

# Oak Leaves

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## Winter Retreat Season

### 2017 Associational Camps

**Linn Livingston/1000 Hills Youth:**

May 30 to June 3

**Heartland Youth:**

June 5 to June 9

**Harrison/North Grand River Youth:**

June 12 to June 16

**Saint Joseph Youth:**

June 19 to June 23

**New Life Camp:**

June 26 to June 30

**"Intro to Camping":**

June 23 to June 24

**Missouri Valley Children:**

July 3 to July 7

**Thousand Hills Children:**

July 10 to July 14

**St. Joseph Children:**

July 17 to July 21

**Heartland Children:**

July 21 to July 24

**Harrison/North Grand River Children:**

July 24 to July 28

**Missouri Valley Youth:**

July 31 to August 4

**Linn Livingston Children:**

August 7 to August 11

Our winter retreat season has been in full swing these past weeks with some excellent events held here.

Threat of snow on January 13 cancelled the Green Valley men's retreat but the following weekend things got moving with a women's prayer retreat. Several ladies from churches of Missouri Valley Association were treated to a fantastic overnight focused on prayer. Several themed prayer

stations were set up in the chapel along with large & small group teaching times.

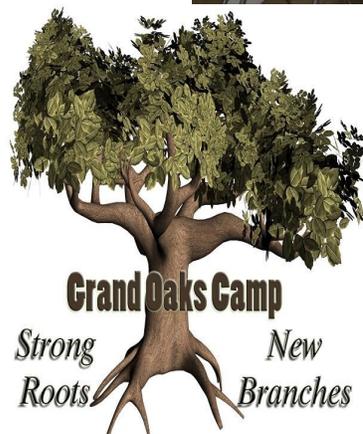
The first weekend of February found several pastors & wives from MVBA here for a marriage enrichment retreat including training to enrich the pastor's skill in working with couples in their churches.

Most recently, about 65 youth & leaders came up for an overnight of

worship, learning and fun. Observing the group packing up, this writer overheard several times the phrase, "I don't want to leave!"

The first weekend of March is bringing a Women's Retreat sponsored by MVBA but with open registration. See our camp website calendar or Facebook for more information.

Frazier Youth are also coming in March.



## SRNB Campaign Ticker

Received:

\$358,731.88

Pledge Balance:

@\$8,500.00

Overall Goal:

\$500,000.00

Fund Balance Toward Multi-Purpose Center:

@\$89,000.00

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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 Baptist 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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## Campus Improvements

We are often asked "what do you do in the off season?" Well this winter one of the projects has been lighting. With the approval of our trustees and funds from our Capital Improvement Fund, Assistant Manager Brad has taken the lead on upgrading our interior lighting. We look at it as an investment in savings. First, the CFL bulbs in the Old Lodge & Chapel were replaced with LED bulbs, reducing the per bulb wattage from 19 to 9. Each of those buildings use a good number of bulbs. Next, we moved to the Dining Hall which had traditional fluorescent ceiling lights. The old bulbs & ballasts were removed and the fixtures rewired to accept self starting LED tubes. The result is brighter, cleaner lighting using less than half the electricity. They are also silent and cooler running. The next phase of this project will most likely be the Retreat Center. As a result, **we have lots of CFL bulbs, T-12 bulbs & traditional ballasts available to any church that might be able to use them.**

## New Arrival

On January 26th Grand Oaks had a new resident arrive at 3:23am. His name is Manaen Donald Fields. Tipping the scale at 8lbs 5 oz. he was healthy size and just a few days early. Standing 20 inches tall initially, he has grown over an inch and a half already and packed on a full pound. He is getting ready for camp season just like the rest of us.



## Volunteers Welcome

A campus this size is in constant need of upkeep. There are several projects needing attention and volunteers in the coming months. We would welcome individuals with a day or week along with groups of volunteers working as a team. Here are a few of the projects:

- ◆ Roofs on Nurse Cabin, Storage Shack & old Pump House in the next year or two.
- ◆ Adjust and tweak the fence around the lagoon.
- ◆ Cut brush/trees.
- ◆ Anyone with a bucket truck or lift to trim some dead branches.
- ◆ Raking/Blowing and burning leaves.

