

# Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center



## NEWS

### *From your Camp & Retreat Center*



Your Camp & Retreat Center celebrated 55 years of service to the Holston Presbytery & numerous other churches, families, and organizations across the southeast on September 3-5 during our Alumni Gathering. Alumni were able to look at the many improvements and new opportunities that Holston Center now provides to groups who want to get away to the mountains! The weekend offered good food & fellowship along with activities for the kids and dedication ceremonies. The Celebration reminds us of the Lord's faithfulness in providing a place for people to come and enjoy spending time with Him in His creation!

## Summer Ministry

Four square. Kayaking. Camping. Zipline. Campfires. These are some of the normal things you'd expect to enjoy during a week of summer camp. Each week campers came to Holston Presbytery Camp to enjoy these typical camp activities; many left realizing there is more to camp than s'mores & swimming, though. Some camp groups walked on the Appalachian Trail & finished their hiking trip swimming in a beautiful lake; River Rat groups paddled down the New River while others stayed around the 150+ acres at HPC and enjoyed swimming and kayaking in Lake Lyons. Somewhere out there—on the trail, by the lakeshore, or at a worship service—all our campers heard the invitation that Jesus offers each person: “Come, follow Me”. While each camper's walk with the Lord may be different, campers were encouraged that following Him involves a personal relationship and receiving help from the Holy Spirit. It was a good summer at Holston Camp because He is good!

### *Photos of campers enjoying your Camp:*



Campers and staff enjoying the Limbo at Dance Night!



Day Campers joined our regular camp groups during theme day this year!



Backpacking in the Laurel Fork Gorge near Hampton, TN



Rustic Games is held on Tuesday evening before worship.



# Upcoming Programs at HPC



*Quality programs for you & your congregation*



**Backpacking Trip—October 1-3**  
Experience the outdoors and spend some quality time together on a backpacking trip. Camp will supply backpacks, tents, food, and stoves. Ages 12+; \$50/person



**Fall Color in the High Country—Oct. 5**  
We'll take walks, learn the different trees and enjoy fellowship with friends.  
Begins at 11:00 AM.  
Total Cost: \$8 (includes lunch)  
Great for Senior Adult Ministries!



**Choose & Cut Holiday Party—Dec. 3-4**  
Enjoy a hearty breakfast buffet, holiday crafts, Christmas treats & carols, a fire in the fire place and an opportunity to bring a Christmas tree home for the Christmas season! Total Cost: Starting at \$15/person  
Great for Families!

## Confirmation CLASS

April 29th-May 1st, 2011

For all confirmands and adult leaders of Holston Presbytery Churches. Participants will explore different themes of baptism, church membership, and the Brief Statement of Faith.

Leadership: Russ Pearson, Shane Smith & Craig Bell



Don't forget: you can plan a retreat with your Sunday School class, family, or other group with us any time! **Discounted rates for Holston Presbytery church members!**



Cabin 5 with its new addition!

## Facility Improvements with your help!

*We've made several improvements to our facilities this year*

- Cabins 4 and 5 now have 2 showers & 2 restrooms inside with volunteer and financial support from First Pres. Johnson City & First Pres. Kingsport!
- All the cabins have new "real" mattresses—check them out!
- New linens in Guenther Lodge & more!

## Things to consider



October will be a retreat-emphasis month for churches in the Holston Presbytery. Your church will be receiving material in the mail that provides details on how to plan a retreat, what facilities & other services your Camp offers, and several other resources. So if you haven't stayed here in a while, consider it & look for our Retreat Planning Packet soon!



A friend of Holston Center has offered to donate an already-standing cabin to HPC. We hope to use this gift to create a "Pioneer Village" for our Pioneer summer campers. We are looking for donors to provide for the costs of moving the cabin from its present site and rebuilding the cabin here.

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