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We would love to see you at the retreat and have a great turnout from your church. Encourage your friends and ladies from your church to sign up by September 9th for just \$30. The cost is \$40 after.

# HMCA 2014 Camp Review



Camp Week	Campers	Baptisms	Rededications/ Go into Ministry	Missions Off./ HMCA Donation
Middle School 1	79	20		\$294.15
Day Camp 1	38			
High School 1	101	3		\$1,767.83
First Chance Camp	31			
2nd – 5th Grade 1	54			\$574.67
Special Needs Day Camp	15			
High School 2	53	3	16	300.00
Middle School 2	80	4	2	\$362.77
Day Camp 2	23			
2nd – 5th Grade 2	66	2		\$106.69
Missions WV Week	129	1		\$6,250.00
<b>CHURCH CAMPS</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$9,656.11</b>
<b>Summer Rental Group</b>	<b>Rental Guests</b>			
Good Grief – Bereavement Camp	35			
Woodmen of World	125			\$126
Riverside Show Choir	35			
Poca HS Band	52			
Hurricane HS Band	83			
<b>RENTAL GROUPS</b>	<b>330</b>			
<b>SUMMER TOTALS</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$9,782.11</b>

*Campers are registered paying campers and paying guests. We do not include camp faculty in the numbers.*

# Summer 2014 Looking Back

Church Name	Summer Campers	Helped with Pack the Pantry
Allen Chapel Church of Christ	5	Yes
Antioch Christian Church	2	Yes
Beech Street Christian Church	3	Yes
Beverly Hill Church of Christ	0	Yes
Bridges Christian Church	50	Yes
Catalyst Christian Church, Lexington KY	10	
Central Christian Church, Gallipolis	1	
Central Christian Church, Ironton	8	Yes
Central Church of Christ, Portsmouth	30	Yes
Chesapeake Christian Church	1	
Crooked Creek Church of Christ	7	Yes
Dry Run Church of Christ	0	Yes
East Point Church of Christ	8	
Farmdale Church of Christ	9	Yes
First Christian Church, Elkins WV	7	
First Christian Church, Paintsville KY	1	
First Christian Church, Olive Hill KY	6	Yes
First Church of Christ, Grayson KY	14	Yes
First Church of Christ, Wheelersburg OH	3	
Gallipolis Christian Church	30	Yes
Gateway Christian Church	105	Yes
Greenup Christian Church	1	Yes
Guyandotte Church of Christ	11	
Highlawn Ave. Church of Christ	1	
Huntington Christian Church	4	
Hurricane Church of Christ	5	
King's Way Christian Church	10	Yes
Lakeview Christian Church	1	Yes
Norway Ave. Church of Christ	55	Yes
Oak Grove Church of Christ	14	Yes
Princess Church of Christ	0	Yes
Quincy Church of Christ	0	
Raceland Christian Church	2	Yes
ReGeneration Church	1	
Sciotoville Christian Church	10	Yes
Sixth Avenue Church of Christ	0	Yes
Stinson Church of Christ	18	Yes
South Portsmouth Church of Christ	3	Yes
West Liberty Christian Church	11	
Westwood Christian Church	22	Yes
Other Local Churches	53	
Other Christian Churches/ Churches of Christ (129 of them at Missions Week)	131	
No Home Church Listed	16	
<b>SUMMER CAMP TOTALS</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>26</b>

## Pack the Pantry

Thank you to our churches who helped Pack our Pantry this spring. We had 26 churches send items to our Camp Kickoff or a special check to help with their item. Our food and kitchen supply budget for the year is normally around \$30,000- \$32,000 and with this drive the past three years we spent \$7,000 less than we budgeted from the previous years!

## Stacie Coomer Memorial Scholarship Fund

In the past couple years, several thousand dollars have helped families send kids to a week of camp. In 2012, the scholarship paid for 10 West Liberty families who were affected by the tornado send their kids to HMCA. In 2013 and 2014 this scholarship fund helped many more kids attend camp who needed assistance. If you would like to make a contribution to this scholarship fund to help families who can't afford camp, mark the memo on your checks "Stacie Coomer Scholarship Fund." \$205 will sponsor a full week for a camper and pay their canteen.

## Fall Events

Check website for more info

**September 12 (6-9 pm)**

Special Needs Outdoor Movie Night:

**September 19-20**

Ladies Retreat, *If Then Move*

**October 4**

Fall Workday & Youth Group Paintball Challenge

**October 19**

Annual Celebration Dinner

**November 7-9**

Middle School Retreat

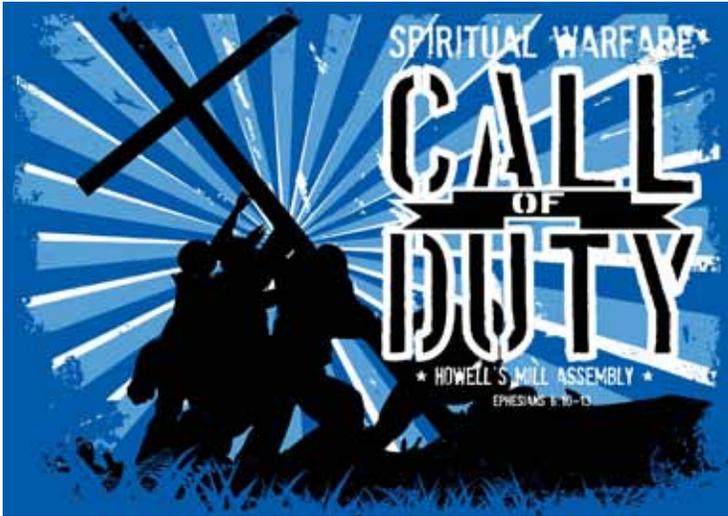
**December 6 (10am -3 pm)**

Winter Day Camp (Pre-K to 5th Grade)

**December 9**

Christmas Dinner/Concert

# HMCA Answers the Call of Duty



By Tim Yankey, Executive Director for HMCA

## Another Record Year

We had another record year at Howell's Mill. In my eleven summers at HMCA, this summer was our highest number of total campers (999) and our highest number of baptisms (33)! We had campers on the grounds for all but three days this summer from June 8th to August 14th and our staff did an amazing job serving our guests all summer to make camp possible.

Our theme for the summer was "Call of Duty". I believe our "Call of Duty" as Christians is to continually spread the gospel and ministry of the Word. I believe one of the best ways to plant seeds and share the love of Jesus is by serving others in need. Our main t-shirts this summer highlighted that calling. We took a spin on the Iwo Jima image of soldiers picking up the flag and used Christian soldiers lifting up the cross.

## HMCA Serves Local Communities

Many of our weeks of camp offer an hour a day of service projects around camp to teach kids the importance of helping others and taking care of what God has blessed us with.

Over the past several years, our camp has made intentional efforts to offer programs that directly impact people off of our camp grounds who live in the surrounding community. My desire as I help lead the vision for the future of HMCA is to continue to find ways to serve our community, give back to local ministries, and use our programs to plant seeds for the gospel of Christ.

We want HMCA to be utilized for much more than a summer camp for our churches, but as a catalyst for change in our area. I am proud that HMCA is making an impact on our community outside of our borders and teaching people how helping others with a need can open up doors to lead them to Jesus.

On January 9th, a chemical spill into the Elk River caused a water emergency in nine adjacent counties in WV. HMCA water was not contaminated and we provided clean showers, drinking water, and a place to do laundry for several weeks while families were displaced.

## Special Needs Ministry

HMCA continues hosting or partnering with Gateway Christian Church & Jefferson Whitney to offer FREE events for people with special needs! Our goal is to continue to help host or partner with 4-5 events a year. Here is our schedule for 2015:

- **Easter Egg Hunt, April 13 @ HMCA**
- **Summer Day Camp, June 28 @ HMCA**
- **Fan Night, July 11 @ Power Park**
- **Outdoor Movie Night September 12: 6-9 p.m. @ HMCA**
- **October Halloween Party @ YMCA in Teays Valley**

We had 15 campers and their families come out for our second Special Needs Summer Day Camp. We are excited to see this program continue to grow and give us an opportunity to minister to these families. Starting next year, we plan to do regular quarterly events. Our goal as a ministry is to keep these events FREE to campers and make this a huge outreach of HMCA. If you have any contacts who you know would like to help or sponsor these events, please send us their information.



## More Outreach:

See page 8 for an update on the Habitat for Humanity Home from High School 1 Week in 2013.

# HMCA Missions Week



Our biggest week of camp this summer was our Mission Huntington week where teens and adults served local ministries and individuals. Churches often travel far away to serve when we have many needs and opportunities right here in our area. This year, five churches from four states (Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin) totaling 129 people served local missions and families in our area.

We partnered with Guyandotte Church of Christ during their Missions Week. Tracy Tooley of ReGeneration Church and P.C. Roy of Guyandotte Church of Christ helped find people in the area we could serve and visited them beforehand to see the scope of the jobs.

JR Horn of First Christian Church, Kenosha, WI and I helped lead groups during the day and coordinate evening activities at camp. This is not a normal week of camp where we provide faculty and a program, but more a week for churches to come with their youth groups and serve.

Mission Huntington is one of my favorite weeks. One story that really touched me was a sweet lady living without city water or electricity for the past two years. We are working to get both back on for her this fall. Jesus often provided for a physical need which opened up conversations about bigger spiritual needs.

## Thank you to these churches who participated in our Missions WV week

Watermarke Christian Church, PA	41
Delta Church of Christ, OH	18
First Christian Church, Kenosha WI	40
Catalyst Christian Church, Lexington KY	15
Madison Hills Christian Church, Richmond KY	11
Teen Mission USA Interns	4
<b>Total Servants (Served over 3,400 man hours!)</b>	<b>129</b>

## INDIVIDUALS/FAMILIES

- John and Ethel Edmonds** – Replaced rotted front deck
- Rheta Keefer** – Replaced roof, painted trim and porch, landscaping, cleaned house.
- Honey Dirton** – Repaired roof, fixed holes in siding, replaced kitchen & dining room floor, grouted tile
- Carrie Simpkins** – Finished siding and made repairs on house
- Ruth Lambert** – Power washed house and worked on landscaping
- Kathleen Wagener** – Dug out ditch and cleaned up brush and shrubs along property line
- Joyce Martin** – repaired some windows, miscellaneous repairs
- James & Jennifer Hobbs** – repaired some broken glass
- Bernice Wilmouth** – built a wheelchair ramp into her home
- Jim Sacconi** – Replaced soffit, repaired roof, trimmed trees, and installed metal shed roof

## LOCAL MISSION PROJECTS

- Harmony House:** homeless shelter; (cleaned some units, painted, served adults)
- Lilies Place:** ministry to break addiction for mothers and infants; (donated diapers, wipes)
- Huntington City Mission:** homeless shelter and food kitchen; (donated towels, soap, shampoo)
- Golden Girls Group Home:** abused girls shelter; (cleaned and organized donations)
- Boys & Girls Club of Guyandotte:** safe place for kids; (cleaned up playground, formed sidewalks)
- Ronald McDonald House:** houses families with sick children; (cleaned, cooked lunch for families)
- Midland Meadows – Assisted Living Center:** (painted ladies nails, played Bingo)
- Guyandotte Elementary School:** (painted and cleaned)
- VA Hospital – West Huntington:** visited veterans
- Wednesday Night Event:** Hot Dog Giveaway at Community Center and Guyandotte Church of Christ. (Gave away food, talked with folks until it poured rain on us.)
- HMCA:** Dug 430 ft. trench for new electric gate, split wood, cleaned brush around sewage plant, prepared old residence to be torn down, stained and painted exterior wood, cleaned and organized storage and closets



# Facilities Update

by Tim Hall, Facilities Director

What an encouraging summer! From the first camp we knew God was going to move here in a huge way. Week after week we watched lives transformed. We could not be fruitful and produce this kind of a harvest for God's kingdom without your support.

I hope you can always see how much our families care about all those who God sends our way. We are so proud of all this camp does and so blessed to be a part of it.

Our biggest project this year, and most unexpected was the flooding of the girls dorm. Lots of time and money went into the restoration of the dorm to have it ready for camp. So many hours were spent in the dorm as it came down to the last day, but it was usable for the start of camp. We plan on putting the finishing touches on it and upgrading the upstairs this fall.

## Awesome Workday!

We had another awesome work day with lots of people and all kinds of work accomplished! Two cabins were resingled, more wood was split to heat our homes this winter, the pool was power washed and painted, the Girls Dorm (Galilee) received new grading and a new rear sidewalk, flower beds were freshly mulched, trim was installed on the first floor of the addition to my families home, more emergency and security lights were installed inside and



out, picnic tables were made, and I'm sure I forgot a few other projects. If you would like to see more pictures, check out our Workday Album on the website.



The work day again proved to be a huge blessing especially since this summer everything decided to break. We lost a \$8,500 geo-thermal air conditioning unit in the gym along with several other ac units during camp, our tractor broke down a few times, the truck is near its end of life and required attention. The sewer plant broke down and later became clogged (my least favorite repair work!) The dishwasher acted up, the convection oven needed work, the pool filtration system took lots of extra care making it work one more year with all the leaks.

Additionally, the pool's handicap chair lift broke, several trees were taken down for safety which made lots of work and a mess, our weed eaters and chain saws acted up on and off all summer, and I could go on but you get the point. After all, maintenance is one of the reasons I'm here, right? So, instead I want to thank everyone who helped me weather the maintenance storm this year. I am not alone and I could not do it all without your help and support.

In 2015, we will continue our main focus of spreading the gospel and changing lives. After that we will serve others and create opportunities for others to serve here at the camp and in our churches and communities.

Lastly, we will keep plugging away at our "to do list". A few big things on the list for next year will be: to finish the power to the electronic gate Woodman of The World donated, finish the upgrades to the Girls Dorm, demolish and rebuild the pool house, install new pool filters, and finish resingling the staff cabins.

Please check our running needs list to see what tools and material the camp needs. Resources are the biggest way to enhance our camp, keep costs low, and maximize our ministry.



## New Security Gate Donated

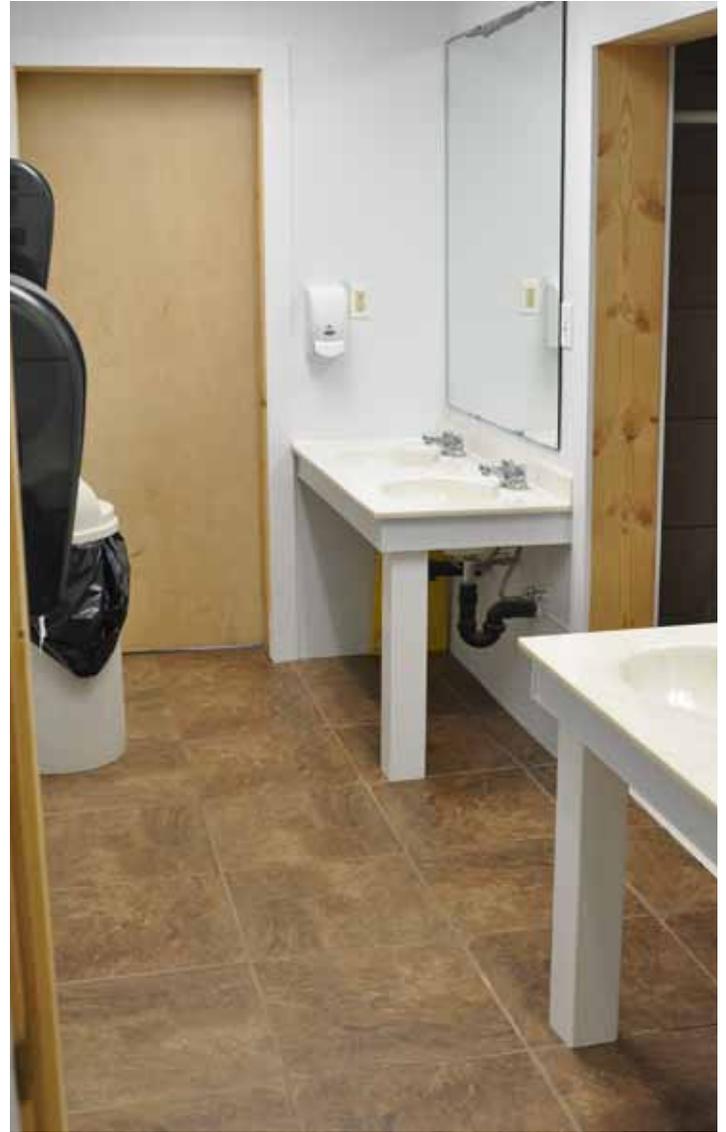
A new security gate has been installed at the top of the hill coming into camp. Thanks to Russ Fox, Kevin Crouse and Woodmen of the World Chapters who donated \$15,000 to the project. This is the fourth year for Woodmen to rent our facilities for their 4-H camp. They have been very generous in helping us by providing a new ice machine, dock and canoes, and a new flag pole over the past four summers.

## Current Needs List

- Continued prayer and support
- New monthly VIP members (\$10, \$20, \$30 a month)
- Girls dorm upstairs remodel-carpet, electric, tiles (\$6,000)
- Air conditioners replaced dean's & nurse's cabins
- (25) Metal chairs to replace broken ones and keep up with growth (\$20 ea.)
- Replace pool house structure with cinder block building (\$15,000+)
- New steps for pool entry/exit (\$350), solar pool cover (\$1,200)
- Newer camp truck. Old truck has 200,000 miles and is wearing out
- Plan for replacement of three geo thermal AC units (installed in 1994) for our gym (\$8,500 each)
- Electric for paintball cabin (\$750)
- New LED lights and energy upgrades for gym & dining hall (\$7,500)
- Money towards new camp games/activities
- GaGa Pits (\$600 each)
- 9 Square in the Air (\$500)
- New basketball hoops (\$1,200)
- Can Jam games (\$100)
- Large Connect Four games - (\$350)

For a detailed needs list with a wide cost range, please check HMCA website under support tab and click needs list. Gifts for these projects are the biggest way to enhance our camp, keep camp costs low, and maximize our expectations!

## Girls Dorm Remodel



We spent \$35,000 remodeling the Girls Dorm (Galilee) basement after a pipe froze and burst, flooding the basement with four inches of water. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped this spring to get the dorm ready for camp!





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### Update on Habitat for Humanity Home from High School 1 Week/2013

The house we built during High School 1 Week in 2013 has finally been laid on a foundation in Flatwoods KY. We loved partnering with Crossroad Missions and Habitat for Humanity and hope to do another house like this in the future. I'm hopeful we will be able to meet the family this fall who will be living in the home our students built.



**middle school retreat**  
**November 7-9**  
 Cost: \$50 if postmarked by October 28th. \$60 after.

**SAVE THE DATE...**

**October 19**  
**Annual Celebration Dinner**

### Church Visit from HMCA

If you would like a camp staff member to come speak at your church on a Sunday or Wednesday, please let us know. We'd love to update your church family on your camp. Our goal is to be in every supporting church of HMCA at least every 2 years. If you would like to schedule a visit this fall or winter, please call or email the camp.