



A MINISTRY OF EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY
JOSEPH BADGER MEADOWS
CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

MEET THE JBM DIRECTORS!

Gary Hoskins, JBM's Director of Property and Grounds, has been with us since March of 2008. Gary brings a variety of skills in facility maintenance and property stewardship.



He graduated from Hocking Technical College with a degree in Applied Sciences, specializing in Outdoor Recreation and Wildlife Management. Before coming to JBM, Gary worked as a Wildlife Property Manager for the Ohio Division of Wildlife and Natural Resources. Before working with the State of Ohio, he also served for three years in the US Air Force, and for two

years with the Ohio National Guard.

Gary enjoys many outdoor activities, including but not limited to: fishing, boating, hiking and bird watching. Gary brings a wealth of knowledge in areas related to the outdoors and nature. If you have questions related to wild flowers or identifying birds, he is the person to ask! Gary is responsible for property maintenance and stewardship, as well as working with volunteers and mission groups.



Doug Hoffman, JBM's Camp Director, has been with us since late March of 2009. He recently came to us from South Dakota, where he served as the Associate for Camping. Having grown up in central Indiana, the thing he realized he was missing most (besides being so far away from family and friends) are the seasons. Doug has spent time in a variety of places. After graduating from college at Purdue University, he studied at McCormick Seminary before graduating from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary with a degree in

If you wish to make a reservation for a retreat, or arrange a time for a mission visit with your group, please contact the camp by calling: (330) 772-3931.

Christian Education. Doug brings nearly 13 years of experience in camping ministry.

His first years were as a counselor at a Christian YMCA camp in Indiana. He then moved on to experiences in Louisville, KY, Eastern PA, Northern Virginia, and South Dakota.

Doug enjoys spending time with groups, getting to know them better. When he looks at the work he does, he says that he enjoys facilitating experiences to learn about God and nature. Camp is a place and an experience that allows us to learn more about our relationship with Jesus Christ, about the people around us, and more about ourselves. Doug thinks that camp and the outdoors is a great place for worship, study, fellowship, and mission. He hopes you will visit JBM soon!

Joseph Badger Meadows wishes you and your family a bright and blessed Christmas season!

A note about Gifts...

Were you aware that for 2009, if you have an IRA and are over the age of 59 1/2, you can send money directly to a charity? Be sure to consult with a tax advisor for more information. Remember, gifts intended for taxable deductions must be dated December 31st of 2009.



SAVE THE DATE!

MAY 22-23

JBM FISHING JAMBOREE

ALL ARE INVITED



Men, Women, Children, Families, Church Teams. We'll gather in the morning on Saturday May 22nd, and fish into the afternoon. Fishing will be held at Mosquito Lake (exact check-in location to be determined). After fishing, teams will return to the camp for cleaning and cooking of the fish. Teams are welcome to stay overnight. Proceeds will go to the JBM scholarship fund for summer campers.

Looking for some Sabbath time? JBM has the answer!

Located in a small cottage tucked away into the woods, the Sabbath House offers a quaint place to study, relax, renew and refresh yourself. Get away from the hustle and bustle of your everyday life. We want to welcome those who are tired and wired. We want to welcome those who are anxious or excited. We want to welcome those who are seeking rest.

The Sabbath House is available for you! Our cost is on a gift donation basis for those who are on a limited budget.

To reserve time in the Sabbath House:
Call the JBM Office at (330)772-3931
Email the Camp Director at: director@jbmcamp.org

2010 Calendar...at a glance.

February 27 Youth Rally @ Champion Presbyterian Church
March 12-13 Middle School Retreat at JBM
April 20-21 Pastors Retreat at JBM
May 1-2 High School Retreat at JBM
May 14-15 Women's Retreat
Theme: Redeeming Our Routines: Finding God in the Everyday
May 22-23 JBM Fishing Derby



Summer Schedule:

June 18 Kid's Overnight (for children, grades K-3, and their parents).
June 20-26 Adventure Camp 1 (grade 2-4), Adventure Camp 2 (grades 5-8), and High School Next Level.
June 27-30 Middle School Mission - Local Mission Immersion and Excursion for those in grades 5-8.
June 30-July 3 High School Mission - Local Mission Immersion and Excursion for those in grades 9-12.
June 27-July 10 LEADs Camp. Leadership Education And Development is for those in grades 8 and above, who are interested in learning more about leadership, teamwork, and serving. This is a prerequisite for being a CIT.
June 28-July 2 JBM DayCamp. If your child is from Niles/Warren, Hubbard or Burghill/Kinsman area, we will be offering a new camp this summer for younger elementary children, grades K-5, who aren't ready to spend the whole week at camp. Campers will spend the day at camp, while enjoy nights at home with their parents.
July 4-10 Art Camp, for campers grades 4-9, split grade levels and Wilderness Camp, for campers in Middle and High School.
July 4-6 Kids Camp, for campers in grades K-3.
July 11-16 Sunshine Camp, for ages 15 and older. This camp has been a tradition at JBM for years! Designed for mentally challenged, self sufficient people who are in DH classes or in a sheltered workshop setting.
July 18-24 Night Owl 1, campers in grades 4-6; and Night Owl 2, campers in grades 7-9.

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Return Service Requested

Our mission: To further the ministry of Christ by providing a safe place to experience Christian community in an environment that opens the door to personal transformation.

Be still, and know that I am God... (Psalm 46:10). Centering yourself through a labyrinth experience.

WHY LABYRINTHS?

Did you know that labyrinths date back nearly 4000 years ago? Labyrinths have been found in Europe, North Africa, Indonesia, the North American Southwest, and in South America. The earliest Christian usage of a labyrinth dates back to 325 AD, in which a labyrinth had been inlaid into the floor of a church in Algiers.

The labyrinth is not a maze. The labyrinth is a path that will take the participant towards the center, and away to the outside and back again. The labyrinth is a journey to be taken. One will not get lost on the labyrinth path. Instead, it is a metaphor for our walk with and relationship with the Lord. Not every walk through the labyrinth will be the same. Some journeys on the labyrinth path will be revealing, while others might seem to have gone wrong.

To the right is an example of a labyrinth. Choose some Scripture to meditate on, as you trace your finger along the path of this labyrinth.



Volunteers... They make our world go 'round!

We get some special people come through JBM. Women and men, teens and adults - families, too - Joseph Badger Meadows offers an experience in mission where people of all ages can come to make a difference.

Early this spring, JBM hosted a group for its spring workday. This group helped prepare the back camp by clearing brush and cutting down trees, as well as opening cabins.

This summer JBM hosted a group of adults and teens from United Presbyterian Church in Cuyahoga Falls to complete some needed projects around the property. Projects included rebuilding the back porch on the Boyd Farm House, laying new tile in the office, building a new bridge across the emergency spillway and working with the campers.

Volunteers don't just come from our congregations. In addition to church mission groups, we also find assistance from our boy scout troops. Through the year we had the benefit of working with three responsible and excited scouts who were

working on their Eagle scout projects. Projects included rebuilding tent platforms and clearing the camping area in our primitive camping area, making new signs around camp, and helping us add new activities to our team challenge course.



Another church that helped us in a time of need was Westminster Presbyterian of Boardman, OH. They added a new roof onto cabin 5. In addition, they painted the ceilings in the office, painted the railings to the Boyd Farm House, and cleared brush from the Team challenge Course.

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Champion Presbyterian Youth
John Stoffer
Ken Double
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NEEDS LIST - YOUR GIFT WILL KEEP ON GIVING!

FACILITY AND GROUNDS

- 12 - 12 volt, deep cycle batteries (\$50/battery, \$600 total).
- Swimming Pool Bathhouse needs remodeled.
- Resurfacing swimming pool
- Roofing Project in Back Camp.
- Carpet for common room in Farm House (52 yds/ \$650 at Lowes).
- Carpet for sun-room in Haynam House (42 yds/\$600 at Lowes).
- Wooden, outdoor, rocking chairs, for Haynam House front porch (6).
- Twin Mattresses (\$85 through camp) for the Farm House.

PROGRAM AND HOSPITALITY

- Carpetball table
- Corn hole games for Haynam House, Farm House, and Back Camp (6 sets)
- Soccer goals (2)
- Beanbag cushions for Farmhouse and Haynam House (for sitting on the floor)
- Guitars (4)

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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