

What is going on with kids these days?

It takes about 3 seconds with a newspaper or magazine to realize that youth culture is characterized by narcissism, relative morality, and individualistic spirituality. Think about the world of a 16 year old. They are part of the largest generation ever. Almost one third of kids today are born to unwed mothers. They have been immersed in post-modern thought that embraces tolerance and denies absolutes. If kids today are going to live God-honoring lives and make choices consistent with His Word, they need help.

Please don't misunderstand and think that this generation of kids is hopeless. In fact, quite the opposite. There is incredible potential in the youth of today. The kids that I see in this younger generation are compassionate, purpose driven, and globally minded. Big changes are ahead and these kids will be leading those changes.

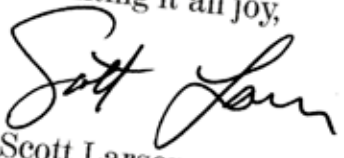
Christian Camping has been a consistent force for evangelism and discipleship for many decades. Twin Lakes Bible Camp was founded in 1955 by men and women who wanted to invest in the lives of kids, and that investment is producing great results. We have the privilege of being a catalyst for spiritual formation. This past summer, 21 kids made first time commitments to follow Jesus Christ. Over 100 more re-committed their life to Christ. These kids are being prepared to make God-honoring choices and not be another youth culture statistic.

Camps all over the country are having an enormous impact. According to the most recent survey from Christian Camping and Conference Association, over 246,000 people made first time commitments to Christ—in one year! And when camp directors add up all the people currently working in vocational ministry who made a significant spiritual decision at camp, the number is a staggering 412,000! Wow! What an impact camp has on the lives of kids! What an impact these kids have in our world!

Many Twin Lakes campers and summer staff are doing some incredible things for the Kingdom of God here on earth! Natalie is teaching/ministering in Peru. Felicia has given a two year commitment to Teach for America and has been placed in Delaware, Heidi just returned to Iowa after ministering at a youth hostel in Israel, others are leading Bible studies, volunteering at soup kitchens, and gaining college degrees to prepare them for ministry.

On the reverse side of this letter are updates and details of some of the ways that you can help. Pray first. Give as you are able. And help me promote the incredible impact that camp has in the lives of kids.

Thank you for partnering with me.

Counting it all joy,


Scott Larsen
Executive Director

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Something Extra Special....

For many, our historic chapel, Swede Bend, has special memories. If walls could talk, we know the little white chapel would tell countless stories of God at work in human hearts. Some have been married there. Some have sung loudly unto the Lord on a Sunday morning. Some have sought quiet time and found it peaceful. From summer staff to family reunions, Swede Bend evokes memories for thousands who have been at TLCC.

One wintry day, we captured what turned out to be a beautiful photo of Swede Bend. With an added "touch" from Urban Wings Artography, we are offering a beautiful and meaningful keepsake.

To order your 8x10 copy (framed or unframed), visit our website and pay online, OR fill out this form and mail a check.

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Framed copies finished size is 14x18 with a white mat.

Orders that are received by December 16th will be mailed by December 20th.

Orders received after December 16th will be mailed approximately 2 weeks after the order is placed.

Waterfront Improvement Project Update

The first of the two new slides is done! Even though the water temp is barely above freezing, Joe tried it out. Nice splash! This project has some very generous partners including Stan and Tom Anderson at Tri-View Steel, fiberglass work by Liquid Glass, carpentry by Doug Utley, landscaping by Troy Elbert, and many laborers over the past year – together over \$25,000 of donated labor and materials.



1 to One

We are asking farmers and land owners to use the proceeds from one acre of land for an offering to the One who is Lord of the harvest. We have received gifts from 9 families so far totaling over \$10,000!

Board debt reduction challenge

The Board of Directors has issued a challenge, to itself, and to you. Every Board member has made a commitment to give a substantial gift to this ministry this year. They have set their sights on paying off debt and set a goal to make a \$75,000 payment toward the principle. They have led by example and given \$35,000! If you would like to have your gift go towards this goal, simply put a note with your check.

Pumpkin Fest 2011 provided a great foundation for bigger and better in 2012

Six weekends of great fall weather and very positive feedback from the 900 guests who rode the hay rack, built scarecrows, raced rubber duckies, launched apples and watched our pumpkin cannon shoot produce nearly a quarter mile! Next year we plan to add some more activities and build this family fun event into a fall tradition.



Pray first - Thank you for praying for camp. If you send an email to scott@twinlakescc.com, I will add you to our Prayer Team and send you a weekly email with praises and requests.

Give - Charitable gifts make up nearly one-fourth of our income. Simply stated, we need your financial support, and there is an envelope enclosed for your convenience. Please consider a year end gift. Thank you.



Check out our website

General camp information, photos, videos, giving options, and more are available 24/7 at www.twinlakescc.com. Camp dates are set for next summer and are on our website – a brochure will be mailed early 2012 and registration will open on January 1st.