for God. Can you picture what your life would look like if

you had full confidence in God? Has there been a time in your life when you knew you needed to take a step of faith and instead you let your fears take control of the situation? I know I have! We need to remind ourselves that God is our ultimate sufficiency. Despite our desire to find comfort in this world, God has different plans. Growth is not comfortable. True growth will stretch you to limits that may seem impossible to overcome. You will overcome obstacles and fears with Christ that you once saw as impossible. Before He is able to accomplish our list of "impossible", we need to give Him room to break us and mold us into the children He created us to be. To have child-like faith is what God desires for our lives. Next time you know God is nudging you to take a step; take that step in obedience. In doing this, you are showing God that He is your sufficiency and all that you need.

NEW WEBSITE

Twin Pines launched a new website in the fall of 2011. There are several new features on the website such as a calendar of events, a Twin Pines blog, and a way to sign up for the e-newsletter and e-updates. Log into www.twinpines.org and check out the new site!

SPECIAL GIFTS

Memorial or Honorary Gifts to Twin Pines are a wonderful way to recognize our loved ones. Twin Pines appreciates the following gifts that were given...

In Honor of:

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Rev. Charles Barner

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John & Jill Whitehead

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Rev. John A. Dillon

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Grandchildren

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer this summer? Are you 21 or older and willing to help in the kitchen or on maintenance? If so, you may be interested in signing up to volunteer for a week at Twin Pines this summer. If interested in volunteering please contact Shawn Fetterhoff by calling the camp office at 570-629-2411 or by email at shawn@twinpines.org.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Spring Scrapbook Retreat
March 30 – April 1, 2012

Spring Spruce-Up Retreat
May 1 – 3, 2012

Twin Pines Mothers and Daughters Retreat
May 11 – 12, 2012

For Ladies Only Retreat
May 15 – 17, 2012

Twin Pines Summer Celebration
June 2, 2012

Twin Pines Summer Camp Begins
June 10, 2012

ADDRESS CHANGE

Twin Pines address has changed. The new address is 3000 Twin Pines Camp Rd, Stroudsburg PA, 18360. This address is both the mailing address and the physical address. Please send all mail to the new address.

MARK'S MOST WANTED

The following is a list of items that would make work around camp easier and allow us to do more. Please call camp for details and specifics.

- 2000 PSI or larger Electric Pressure Washer (\$650 - \$850)
- Right Angle Drill
- ½" Air Impact Wrench (\$250 - \$350)
- Commercial Paint Shaker
- Digital Camera for use during summer camp (call Shawn for details)
- Plate Compactor (\$1000)
- Hand Tools
- Four Wheel Drive Pick-up for Plowing snow
- Financial support for Mini Golf Hole Replacement - \$1500 per hole.
- Full & Twin Size Bed Sheet Sets

We are looking for people or organizations to sponsor the replacement of the nine mini golf holes. Each hole can be sponsored by an individual, a group, or several groups. All the new holes will be concrete and will require less maintenance in the future.

Summer Job? *Already!?*

The summer of 2012 is just around the corner, and here at Twin Pines we are beginning to make plans for summer camp. One of the most crucial parts of summer camp is our summer staff. We are looking for young men and women to come to Twin Pines to be a part of a team that will present the Gospel message to hundreds of summer campers. Working as a part of the Twin Pines summer staff is a life-changing experience and much more than a summer job. We have many varied positions available. We hire counselors, recreational staff, life guards, a craft director, a snack shop manager and kitchen helpers. So if you have ever considered being part of a team

that impacts lives for Christ and has the potential to change your life, you may want to consider applying for a position on our summer staff. If you are interested contact the camp office at 570-629-2411 or email Shawn Fetterhoff at shawn@twinpines.org for more information.



Welcome Candace!



On January 1, 2012 Twin Pines welcomed a new Guest Services Coordinator, Candace Sweigart. Candace was born and raised in Bethlehem, PA. For several years Candace was a camper at Twin Pines and served on summer staff for 4 summers. Her first year on summer

staff, she met Shawn Sweigart, who is now her husband. Candace earned her degree in Psychology with the concentration in Biblical Counseling from Liberty University and most recently worked for Liberty University in the New Enrollment department. The next time you call Twin Pines to book a retreat ask for Candace! Twin Pines would also like to thank Jill Matarazzi for her years of service to the ministry. We were sad to see you leave but excited for you as you open a new chapter of life with your wedding in April!

Electronic Newsletter

In this day and age of electronics and financial responsibility, Twin Pines would like to offer you an opportunity to help us be good stewards of our finances. If you would like to receive the PineLines electronically, please send an email to Pinelines@twinpines.org and we will begin sending you the newsletter via email. You will receive the newsletter more quickly, and it will also help save printing and postage costs at Twin Pines.

PRAYER GUIDE

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything." Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

Please join us in prayer for the ministry of Christian Camping at Twin Pines.

Prayer Items

- Financial needs of the ministry.
- Retreat leaders as they plan retreats.
- Retreat guests and being open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- Guidance for full-time and part-time employees.
- Wisdom for the Twin Pines Board of Directors.
- Summer Camp.
- Summer Staff.
- Ways for Twin Pines to serve the community
- Planning for the future of the ministry.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT) *"Keep on praying..."*



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in grades 5 through 8, where they enjoy the activities of each of those camps. Campers who enjoy sports may want to attend All Sports Camp which is led each summer by staff from Push the Rock. This camp focuses on Christian Sportsmanship as well as learning skills that can be used in many different sports settings. Middle school campers may also enjoy the Martial Arts program. This program is great for campers at all skill levels. New for 2012 is the middle school Equipped to Go program. Campers learn about different ways to reach out to their peers and communities. This program will stretch them while preparing them to serve Christ in all they do.

For campers in grades 9 through 12, Twin Pines offers three different programs. On the Edge is offered to campers who enjoy the outdoors. Campers learn about creation and the

Creator in a relaxed outdoor setting while still experiencing the comfort of meals in the dining hall. The senior high Equipped to Go program increases campers' knowledge and experience as they seek new ways of sharing the Gospel message. The Gettin' It Together program is a base camp where campers enjoy all the activities of Twin Pines as well as time with old and new friends.

All of the programs at Twin Pines are designed to refresh campers and to connect them with Christ. Come and enjoy a week at Twin Pines this summer!

