



A publication of Twin Peaks Bible Camp

# Echo

## Summer 2007

### Projected Projects

#### Bath House Building

To all of you who have given money, been praying with us, and asking about the Bath House Project, we want you to know that we are still trudging through the process. We have our plans in hand and they have been signed by the engineer.

We are now in the process of meeting the standards of the Septic Division of the Health Department. We have to determine and then assess our water usage in regards to septic output in light of both the current standards and the existing systems. We have our manager of facilities and a board member working with the department. According to the laws, there are some concerns as to limits of the septic systems that we have currently and what we would like to add. So please continue to pray with us as we are now having to obtain data this summer by metering our water usage to substantiate where we stand according to the law. Also, we would ask that you pray that we do not get discouraged about the length of this process.

#### Water Problems

We have known for some time that our water system is in need of some upgrading and improvement. As many of you know, water is something that you want to protect, especially in the arid climate of Colorado. We want to make sure that we are able to use all of the water that we have rights to as well as protecting the integrity of the water quality (purity) that we are drinking. Water born bugs and diseases are nasty on the internal system. Right now our system, being a spring, is a ground water system and we want to protect it so that our system is not influenced by surface water. Systems under the influence of surface water have a lot more regulations and cost a lot more to maintain.

At the spring head, we are wanting to do some work that ensures the integrity of the quality of our water system. Understandably, with time, things need maintenance and we would like to stay ahead of the game by taking care of foreseen problems before they are real-problems. This means whatever we do must meet the Colorado Health Departments Water Quality Control Department's regulations. The one time cost of doing this maintenance well will help us to avoid high dollar monthly costs should our system come under the influence of surface water.

We are also wanting to do some repairs at the spring head to ensure that we are capturing all of the water that we have the rights to so that we can use it. Water likes to take the point of least resistance and at our spring box, without going into an elaborate description, some of it is escaping. The repairs that we need to do will both enhance the integrity of our system and allow

us to capture and use the water that we have rights to more effectively.

Inside camp we have evaluated that we need to systematically begin to replace the water lines. The reason we need to do this is regulations, part of which involves set back distances as we add septic systems, and water quality. Doing these repairs will also increase the efficiency of our system. We have had some problems with losing water and water pressure during camp last summer and then horrifically this winter before the youth winter retreat, which resulted in a lot of frantic hard work.

As you can imagine, this is all going to cost money. So, we will keep you informed as we are evaluating the best way to address these problems in light of regulations. There will also be the need to have some help from people who are skilled with the use of a shovel, those who like to play in the dirt or have access to a back hoe.

Your prayers, gifts, and help will be greatly appreciated. What a great opportunity to illustrate what happens when all of you share in the ministry through Twin Peaks Bible Camp of bringing forth the "Living Water" to campers as we work together to bring forth liquid water to the campers.

#### Transition

This summer the directorship transitions from Cal to Aaron. Cal will take on a lesser role at Camp with a new title of "Manager of Facilities" in which he will focus on construction, maintenance and repair. He and Jan are wanting to be able to enjoy the role of grandpa and grandma more.

Aaron and Karin are excited about the opportunity to lead a ministry that has been faithfully lead over the last several years. They are grateful that Cal and Jan will still be around to help and answer questions as they continue to learn and adjust to the added responsibility. Aaron and Karin are excited to learn and grow as leaders. They believe that Seth, Brian and Tessa will be valuable help as they all minister together.

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# Reports From the Winter

## Winter Retreat 2006

With the uncertainty of the weather in the Rockies one can never know how much snow there will be at Twin Peaks Bible Camp in December. Snow is an important part of a winter retreat at Camp, especially for tubing and tackle football in the snow. Praise God there was about two feet of snow this year since in previous years it had been less than a foot. Fifty-seven teenagers made their way up the mountain to enjoy the snow. There were even four car loads of kids that made their way across the Continental Divide from Denver and Colorado Springs. Obviously, at first, there were youth group divisions, as five were represented, yet by the end of the three days they were mostly intermingled and enjoying one another's company.

Pastor Mark Fisher, who is the associate pastor at Grace Bible Church in Battlement Mesa, brought forth the Word of God during chapel. His messages were about Peter and his testimony for Christ being: An Aficionado of Christ, An Advocate for Christ, An Ambassador for Christ, and An Apostle of Christ. Our prayer for the teens, as was challenged to them, is that they would live for Christ realizing that even if they fail as Peter did that Christ still loves them and wants to use them for His glory. We were also blessed and encouraged to have the members of Grace Bible Church's Youth Group leading worship in music during chapel. It is so exciting to see young men

and women serving the Lord.

A lot of fun was had sliding on the tubing hill. As always there was a competitive football game. A few campers even tried on cross-country skis. And of course, a lot of snow was thrown as well as people thrown into the snow.

## Experiencing Winter Camp...through the eyes of Tom Hiduk

Ten years ago I had my first experience of taking kids to Twin Peaks Bible Camp for a teen winter camp. Being from the East Coast and Mid-West, most of my winter camp experiences were either filled with mud or forty below wind chill factors. Eight or ten years ago was different. I remember the drive into the camp. As I looked across the valley from the camp entrance toward the chapel I thought I had arrived at Camp Iditarod. It was beautiful. Snow covered the ground, the cabins, the trees and most importantly, the sledding hill. We thought we had it made. I slept in a cabin of all junior high boys, most of which had never been around the likes of a wood stove before. The cabin was a hundred and twenty degrees at all times and had the smell of melted vinyl gloves and wet socks drying. The cooks had to carry in and heat all the water for cooking and cleaning. The bathrooms were only a snowball's throw away from the cabin and were two seaters if you were scared of the dark. Since that first year we have enjoyed new cabins with gas heat, running hot water in the kitchen, and bathrooms and hot showers in

the cabins.

We have seen God do some pretty great things up at winter camp. Numbers of kids have gotten saved. There are kids in full time ministry now because of decisions they made up at winter camp. For most of the kids, it is the highlight of the year. The tubing hill is on the back of the old ball field. It is just right, steep at the top but not so long that you can't walk back up. The least amount of snow that we have ever had was two feet, and we have seen it so high that the snow on the chapel roof touches the snow on the ground.

I have a lot of great memories from winter camp up at Twin Peaks. It was there we were singing 'Wonderful Grace of Jesus' around a campfire at midnight of Y2K. It was there I dealt with kids who accepted God's call to the mission field. And it was at Twin Peaks that I felt God leading in my own life. I have spent the last eight New Year's Eves at Twin Peaks and could not think of a better way to start the year. Our winter camp has grown each year, and we now run two separate camps, one for teens and the other for young adults. Winter camp has been a wonderful experience for me, and our church has been eternally blessed by the camping ministry of Twin Peaks Bible Camp.

Sincerely,  
Tom Hiduk  
Youth Pastor  
Fruita, Colorado

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## Summer 2007

We are looking forward to an exciting summer camping season. Our speakers this year will be: the Graves from Frontier School of the Bible for 3rd and 4th Grade Week; Pastor Eric Eillis from Grand Mesa Bible Church in Delta for 5th & 6th Grade Week; Pastor Laban Molsey from LaGrange Bible Church in LaGrange, Wyoming, for the last two weeks. There will also be a missionary speaker High School Week: Dan Anderson and his family, from Brazil.

There are two weeks of rental camps kicking off the summer season. A group of Southern Baptist Churches from the Grand Junction area and Missouri will use Camp for the first time. Then a long time user of Camp, Alpha Omega Institute, will again be holding one of their creation science family camps at Twin Peaks.

Pray for all of the campers, young and old, that will be at Camp this summer, that God will work in their hearts as they hear the Word of God. Pray for all of those who will be speaking and preaching this summer, that God will use them and their messages in a special way. Pray for all of the counselors that will be investing their lives and love for Jesus Christ in the campers. Pray for all of the volunteer staff that will be serving this summer, for their safety and that they will be blessed for their service. And finally pray for the Twin Peaks Bible Camp staff, that they will serve with unity and minister to all who come to Camp this summer.