

Oak Leaves

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**2016 Associational
Camps Dates**

**Linn Livingston/1000
Hills Youth:**

May 31 to June 4

**Linn Livingston Chil-
dren:**

June 6 to June 10

Heartland Youth

June 13 to 17

**Harrison/North Grand
River Youth:**

June 20 to June 24

Saint Joseph Youth:

June 27 to July 1

Missouri Valley Youth:

157 campers/45 leaders

New Life Camp:

July 4 to July 8

“Intro to Camping”:

July 8 to July 9

Missouri Valley Camp:

July 11 to July 15

**Thousand Hills Chil-
dren:**

July 18 to July 22

Heartland Children:

July 22 to July 25

St. Joseph Children:

July 25 to July 29

**Harrison/North Grand
River Children:**

August 1 to August 5

Winter Youth Retreat =Valuable Ministry

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On February 26th and 27th, 46 youth and 16 leaders from across Carroll and Saline counties descended upon Grand Oaks for Missouri Valley Baptist Association’s annual winter retreat. The students and leaders were treated to a fantastic weekend of worship and teaching provided by a team from Hannibal-LaGrange University led by Brad Newbold, Director of Chapel Worship. Over the course of the weekend, the students engaged in a study of worship centered on the theme of “Spirit and Truth”, based on John 4:23-24, “But the hour is coming, and is now here, when

the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” Attendees also participated in a Bible study called, “Be a Worshiper, Be the Church” focused on the necessity of both individual worship and corporate worship. Between the teaching and worshipping, the kids enjoyed playing crazy games and consuming gallons of ice cream. A great time was had by all.

The leadership team would like to thank all the church-

who sent kids and leaders for their support. We would also like to send a special “Thank You!” to Don Boyer, Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly Camp Manager, for getting the camp ready for our arrival.

We’re looking forward to the coming camp season and are extremely excited to see God move through the ministry at Grand Oaks.

Blessings,

The Missouri Valley Baptist Association Youth Camp Team



Campaign Ticker

Received:
\$330,488.82

Pledge Balance:
\$9,315.00

Overall Goal:
\$500,000.00

Fund Balance after Pool
Construction:
@\$74,000.00



The completed new chapel stage was first used by the MVBA Women’s Retreat on March 4 & 5th. Read more about it in “Caretakers Corner” on page two.

See You At Camp at Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly!

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Since 1945 Grand Oaks has been a place to "win the lost, disciple the saved and train believers for Christian service." That is still our goal today as we provide a facility for our member Associations to conduct summer camps and other activities. Grand Oaks is supported solely through user fees and donations from individuals, churches and Associations. Grand Oaks does NOT receive funds from Cooperative Program giving.

The facility is open year round and is a great place for group retreats as well as family events. We encourage each of our churches to consider scheduling an event. Grand Oaks provides a quiet and usually uninterrupted experience in a beautiful outdoor setting. Won't you call soon?

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Caretakers' Corner...by Don Boyer

Lots happening this winter around Grand Oaks! In preparation for the transition to a new manager, the Board has hired an assistant manager couple to live on campus. The position has been officially "split" and while the family coming on board will undoubtedly work together just as the Boyer's have, a new position of Kitchen Coordinator has been established with specific duties outlined and separate pay. Be watching our website and the next issue of Oak Leaves for the official announcement and profile of our new resident assistant managers.

With the Board's approval, we (Boyers) have been splitting our time between necessary chores on campus and preparing our own home to move into about a mile up the road. We will be moving off campus at the end of the month and then the manager home will be getting a "makeover" and the new family will be moving in mid April. They officially start duties on May 1 and we are looking forward to working together to move Grand Oaks forward into the future.

This past month the main project on campus has been some needed upgrades in the camp chapel. The stage has been rebuilt and expanded and has received new carpet. In the next few days we hope to get the video projector replaced as the old one is seeing stars...or should I say showing stars...literally! Thanks to all who helped complete this project and those who support our Capital Improvement Fund so we can make such improvements. All for now...hope to see YOU at camp!

Volunteers Welcome

A campus this size is in constant need of upkeep. Here are a few of the projects needing attention and volunteers in the coming months.

- * roofs on Hilltop shower house and Riverview.
- * gables on Hilltop & Riverview.
- * lagoon woven wire fence needs some work.
- * Dining Hall exterior prep & paint.
- * sidewalk section at pool entrance.
- * creativity & TLC at the mini golf course.
- * prepping/ & painting in Hilltop Shower House.

We would welcome individuals with a day or week along with groups of volunteers working as a team.

