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Welcome Bill and Katie Elmer!

Over the past few months, we have been going through several staffing transitions. It is always difficult to say goodbye, but it has been encouraging to see God's leading for those who have left and for us here as we look for new staff members. We have just said goodbye to the Hirdler family, and Bob has already started a job with Mack Trucks and the Nuss Group, the company for whom he worked before he came to Lake Beauty. We are excited to announce the arrival of the Elmer family! Bill Elmer has accepted the call to serve as the new Properties Director, and his wife, Katie, will be working in the housekeeping area of camp. Bill and Katie have three daughters: Lillian and Ruth (11), who are twins, and Hannah (7). The Elmers arrived at camp two weeks ago and are living the high life in their camper as we are finishing some work on some staff housing. We are thrilled to have them joining the team!



Senior Day 2009

We just completed a great Senior's Day at LBBC. 125 seniors from our churches came out to see LBBC and to spend a day remembering "the good old days." It was a privilege to have the Victory Singers from Buffalo Covenant treat us to a hymn sign and a concert. What an encouragement to us as a staff to be able to host so many wonderful folks who have sent kids, drove kids, written notes to kids, and made it possible for other kids to get to camp. Our numbers keep growing for this event (two years ago we had 48, last year it was 77), and we hope this keeps up because we'd love nothing more than to pack the place out next year. Thank you to all who attended!

From the Desk of Brian Alnes

Since I arrived at LBBC three years ago, one of my goals for camp has been the implementation of an internship program. I want to see Lake Beauty become a teaching place that allows people who are discerning God's call on their lives to serve in a staff position for a year, learning what it is to be in full-time ministry, specifically Christian camping. I am happy to announce that we have begun that process and that we are in



communication with several Christian colleges in the area, North Park University and Seminary, and Denver Seminary as we work to make this an accredited program. It is with great excitement that I introduce to you Ben Michel and Christa Ebert, our first LBBC interns! These two are a great asset to camp as they both have experience from



being on summer staff, and they are working hard with JJ, our Program Director, on the 2010 Summer theme which will be revealed at the annual meeting October 24th, 2009.



Senior High Fall Retreat

The Senior High retreat is coming up October 23rd-25th, and it is going to be an AMAZING weekend! Summer staffers from as far as North Park University in Chicago will be driving up to help make this a weekend to remember. Our theme, "What Now? – Searching for the Next Step," is going to challenge us to look ahead to see what it is that God has in store for our lives. Our speaker for the weekend is John Torkelson. John has been involved in youth and camping ministry for many years, and he has worked with both JJ and Brian in the past. In addition to all the usual retreat fun, we are going to be revealing our new paintball equipment and playing field. Senior High students, be sure to bring your paintball clothes because we plan on having a great time out in the woods. Nowhere else can you play an hour of paintball for \$5.00, and if you bring a friend to LBBC for the first time, their round of paintball is free. We have a great weekend lined up, so register now at

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A Buck for the Truck

Our 1988 Chevy dump truck has dumped its last load, and there is a 1994 GMC Top-Kick 5-yard dump truck waiting to come home to LBBC. We have found an amazing deal, and if everyone from Lake Beauty's 64 member churches donates \$1, we can have the truck here before the winter snow flies. Please visit our website, www.lbbc.com, and click on the "Buck for the Truck" link on the homepage to find out how you can rally the troops from your church to make this a reality.