

the Hills Connection

Spring/Summer 2018

Inspiring Hope, Celebrating Life

CAMP ECHOING HILLS, KISSING A FISH AND JEFF SAUNDERS... A fish story like no other!

Kissing a fish is a tradition started by Cordell Brown over 50 years ago. Because the number of fish were decreasing in our fishing pond, fewer and fewer fish were being kissed by our campers. To fix the problem, Echoing Hills had to bring in an expert, Jeff Saunders, who has fishing experience in a dozen states, and at least one ocean. Jeff has lived at Echoing Hills for many years.

*Jeff Saunders
Echoing Hills
Resident*



He is passionate about fishing and wanted to help make sure our campers had plenty of great experiences off the fishing dock at Camp Echoing Hills.

Over the summer, working on hot days, humid days, rainy days, and days that were perfect for fishing, Jeff restocked the pond.

When we asked Jeff why he worked so hard on this project his reply was from the heart. "I just want people to have fun fishing," said Jeff, "I love fishing, and if there's anything I can do to help others, I want to help." Jeff continues to monitor the population of our pond to make sure that everyone has the best possible experience.

Jeff is not only as amazing fisherman, but truly has a passion to serve individuals at Camp Echoing Hills. In spite of his disability, he has a way of making everyone's day a little brighter.





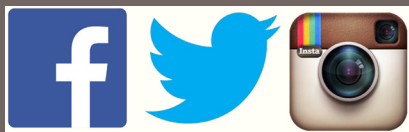
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LOCAL FOUNDATIONS MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

The generosity of foundations is why we can move forward into the future, keeping the camp experience alive and well for those with disabilities. A place to belong, a place to thrive... completely accepted and loved unconditionally.

A New Hay Wagon, A Great Experience

A week at camp just wouldn't be the same without a hayride.

The campers at Camp Echoing Hills will be hitting the trail with a whole new ride this summer, thanks to the generosity of **The Coshocton Foundation**. Happy trails campers. Can't wait to see your smiling faces as you travel around the campus!

Freeze Partner!

One of the busiest places from the start of camp until the end is our camp kitchen. Preparing nutritious and diet conscious meals is a must during the camp season.

Thanks to a donation from **The Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County**, our new reach in freezer will keep our food safe and sound.

CAMP ECHOING HILLS

WHY I SERVE!

Camp set the course for my future!

I was blessed to be a camp counselor at Echoing Hills during the summer of 2008. Words cannot express the effect that this experience had on my life. I am in the midst of my seventh year as a special education teacher. I thank Camp Echoing Hills for helping instill a sense of compassion, understanding, patience and love into my daily being.

Russ Marty
Past Camp Counselor



Camp Echoing Hills is not only somewhere to serve, but a refuge where the love of Jesus is felt continually. From staff to volunteers to campers, there is a love and goal for all...to share Christ in all we do. That is why we come back year after year.

The presence of God rests on Camp Echoing Hills and is evident from the moment you enter the property. It is an honor to serve.

Carolyn Ross
Volunteer



Russ Marty and a camper giving the go-kart course two thumbs up!

It's amazing to see all the relationships that form and flourish. Even if camp is the only week these friends see each other, one would never know due to the love and strength found in each person.

Julia Barbee
Cabin Leader



Volunteer Carolyn Ross and Family



Volunteering at Camp Echoing Hills is both rewarding and life changing.

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Don't be surprised if the life that is changed is yours!

I remember it being the first week of camp and absolutely falling in love with a young camper named Rachel. Rachel and I fished at the pond without a bite until the moment we were leaving. Rachel got a big bite, she tugged hard with excitement and found a turtle at the other end of her line. The turtle quickly fell off the pole, but this became the highlight of Rachel's day. She couldn't stop talking about it. I witnessed Rachel's joy of experiencing a moment and creating a memory thanks to the opportunity at Camp Echoing Hills. This memory was one of the highlights of my summer, one I will cherish forever.

Kate Bural
Volunteer



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GOD CREATED US FOR RELATIONSHIP!

God designed us with relationship in mind. To be loved and to love others, that is our calling.



Paul with Camille Adams, Echoing Hills Northeast Ohio

It is not uncommon for our staff to develop strong bonds with the clients we serve. Camille and Paul were no exception. She made sure Paul was out in the community, so much so that when people saw her without him, they asked where he was.

Even though Paul has since passed away, Camille holds the memories close to her heart.



Sara & Keith

Echoing Hills of Central Ohio celebrated a new beginning for two amazing clients. Keith and Sarah were married April 4th, 2018. Many Echoing Hills employees, Keith and Sarah's family members and friends came together that day to celebrate their relationship.