



# ALLEGANY BOYS CAMP

*inspiring change through relationship*

December 2017

## A LITTLE DASH THROUGH THE DECADES

Forty plus years ago, Harvey Yoder and his sons moved from Virginia to Fair Play, South Carolina and started a camp to help boys with behavioral and emotional problems. The Yoder family's idea was to start a program that teaches boys biblical values in a camp environment staffed by Christians who model a Godly lifestyle. Their ideas for the camping part of the program were taken from what they had observed at a camp in Virginia called New Dominion School. Fairplay Boys Camp continues today and is serving 40 boys and their families.

Around 1982, my grandparents, Eli and Ada Martin, served as cooks for one year at Fairplay Boys Camp. During that year, Eli and Harvey (affectionately known as Pap-Pap and Granddad to their families and the boys at camp) connected on the idea of starting a similar camp in Pennsylvania. Encouraged by Harvey, Eli shared this idea with many people in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and beyond. In January of 1995, Bald Eagle Boys Camp enrolled their first three boys. Today Bald Eagle continues to share biblical values in a camping program and is serving 40 boys and their families.

In the fall of 2005, several men at Bald Eagle (myself included) started to pray about the opportunity to start another camp. Through these prayers, God granted the opportunity at Caldwell, OH for Ohio Wilderness Boys

Camp to open in 2010. In 2011, at Oldtown, Maryland Allegany Boys Camp enrolled their first boys. Today both Ohio Wilderness Boys Camp and Allegany Boys Camp have 30 boys enrolled in an outdoor camping program that models biblical principles. Also, Allegany Boys Camp and Ohio Wilderness Boys Camp are looking forward to continued growth as God provides.

Interestingly, Allegany Boys Camp is located on a property once owned by New Dominion School, the program Harvey Yoder observed back in the 70's. Only God could draw a circle like that!

The end of the year is a good time to evaluate. God has faithfully gone before us and by his grace and provision, these four camps are serving 140 boys and their families this year.

How about the coming year? Honestly, I'm never really sure what will happen, but by taking a quick look at the past, it's obvious that God cares about the needs of boys and families who are struggling. And maybe God will continue to use camp as a tool to grow His Kingdom. All praise to Him!

Enjoy our "staff" newsletter and God Bless you and yours this Christmas.

Camping with Jesus,  
Brian Martin



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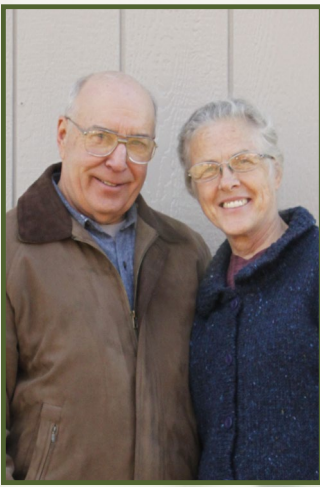
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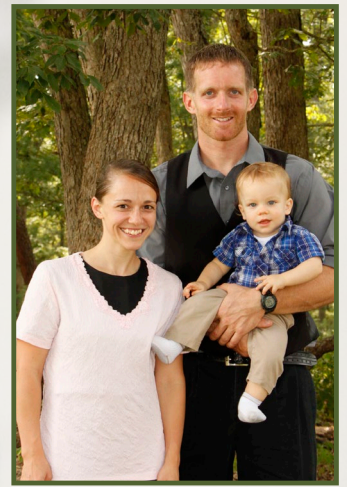
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## CAMP NEWS

- Congratulations to Chad & Fonda! They are planning a December 16 wedding. After which, they will be living at camp where Chad will continue to work as Education Supervisor. We are happy to welcome Fonda to the camp community.
- Welcome to Emily Strite, from Monticello, GA. She is serving as cook.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM ALLEGANY BOYS CAMP.  
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS PAST YEAR!