

See you at camp at Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly!

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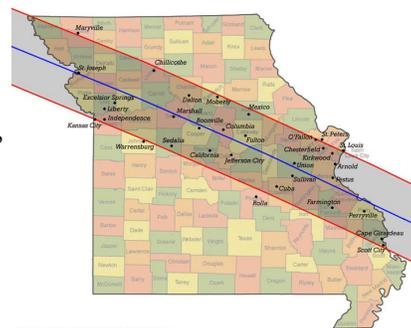


## *Solar Eclipse Event Draws Families from Several States*

The fall season at Grand Oaks got off to a “sunny” start with the Wonders of Creation Solar Eclipse Family Retreat on August 19 & 20. In a new venture for us, we created an event “in house” and advertised it among homeschool groups, on our web site and on Facebook. The web exposure resulted in inquiries and attendees from Missouri, Oklahoma, Iowa and Arkansas. We also got several families from a homeschool network in southern Iowa, whose leader and resource person contacted us

back in the planning stages asking about a place to bring some of their group families to watch the eclipse. It turned out to be a perfect partnership as Paige Carroll and Jill Watson led educational sessions and even brought an inflatable “Star Lab” for the 14 participating families to enjoy. We recruited Pastor Jon Davis of Calvary, Chillicothe and Pat & Holli Gorsett to preach and lead music for a Sunday evening worship time. Activities and breakfast were provided by the camp. On Monday, of course, the Creator of the universe provided the interest as we all got to watch the total eclipse and

experience the blackout for just over a minute. Despite rain all morning, the clouds parted just in time for an incredible display of God’s wonder and majesty. We were pleased to have experienced this event. While the sun & moon were the focus, it was the Son who was worshipped & lifted up. We hope this is the start of an annual “homeschool” event each August.



## SRNB Campaign Ticker

Received:

@\$370,000.00

Pledge Balance:

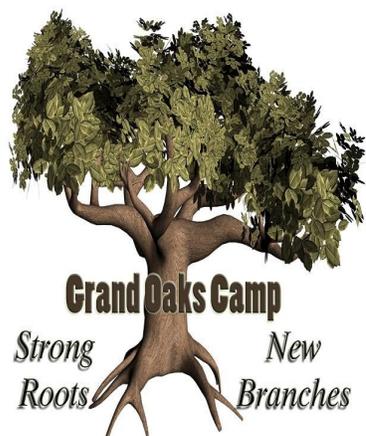
@\$8,500.00

Overall Goal:

\$500,000.00

Fund Balance Toward Multi-Purpose Center:

@\$105,000.00



### 2017 Associational Camps

#### **Linn Livingston/1000 Hills Youth:**

Registered: 189 Professions: 16

#### **Heartland Youth:**

Registered: 120

#### **Harrison/North Grand River Youth:**

Registered: 72 Professions: 4

#### **Saint Joseph Youth:**

Registered: 149 Professions: 15

#### **New Life Camp:**

Registered: 240 Professions: 4

#### **“Intro to Camping”:**

Registered: 31

#### **Missouri Valley Children:**

Registered: 134 Professions: 8

#### **Thousand Hills Children:**

Registered: 155 Professions: 8

#### **St. Joseph Children:**

Registered: 267 Professions: 9

#### **Heartland Children:**

Registered: 65 Professions: 6

#### **Harrison/North Grand River Children:**

Registered: 186 Professions: 20

#### **Missouri Valley Youth:**

Registered: 95 Professions: 5

#### **Linn Livingston Children:**

Registered: 156 Professions: 8

## REPORTS FROM THE 'REGULARS'

We have several events that are annual each fall and we are always glad to host them. In addition to several swim parties and family reunions in August and September, we were the site for the **North Missouri WMU Training Retreat**, at which approximately 90 ladies attended. They enjoyed several breakout sessions, a camp provided lunch and a general session with missionary speaker in the afternoon. The weather was beautiful and the attendance was up this year and we certainly hope that trend continues.

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, **Missions Exploration**, an event co-sponsored by the MBC and Missouri WMU was on campus. Nearly 150 children and leaders were here to learn about Southern Baptist Missions, do some prayer walking and participate in various interest activities.

The next weekend was the **"Great Outdoorsman Day"** sponsored by the Heartland Association. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year for this event and attendance was up just a bit as quite a few young people were here to learn about outdoor sporting activities including fishing, trapping and hunting. Safe handling of air rifles and bows were emphasized as all got to do some target shooting. After lunch the participants got to build a bow and take them out to the targets for a tryout. This event is open to all and will be in early October, 2018, so please put in on the calendar.

Don & Jolette with  
grandsons, Manaen, & Judah



You are invited to

# A Reception For Don and Jolette Boyer

as they step back from management of the

## Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly



This reception will be held  
November 12, 2017  
from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.



A short program with gifts and recognitions will occur at 3 P.M.  
Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly Dining Hall  
9463 Highway 190, Chillicothe, Missouri

If you are able to attend, please RSVP by November 9 to  
[grandoaks@grandoakscamp.org](mailto:grandoaks@grandoakscamp.org) or by phone (660) 646-1906.

If you would like to send a card to the Boyers, please mail it to:  
Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly, Attn: Boyers  
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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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## BY ACTION OF THE BOARD

The Grand Oaks Board met for their bi-annual meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Highlights include the setting of the 2019 camp schedule. The Board spends considerable time and discussion trying to create a fair and equitable schedule for our member Associations. While not perfect, a solution was decided upon and it will be posted soon on our web site calendar.

In a time of recognition, Manager Boyer & Jollette were thanked for their 32 years of service at Grand Oaks. He is now officially the Asst. Manager as Brad Fields was named Manager and Erin Fields is the Food Service Coordinator. The Board voted to hold a reception in their honor at the Dining Hall on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. (see invitation announcement on page 3).

## 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:

- ◆ Painting & trim installation on Nurse Cabin
- ◆ Adjust and tweak the fence around the lagoon.
- ◆ Raking/Blowing and burning leaves.
- ◆ Painting and staining.
- ◆ Tear out the old water system in the pump house below the lake to make the building more useful for storage.
- ◆ Brush clearing, dead trees to fell.
- ◆ Some TLC on the big Water Slide at the pool.

