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“Providing Labor of Love for Christ-Centered Ministries”

SWAT Team Lends a Hand at Two Campgrounds

SWAT Team's First Project at Camp Oak Hill

Nate and Amy Wanner did an excellent job of coordinating the Camp Oak Hill event during the weekend of March 10-11. Of the 35 participants, 11 were “first-timers”. Numerous projects were completed, including: de-nailing the camp counselor house (in preparation for a complete renovation), leaves raked, electrical wiring of the horse barn, construction of 14 wooden garbage can holders, roof repair on the old horse barn, painting of the tennis court fence, and general landscaping and cleanup. Camp Director, Jerry Zimmerman, was a gracious host and made sure everyone had plenty to eat and good beds to sleep in. The SWAT Team plans to make this a location to revisit annually. It is a great place for families to bring their children to learn to serve others.



Nadia Jamison, Julia Sasser and Kaylin Blakeman after a full day of painting the tennis court fence



SWAT Team poses in front of the counselors' house where much of the work occurred

Teenage Girl Finds Meaning in Painting a Fence

By Nadia Jamison

In March I had an opportunity to go on my first SWAT trip with the Blakeman family. I was really excited about going and doing demolition. I was ready to tear down walls and work as hard as I could so I could make a difference in someone's life. Right before we got there I received the news that I would not participate in the demolition process, but instead my job was to help paint the tennis court fence. After having thoughts of disappointment I quickly decided to still make the best out of whatever my job might be. With that attitude I had an incredible time and experience on this trip. Especially at the end when the director of the camp expressed his gratitude. I realized that even by painting a fence I still did what I was supposed to do, and that is minister through God given abilities for His glory.



“Use your whole body as a tool to do what is right for the glory of God.” Rom 6:13b (NLT)



The 43 participants of the Victory Mountain event pause after lunch to take a group shot

SWAT Team Returns to a Favorite Camp

There is always plenty of work to be done at a campground. And...we can always count on Camp Director, Dennis Larue, to provide fun and challenging projects for the SWAT Team. In April, 43 members of the Team returned for the third time to Victory Mountain Wesleyan Camp, near Asheboro, NC.

Two much needed split-rail fences were constructed near the lodge/kitchen and at the front entrance to the campground. The rock foundation under a log cabin was grouted. A group of teens from the Asheboro Nazarene Church sweated it out clearing rocks from the playing field. General Spring cleaning, organizing, opening of the swimming pool and some painting was accomplished.

Thanks go to the Camp for supplying groceries and a delicious peach cobbler recipe for the Kitchen Crew to prepare for all to enjoy!

The Team enjoyed a time of singing and a devotional with Pastor Ken from the Wesleyan Church on Saturday evening. We were challenged to make a difference for Christ with the time He has given us. The SWAT Team strives to do just that. Working on projects at Victory Mountain will help make the Camp a place where children and teens can come and be challenged to make decisions concerning their spiritual lives.

A Teenager's Definition of Serving

By Julia Sasser

My name is Julia Sasser, and I had the awesome opportunity to join the SWAT team on their most recent trip to the Victory Mountain Campground. I was asked to write a little bit about what the trip meant to me. At first, it was a pretty daunting task. How would I put into words what the weekend meant? As I sat here thinking about it, one verse kept popping into my mind. Matthew 18:20 says "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Usually, whenever I hear that verse, I think about church. I picture a big, clean building with lots of pews and a stage. I can see lots of families all dressed up in their Sunday finery. It's pretty easy to sense the Lord's presence in those surroundings, right? Well, while working this weekend, the fact dawned on me that no matter how much cement I was wearing or how muddy and rainy it got, all I had to do was look around at the other workers, and I could sense God there, right in our midst. SWAT really helped me remember that serving together is another way of showing our love for God and worshiping him.

On Saturday night, as some of the adults were listing off all the jobs that had been accomplished, I realized that there was no way we would have been able to do any of it without God being there with us. Really, for me, that is what SWAT is all about: being able to serve others through *Him*, for *Him*, and with *Him*.



Pastor Jeremy enjoyed playing in the leaves with the kids as they cleaned up around the cabins

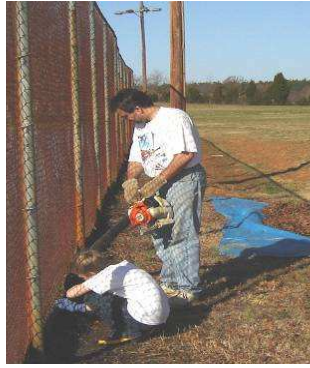
Remaining 2006 Local SWAT Events

- May 19-20: Faith House of Enfield, Enfield, NC
Projects: Build handicap ramp and exterior stairs from 2nd floor, paint bedrooms.
- June 9-11: Virginia Nazarene Camp, Buckingham, VA.
Projects: Help build a new cabin and a variety of other jobs
- July: To be announced
- August 11-13: Hawes Run Church of the Nazarene, Jacksonville, NC
Project: Install a new steeple on the church.
- Sept: SC Nazarene Camp, Labor Day Weekend
- Oct: To be announced
- Nov: The Potters Wheel, Mt. Olive, NC.

Your Opportunity to Help SWAT

Whether you have had the privilege of attending a SWAT event or not, there is a way you can participate in the SWAT Team ministry. We are totally dependent upon donations to meet our administrative expenses. Any gifts that exceed these expenses go towards tools and project materials, which are needed for our national trips where host sites are unable to afford materials.

If you're able to provide a tax-deductible donation through a one-time gift or an on-going basis, it would be greatly appreciated! Make your checks payable to "SWAT Team", 1012 Cedar Knoll Dr. Wake Forest, NC 27587.



Camp Oak Hill



Victory Mountain Camp



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