



CAMP PINNACLE NEWS

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Couples Get-away Retreat weekend



Couples get-away was truly beautiful — a weekend filled with moments that glorified God and deepened our appreciation for the gift of marriage.

Grateful for the time spent gathering together, celebrating love, faith, and commitment, and creating memories that will last for years to come. What a blessing to share in fellowship, encouragement, and spiritual growth with one another.

"I am doing something brand new, something unheard of. Even now it sprouts and grows and matures. Don't you perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and open up flowing streams in the desert."

Isaiah 43:19 TPT



Dear Pinnacle Family,

We are grateful to share that our annual Couples Get-away was a wonderful time of fellowship, encouragement, and renewal. Seventeen couples joined us for this special gathering, and we experienced God's presence in a powerful way. We extend heartfelt thanks to Jesse and Andrea Holt, who traveled from Michigan to bring an uplifting message that blessed every couple in attendance.

Winter Camp is now underway, and the children are enjoying a meaningful and joy-filled experience. It is always a blessing to see young hearts growing in faith and friendship.

We are also excited to share that Summer Camp registrations are filling quickly. The Lord continues to do amazing things, and we are thankful for the prayers and support.

Stephen Flach
Executive Director

When one of the staff/counselors from the previous summer asked Paul if he and three of his friends could stay the night at Paul's two bedroom house, he told him they would be most welcomed any time. (To protect the identity of the staff contributing to this true story, we will refer to him as "Skip.")

Skip knew of a cave there in the county. If he recalls right, it was about 15 + minutes away. Skip and his three friends went spelunking (cave exploring). They each took an overnight case with them knowing they would need a change of clothes after coming out of the cave. What they had not anticipated was the cave was very wet. The mud and odor from the mud was putrid. When they came out of the cave, they were soaked and cold and way past the time they felt they could be out of the cave and arrive at Paul McFate's house. There was no way the young driver of the car wanted anyone soaked to the skin with smelly clothes in his car. So until they could get to Paul's house and take a shower before putting on their change of clothes, all four teen guys stripped down to their underwear, wrapped towels around them and left for Paul's.

The driver, in a hurry to get there, was driving too fast as he flew past a State Patrol car. The chase was on and fearing being arrested and taken in for "Mug Shots", or in this case maybe "Mud Shots" and have their pictures in the paper looking like this they were all praying for deliverance. Regardless, they were most thankful they were able to evade the trooper.

In a day before cell phones, there was no way to call Paul at this late hour letting him know they were taking him up on his "come any time offer" and were on the way to his house. Upon arriving at Paul's house it was near midnight and Paul had gone to bed. They tried to sneak in the house quietly; the back door being unlocked. One of the guys knocked into something that went crashing to the floor. In a flash Paul came down the stairs from his bedroom with a rifle in hand.

The look on his face seeing four guys covered in mud in their underwear and wrapped in towels standing there in his kitchen late at night was one Skip will never forget.

Paul was very gracious, going from very startled to trying to comprehend what he was seeing. Needless to say, it took a few minutes.

After all four took a shower and put on a change of clothes.

Paul McFate, ever the kindhearted man, prepared an "early" breakfast for the guys so they could be on their way home, much to their delight!

Seeing the McFate lodge built in his honor brings to mind what a wonderful man he was that honored the Lord, having been so gracious to a bunch of young boys that, believe it or not, he even invited back again, which is another story for another day!

Submitted by a previous staff member



Laugh With Us...

Funny camp stories from years past

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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SNOW TUBING

Youth Groups, Small Groups, Life Groups, Bible Study Groups, Church-wide Gatherings...Come enjoy being on this beautiful mountain for the day!!
Get bundled up & head to the Tubing Hill for ENDLESS WINTER FUN!
Warm up around a fire with COOKIES, hot cocoa, tea & coffee in Bessie Wood Lounge!



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APR 11

ANNUAL VISION DINNER & SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

A Let us share our vision with you! Hear testimonies of what God has done through Camp Pinnacle this past year and what God has in store for the coming year and beyond. Worship with us, eat with us and enjoy a silent auction fundraiser. Dinner (*a suggested donation of \$40.00 per person*) will help offset costs

<https://www.camppinnacle.org/vision-dinner>



Join us for an evening of dinner, fellowship, dining, as we

APR 17-18

SPRING WOMEN'S RETREAT

Come be refreshed and renewed in Christ with a spring weekend away in the mountains! Enjoy beautiful views, community, FUN, and spiritual growth. Bring your daughters, friends, co-workers, and loved ones! Special speaker Laurie Devernoe
Register today!



MORE INFO: <https://www.camppinnacle.org/spring-womens-retreat>

May 16

MENS SOAPBOX DERBY

Get ready for an unforgettable morning at the Men's Soapbox Derby Race! Whether you're in it to win or just out for a great time, this event promises a day filled with fellowship, food, and fun. Bring your competitive spirit and join other men in the community for a friendly race, delicious lunch, and plenty of laughs.

Rules and registration for your team can be found at:

<https://www.camppinnacle.org/mens-soapbox-derby>



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IRA- DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY

Did you know that you can name Camp Pinnacle as a primary or contingent beneficiary of your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to establish a future gift without impacting your current income?

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE

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"Prayer is the most important thing in seeing God work, and I want to see Him continue to do the same things as He always has at Camp Pinnacle"

Excerpt Bessie Wood

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