

TWIN LAKES  
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# The Link

CONNECTING CAMP TO THE LAKE COMMUNITY

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LATE SUMMER 2009

**Themed Parties:**  
Children of all ages want their party at Twin Lakes. Call us and we will custom build a party just for you! We can do food, cake, game room, paintball, waterfront, mini-golf, play center, gym, game room...whatever you want!

**How was the summer?** I get asked that a lot. And the answer is, "In all the ways that matter, it was a great summer!" We had a slight increase in camper numbers, an excellent summer staff, solid Bible teaching and good response from campers. 16% of the kids made significant spiritual decisions. And 3/4<sup>th</sup> of them talked to their counselor about improving their spiritual lives by praying and reading their Bible daily. Family Camp was a tremendous weekend of fun and getting serious about honoring God in our relationships. Most of the families have already committed to coming next summer and bringing friends. So almost any measure results in the same conclusion – we had a really great summer! Thanks for asking.



Scott Larsen  
Executive Director  
Twin Lakes Christian Center



**Please join us this Sunday (September 6<sup>th</sup>) for the last Swede Bend worship service at 8:30 followed by a PANCAKE BREAKFAST at 9:30. Although it is sad to have Swede Bend Sunday services come to an end, at least there is a feast to ease the grieving.**

### Upcoming Retreats

Please consider joining in any of our great weekend retreats. Ladies, if you are a quilter or scrapbooker, please come on over! It's a great time of fun, fellowship, and yes - you do get a lot done! Visit the camp website for further details: [www.twinlakescc.com](http://www.twinlakescc.com).

- Women's Retreat .....September 18-20
- Quilting Retreats .....October 16-18  
23-25
- Scrapbooking Retreats ....November 13-15  
20-22

*Fieldstone Coffee*

With summer's end, our "open to the public" hours for our coffee shop, Fieldstone Coffee, are now ended. We will still be open to serve our guest groups as well as available for reservation for your meetings or parties. At other times watch for the red "Coffee Shop is Open" signs on the bike trail and road to know when you can stop in and enjoy a cup!

**Camp Needs:**  
As you clean up from the summer, if you find yourself creating a 'get-rid-of' pile, please keep the camp in mind. We can provide you with a donation receipt for tax time. Our list of needs includes: waterfront toys, boats, life jackets, and paddles.



### A Report of the "Ice Breaker"

A gray rainy day greeted attendees at the fourth annual Ice Breaker held on Sunday, April 26. The event was planned by Friends of the Twin Lakes Trail and was held at the Twin Lakes Christian Center with a brunch followed by a trail update. Volunteers were commended for their dedication to keeping the Trail a source of pride in Calhoun County.

Harvest Hall showcased over 30 businesses who gave a brief glimpse of what they had to offer.

A drawing was held for five certificates for \$20 Twin Lakes Bucks. The winners were: Steve Bawden, Mark Christiansen, and Bruce Shimkat of Twin Lakes; Marty Minnick of Rockwell City, Joyce Schoon of Pomeroy. Megan and Katelyn Decker (daughters of Tom & Diane Decker) drew the lucky winner's names. Friends of the Trail appreciate use of TLCC's facility and thank the great crowd who attended and participated.

Submissions for The Link may be sent to Jane Larsen at [janeannlarsen@juno.com](mailto:janeannlarsen@juno.com).



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### Thanks, thanks and more thanks...

Thanks to Steve and Lana Watne for doing a great job keeping down the weeds on the beautiful grasses in the Gazebo triangle. That area is finally looking terrific (takes a lot of work)!! Thanks also to the Calhoun County Conservation Department and all other volunteer mowers, oasis maintenance workers and trash collectors. The trail looked GREAT for the 3rd annual Twin Lakes Triathlon.

### Triathlon Update & Next Year's Date

The 3rd Annual Twin Lakes Triathlon was a success!! You can see photos and results at [www.twinlakestri.com](http://www.twinlakestri.com). but the words of a participant sum it up best:

"This is one of the best kept secrets in Iowa Triathlon. My wife and I traveled up to the race, not knowing what to expect. We were excited to see a community pull together to put on a great race. The organization and volunteers were terrific. The course was a blast. it also helped to have a picture perfect day! This event will continue to grow and mature, definitely put it on your calendar for 2010 if you want to have a good fun challenge. We also appreciated the prayer and National Anthem!"

Join us next year for the 4th annual on Saturday, August 7th, 2010!



### Mark Your Lake Calendar:

*September 6th* .....2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast at the camp. Everyone invited; donations accepted.

-Following the final Swede Bend Service of the Season with BJ Ukena speaking.

### **Attention!**

The Twin Lakes Trail is owned by the county and the conservation department is responsible for its liability and maintenance. Someone has been opening the gates without permission from Calhoun County Conservation. This is strictly forbidden and is causing some real problems. If you have a need to open them please contact Calhoun County Conservation Director Keith Roos at 712 297-7131.

Thanks.