

Dear Camp Friends, (parents, preachers, youth leaders, and all teen and junior campers)

We are looking forward to another great summer camping season. With that in mind, we would love to have you attend Camp CoBeAc in 2008. We hope that churches and parents will remember the great value a week of camp can have on a young person. A week of summer camp should simply be the priority for every young person each summer.

It is with great satisfaction when churches and parents place such a high priority on the summer camp experience. Unfortunately, we have found that an average of only 25% of young people of camping age is actually attending camp from any one church. This statistic is alarming primarily because church and camp leadership have not fully convinced young people why camp is important.

In fact, the most exciting youth groups I come across are those that make camp one of the most important events of the year. As parents and preachers, we ought to put in the way of our children opportunities for spiritual growth. You will never regret it! Camp ministry is one link in a long chain of influences in the life of a young person. When campers come to Camp CoBeAc, we take that link very seriously.

At summer camp, there is going to be some great fun. Just check out the brochure and online description of Camp CoBeAc. The 2008 summer is going to be more fun than ever with a number of new activities for all campers to enjoy. At the same time, preaching is a high priority. Therefore, we have great preachers who know how to talk to young people and can explain the Scriptures correctly. We are trying to motivate young people to be honest about their lives and obedient to the Word of God. Who wouldn't want that with their young people?

The emphasis this summer at camp is "Don't Put the Fire Out?" We will be preaching messages about "letting your light so shine among men". It is our hope that every camper that attends will be excited about serving the Lord with a greater commitment, excitement, and diligence.

Changes for the summer are many as we anticipate another attendance record in 2008. Please read the summer brochure carefully to note several adjustments. Of course, if two or more campers attend camp from the same family, the average cost of a week of camp is much lower than the leading camps regular rate. Please note that a \$40 preregistration fee is due. And, do take advantage of the new online registration process. This should be fully operational by December 1, 2007.

We hired a full-time food service director and he should arrive May 1, 2008. With his twenty four years as a food service director and professional caterer, he will be able to fulfill campers dining expectations. With the retail services growth over the last couple of years, we also hired a retail manager that oversees day to day retail stores, opportunities, and online web services. New bathrooms are being added to the hillside cabins and much more landscaping has been finished especially near the gymnasium creating sitting areas, cement walkways, group meeting locations, and lots

of grass and shrubs to beautify the area. In addition, we have started to rebuild the beachfront area to include a more efficient and enjoyable waterfront activity area.

The program has been exceptional the last couple of years but we are committing more efforts to improve many of the day to day scheduled events providing creativity to almost every area. You will simply enjoy the great summer camp schedule.

And, for those churches that would like to bring both junior and teen campers the same week, we have started our first combination week. This week is simply going to be one of the first to fill up so get your registrations in early.

As early goes, everyone that is planning to attend Camp CoBeAc should at least call in with an estimated number of campers that you think may register. While calling campers in doesn't provide the early bird discount (until we actually receive the registration and medical form plus the \$40 preregistration fee), it does guarantee that your group can attend camp that week (up until 21 days of the actual week you reserved-if registration forms are not physically onsite, your reserved spots are made available to another group wanting to register).

On behalf of our entire camp staff, let me encourage you to come to Camp CoBeAc. We would love to have you.

Jeff Kahl, Camp Director