



Covenant Acres Retreat Center Fall 2016 News Letter



What a fantastic year of seeing God work at Covenant Acres! We also want to extend a huge **THANK YOU** for being a part of supporting Covenant Acres. The Board of Directors is grateful for all your support through prayer, donations, and volunteering. At the beginning of 2016 we were able to purchase a much needed large mower for the grounds, replaced a roof on Spruce facility, and completed various smaller repairs to our other facilities. We would also like to extend additional thanks to those that came out to help with the tree cleanup after a major wind storm just weeks before summer camp. This was all possible by your support. Please continue your support through prayer, financial gifts and volunteering at camp. Thank you again for showing your love for Covenant Acres. As you consider end of year giving, please keep us in mind.

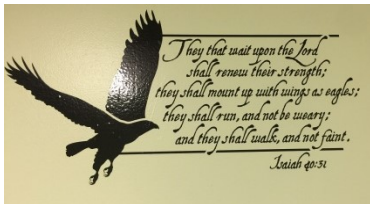
What's happening at Covenant Acres...

New and Exciting Eagle's Nest now available

Covenant Acres Retreat Center is proud to announce the creation of the "Eagles Nest" inside Tamarack lodge. The Eagles Nest is a room dedicated for full time ministry leaders to use for free. It is a place where ministry leaders can take time away from their ministries for study, prayer, and personal rejuvenation. It is available during most weekdays. The room has a new queen bed, desk and chair,



with attached bathroom. Tamarack lodge kitchen is also available during ministry leader's stay. Leaders will need to supply their own bedding, bathroom supplies and food. Covenant Acres believes that there is a need for ministry leaders to have a place where ministry leaders can go for a personal time with God. The use of this room at no cost is our way of giving back to our partners in ministry. For more information and reservations please email office@covenantacres.com.



Group Retreats

This past year we have seen a large increase in the use of the camp facilities for group retreats. About 80% of 2016 weekends were booked for small group retreats. Every type of group and multiple church affiliations used the camp for spiritual growth weekends. The first weekend in June, this past year, the Genesis conference bible quiz finals were held at camp. Over 80 quizzers and 40 coaches and family members were at the camp for a weekend of competition and awards. It was awesome to see so many people at camp this past year. Thank you to all our group retreat leaders for choosing Covenant Acres and we invite all our groups back in 2017. We have updated group registrations on our web site or you can email office@covenantacres.com for more information and questions.

Summer Camp

Summer camp was held for two weeks in July for kid's grades 3rd – 12th. The gatherings were smaller than we would like to see, but God used these weeks to enrich these kids' lives. We are looking to change our summer camps for 2017 to a more age specific schedule. Young students in Grades 3rd to 6th will gather for week 1, July 9th – 14th. Older students going into 7th – 12th grades will be week 2, July 16th – 21st. We are currently searching for children's and youth leaders to fill the leadership role for these camps. Please feel free

to reach out to us with your ideas or suggestions. Our goal is to make each week's devotional time and activities more specific to the age groups. So if you have a child in these age groups please save the dates for an incredible week of camp. Watch our web site for more details as they become available at <http://www.covenantacres.org>.

Family Camp

Family Camp was in mid-August. Our guest Speaker and worship leader was Pastor Russell Peters from Alabama Full Gospel Fellowship in Alabama, NY. Pastor Russell shared his experience traveling to areas of South America where his church support several new churches. Along with sharing his travels, he shared how God has traveled with him and his family through some difficult times and how God can use our troubles in life to His higher purposes. Family camp 2017 is August 16th – 20th. Watch our website for details and registration. This is a great time to get away from the busyness of life to take some time to connect and grow.

Camp Director

After a year of service to Covenant Acres, the board of directors and Glory Swiniarski has decided to part ways. We thank Glory for a job well done. She was able to promote Covenant Acres to our surrounding communities, which helped us have an increase in the number of retreats at camp. We pray Glory and her husband John will continue their ministry as God leads. We are currently searching for a Camp Manager. For more information contact Greg Merriam at gmerriam@covenantacres.org.

Future Developments

This past fall the Board of Directors met for a full day session discovering possible future developments at camp. Several great ideas were explored and discussed. There were also several areas that we are reviewing for improvements. So stay tuned in as we are looking to announce these plans along with a capital campaign in the near future.

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If you are interested in serving on the BOA please contact one of the board members or email office@covenantacres.org.

Thank you again for all your continual support and please remember Covenant Acres in your year-end giving plan. We will be moving to expand our capabilities to meet needs of families through expanded RV sites, a new bathhouse, boat docks and swimming area improvements. Our heart is to provide a place where families and individuals can come to relax, refresh and meet with God.

Thank You and GOD Bless,



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