

News From the Ridge

November 2006

New Wilderness Ridge Camp Director Ron Hunt

Sandy and I are still pinching ourselves to make sure we're not dreaming. Wow, what wonderful things God is putting in our path.

God has been preparing us for this assignment for many years through leading us to Hill Country Bible Church (HCBC) in Austin in 1991. We were part of the team that launched AWANA at HCBC which now serves over 500 children a week. In Youth Ministry at HCBC we led the Junior High Adult Leader Team for five years and then directed the College Ministry. Through this ministry, God took us to East Austin, to build relationships with residents, both in public housing and the neighborhoods. During that time the HCBC East Austin REALife Center evolved. We continue this relationship at the HCBC East Austin REALife Center through an after-school program to help elementary children with homework and to encourage them to take that next step spiritually.



Camp Wilderness Ridge...

Wilderness, wilderness, wilderness... John the Baptist lived in the wilderness (John 1:23). Jesus went and stayed in the wilderness for forty days, then started His ministry (Matthew 4:10) and retreated to the wilderness to restore Himself with the Father, and took His disciples to do the same. Jesus said "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." (Psalm 46:10) Wilderness Ridge is a place in the "Wilderness" to experience or remember God's beautiful creation, for the heavens do

The smell of the pines cause us to listen as they sing when they sway in the breeze and crescendo in the wind.

Imagine! Wilderness Ridge is a Sanctuary!

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God" (Psalm 42:72).

Please join Sandy and I with the Staff, Board of Directors and others like you that volunteer, contribute and participate as we worship our *big*, awesome, *perfect* and *Holy* God through our "want to" service!

Ron Hunt
Camp Director

MORE NEWS!!

In case you haven't heard... the WRC phone number has changed to 512/237-4442.

IT'S NOT TOO
EARLY TO SIGN UP
FOR SUMMER CAMP
2007!!!

Register your son(s)
NOW before 1/31/2007
for \$160 per camper.
After 2/1/2007 the price
is \$175. Early
registration helps YOU
get the week of camp
that best serves YOU as
well as it helps WRC
plan and prepare more
effectively!! \$25 will
hold your spot for next
summer. Sign up online
at our website
www.wildernessridge.com
or call and we will
mail you a registration

Summer Camp 2006

WOW!! WRC saw over 95 boys this summer...lots of water, canoes, bulls eyes, ice pops, stars, campfires, walking sticks, pickleball, flags, flashlights, Bibles, memory verses, pink lemonade, fish...

Frank Slaughter donated his time again this summer as Summer Camp Chaplain for the 19th consecutive year. His message was - Are You Ready? based on Hebrews 9:27.

Summer Camp staff consisted of 57 men and boys as Senior and Junior Counselors or Servant Crew, 17 women and girls as cooks and 2 college students as nurses.

PRAISE GOD that we were allowed to see some of those boys come to Christ as they spent their time here at WRC.



MOVING ON...

Wayne Stone, Interim WRC Director, is now working to launch One27 Ministries, Inc., serving orphans and widows in Africa. James 1:27 says "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world". Go to www.one27ministries.org to learn more. The Stones have settled at College Station, TX...Wayne said something about heaven. Pray for the family's monthly financial support, wisdom and guidance for the Board of Directors of One27 and momentum for their mission.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

As I work to understand the “ins and outs” of camp life, I daily become overwhelmingly aware that if we didn’t have our dependable **volunteers**, WRC could not survive. Throughout Summer Camps 2006, weekly we had to have at least 10-15 **volunteers** just to keep camps up and running. And that does not count our “behind the scenes” **volunteers**. We have **volunteers** that work on finance and planning, public relations, maintenance and building, administration and much more.

During October through December 2006, there is a group of **volunteers** at WRC donating their time and skills to projects that cannot be accomplished by our staff, physically, as well as, financially we cannot hire them to be done. The MMAPers, or Mobile Missionary Assistance Program is a group of retired Christian RV’ers who travel the U.S. to assist Christian and Bible believing organizations, sharing their labors and skills.

The five **volunteer** couples that came to WRC arrived in their RV’s and settled into our new RV facility. They came from California, Iowa, and Texas, and this is not their first project. They began working on October 9 on the new Showers and Restroom Project, adding four new shower stalls and toilets for girls at retreats and boys during the summer. These **volunteers** commit to a three week project, so they were here through October 26th but the GOOD news is a few stayed and new **volunteers are** arriving for another three week session which began November 3. There are always projects to complete at WRC!!

BY THE WAY...

The new restroom and showers facility has also been worked on by many other dependable volunteers PRIOR to the MAPPers arrival. THANK YOU for your support, hard work, and

BER KLETKE MEMORIAL DEDICATION

On Saturday, December 2 at 11:00 am, WRC will have a dedication of a gazebo and live oak tree in the memory of Ber Kletke, one of the camp founders. He has also served on the Board of Directors, as Camp Counselor in the summer, and throughout the year he helped on weekends with archery or riflery and cooking and cleaning in the kitchen.

After graduating from Dallas Bible College with a degree in Christian Education, Ber worked with Voice of the Wilderness and lead backpacking trips to Colorado for junior high boys. He worked with Spring Branch Community Church in Christian Service Brigade with junior and senior high boys so when Camp was being talked about it was a natural for Ber to get involved. He enjoyed outdoors and working with boys and teaching them about the Lord.

Please join us for this celebration. Lunch will be provided.

FINANCIAL Update

GENERAL FUND

Donations to the WR General fund is for the ongoing operations of the camp facilities, equipment and to meet the monthly expenses which consists of utilities, campers & facilities insurance, staff training, safety inspections, association dues, etc.

Scholarship Fund

Many of our campers are not able to fund their entire camp fee, so WRC has a Scholarship Fund. Because of the generosity of our WR donors this summer WRC was able to assist many of our campers. This fund now needs to be replenished. Please prayerfully consider donating to this fund so that campers will not be turned away because of financial need.

STAFF SUPPORT

Please keep in prayer ongoing support for the staff so this will not be a burden to them during the upcoming months.

<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Projected</i>	<i>Actual</i>
Ron & Sandy	\$4500	\$3000
Tim	\$2000	\$ 900
Mark	\$2000	\$1666

Thank you for all your support!! Ron, Tim & Mark

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- \$ 4,000 Lay Cement Floor for Maintenance Barn
- \$ 8,000 Build-out Storage Area in Maintenance Barn
- \$ 5,000 Facilities Office addition to Maintenance Barn
- \$ 8,000 “Grey Water” Septic System for new Restroom & Shower Facility

WRC Men's Retreat November 10-12

“Step Up to the Plate” - Men learn about your role as the Christian leader in your home, church, and the marketplace. Larry Schlotfeldt, a former missionary will be our speaker. Larry served more than 30 years with the Evangelical Free Church Mission focusing on Latin America. After a decade assigned to Venezuela, he and his wife Venita were transferred to the Evangelical Free Church Home Office in Bloomington, Minnesota. They retired in 1999 to the Bastrop area and from their home they produce Braille textbooks, specializing in Math and Spanish with computer-generated graphics. Price \$50 per person. *Group registrations get a 10% discount.* SIGN UP NOW!!

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If you desire to be on our monthly prayer e-mail list, please send us your e-mail at sandy@wildernessridge.com. If you desire to not receive any future communication from WRC, please contact us at the above e-mail or call at 512.237-4442 with your request. Thanks!!

FAMILIES — Want to SERVE together?? Pick a time weekdays or weekends and come volunteer at WRC to help with retreats, or ongoing projects...many choices!! Call the camp phone number or e-mail sandy@wildernessridge.com to sign-up NOW!!

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