

Camp GuilRock

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Discover Creation; Experience God; Grow in Faith

Greetings from your Camp GuilRock! As the year 2006 begins, I would like to thank you and your churches, once again, for making Camp GuilRock **your** outdoor Christian education camp! We had the privilege of providing an out-door ministry experience for over **250** groups in 2005, and 2006 is shaping up to be just as busy! The summer months for 2006 are almost full with day camps and a couple of residential camps, so call the camp office soon if you need to put summer dates on your schedule (342-1951). On behalf of our Board of Directors, thank you for supporting your district camp with your prayers, presence, gifts, and service! By the way, when you call this month, you will be calling the **NEW** office here at GuilRock. We are placing the office building to the right of the camp residence, in between the residence and the Wesley Pavilion. Come and check it out!

We have been blessed by so many over the past years! I would remind you and your churches that we now have a business relationship with Morgan Stanley, and recently completed the transfer of stock from a generous family to Camp GuilRock. This blessing was most appreciated, and reminded me that there are many ways to give to **your** Camp GuilRock! Other recent blessings include: (1) The **Peel and Hardy families from Reidsville** donated money that makes possible a **new office building** at the entrance to the camp. This structure should be in place by the time you read this newsletter, and we are certainly blessed! (2) The **United Methodist Men from Bethlehem/Salem in the Northeast district** gave a generous monetary gift to buy new utensils, pots, pans, and kitchen items for the Asbury Lodge. (3) The business of **Dean's Business Equipment** (their President, Steve Cobb, is a member of Mt. Pleasant UMC) has donated a **Toshiba copier** to the camp to help in the new office. (4) **The VFW Post on Church Street extension in Rockingham County** donated a microwave oven to the camp. (5) **Mrs. Phyllis Jones from Mt. Pisgah UMC in Greensboro** donated a very nice computer table and cabinet to be used in the new office, along with items for the Asbury Lodge. Please know that all gifts are appreciated and guided by our Board of Directors to enhance ministry at GuilRock. We are indeed blessed!

Over the winter months we hope to erect a flag pole on the field adjacent to the pool, build a cross and benches (that will be lighted by solar lights) on the hill overlooking the large ball field, put a new drain in the wading pool (as required by the state department of health), and begin work on new play ground equipment. We also hope to have a web site up and running soon. This web site should be completed in late February.

We have been talking with the youth ministry at New Millennium Christian Center in Greensboro, and are in the process of setting up a **training center for youth** where our campus will be used to teach youth and young people how to discover and use their

building and cooking skills. These youth will then take these skills into the community and “share” their gifts in the name of Christ. This new program in its infancy stages, and we are looking for grant money to supplement this program. Initially, this will involve weekend experiences here at GuilRock and eventually will be “week long” experiences, where the youth will work in Guilford, Caswell, and Rockingham counties. (This is a similar concept to Carolina Cross Connection and ASP.)

As we look forward to 2006, we realize that our apportioned giving continues to decrease. Therefore, we are looking to supplement our budget through grants and other avenues. We hope to hear from 4 of our requested grant sources in early spring. Please pray for our camp and know that we want to be diligent stewards of what you entrust in our care. (If you are aware of a grant and/or other places to seek camp revenue, please contact our office at 342-1951.) A copy of the 2006 budget is now available in the camp office. If you would like a copy, please call.

Thanks again for your willingness to support your district camp. May you and your church family be filled with anticipation of **great** things as we engage in another year of Christian outdoor ministry.

Blessings,
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Continued wish list: Stacking chairs for Asbury lodge, a well stocked first aid kit for the pool area – complete with a new back board for the lifeguards and portable oxygen, new sofas and couches for Asbury lodge.