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Common Ground and Thanksgiving

One of the many aspects of staff training each summer is teaching counselors the art of finding common ground with their campers and other staff as soon as possible. It is a skill and a way of being in the world that will serve them the rest of their lives. Common ground is a connection with another that builds a bridge to understanding, friendship, and brother/sisterhood. The connections can be as common as our breathing or heartbeat. They can be as complex as the way we hear our calling in the world. These “commons” represent needs that are vital to each of us; understanding, rhythm, and purpose. We are thankful at Rockmont this season for the purpose we share with you in developing boys into men and men into committed leaders. I am thankful for the many conversations and connections that have been made during my travel this fall. We continue to discover more about your hopes and desires for your sons as we share the What, Why, and How of our work at camp. Our work together can certainly prepare a foundation of fertile ground for our sons to grow.

We are excited to announce our first father and son spring retreat set for April 15-17, 2011. Fathers and sons will be able to come together for a weekend at Rockmont and find the common ground of adventure and inspiration!

In addition to the activities described on the next page, we want to offer fathers some adult time with us to discuss common themes in raising and developing young men.

It is easy to overdo and allow the business of life to dull our senses to God’s voice and calling. As the seasons of Thanksgiving and Advent begin may we take time to be still and listen. Let us pay attention to the “commons” in our family, community, church, school, work place and world. I think God created these strong undeniable

connections to call us again and again to the wholeness that can be found in our loving Savior. We all have much to be thankful for this season.

Gratefully,

Dan Davis
Director

1 John 4:7-8



Brian Harris(R) and sister Lynn Harris Moses dropped by to introduce their families to Rockmont - Kaylee Moses is only 11 days old!

Did You Know...

We're putting a DVD together with slides from YOUR session, the New Camp Video, and a few other surprises. It will be shipped late in December to boys who are already registered for the summer of '11.

Rockmont Alumni & Staff contributed to our **Adventure Week** in August so that young men from various backgrounds in the region could experience Rockmont first hand. It was a huge success!

Camp Rockmont has a page on Facebook and Facebook users can become a “fan.” Check out www.facebook.com/rockmont

The link to the Christmas Store for online purchases and **FREE SHIPPING** is now on the Rockmont home page. We'll ship orders placed by Dec.17th in time for Christmas!

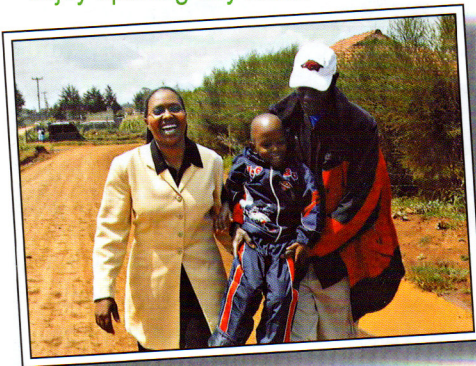
Once again, camp tuition did not go up for 2011 and families who pay their tuition before January 1st could end up paying **LESS** for camp in 2011 than they paid in 2009. Check out the discounted fees for 2011 in this newsletter.

A Father and Son Spring Retreat!



Cameron & Kyle Stewart enjoy opening day lunch

We are excited to announce our first Father and Son Weekend. On **April 15-17, 2011** fathers and sons will come to Rockmont for a weekend of fun, adventure, exploration, and inspiration! Time for paddling, trap shooting, disc golf, archery, crafts, challenge course, ziplining, climbing, campfires and all sorts of other fun will give sons and dads the chance to reconnect. Fathers will also have a chance for some adult time to discuss common themes in raising and developing godly young men.



Our good friend, year-round Rockmont resident, & riflery instructor **Wilbourne Kosgei** returned to his home in Eldoret, Kenya last December to reunite with his wife, Eunice, and his son, Evans (7). After his summer teaching many of you, we helped him celebrate news of the birth of his second son, Bradley!



Jon Brooks shares the Rockmont story at the Cook's home in Lynchburg, VA

Reunions on the Road

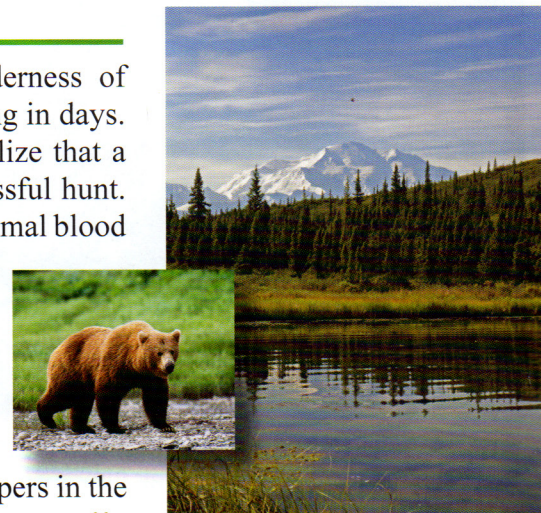


We were "standing room only" at the Tillman's home in Raleigh, NC

Greetings from the road! Dan, Jon, Matt, and Shawn have been on the road this fall, visiting over 30 cities and partnering with families in sharing the mission of Rockmont. We extend a big thank you to all the families that have hosted us! The miles are long and the hotels are many, but it is a blessing to be in your homes and telling wide-eyed young men about the life-changing adventures at Rockmont. Another cool thing that has brought more veteran campers out to the shows is our brand-new video! We have been premiering it at all the home shows, and feedback has been great. While travel slows during the holiday season, we'll be right back to it in January, so keep an eye on your email because we will let you know when we're coming to your city. We hope to see you soon!

Alumni Corner

Imagine you are in the remote wilderness of Alaska where you and your hunting buddy haven't seen another human being in days. While your partner has your boat on the other side of a vast lake, you realize that a grizzly has spotted you alone and tending to the bloody spoils of the successful hunt. As you back away slowly toward the shore of the lake, you realize that the animal blood on you could soon turn the hunter into the hunted! With no one around, is it possible to scream for help and pray for God's providence at the same time? This was the dilemma of Rockmont alum, **John Gernert**. His parents and Rockmont co-owners, Drs. John and Maxine Gernert related this story to us recently with a remarkable conclusion: Out of the blue a boat appeared with another Rockmont alum, **Archer Bishop**. While neither was aware of the other's adventure; both were from Tennessee, both were first Rockmont campers in the early 1980's... and both were rather grateful that **God's wild wonders never cease!!**



Wedding Bells...



Stephen Woerner awaits Laura Esposito at Inspiration Point attended by former Rockmonters Nathan and John Woerner, Eric Beason & Neal McDonald

The **Woerner** brothers rallied around brother, **Stephen**, as he wed Laura Esposito at *Inspiration Point* on September 6, 2010. Dan Davis co-officiated and prepared for another Rockmont wedding a few weeks later that united **Katie Hensley** and **Heath Capps** in *Eden Hall* on September 26.



The Raglands & Balls flank newlyweds Katie Hensley and Heath Capps

Other Rockmont unions include:

David Nierenburg & Kathleen McKee on June 26, 2010

Woods McKibbens & Virginia Thomas on August 14, 2010

Mark Stroud & Carly Curtis on August 21, 2010

Neil Ragland & Casey Wood on December 19, 2010

...& Bouncin' Babies

The fathers of the two baby boys pictured here were first campers at Rockmont in 1984 and later CITs together. The parents of the fathers were significant mentors to Jon Brooks growing up. He has already listed the the boys as cabinmates for **2018!**



Proud grandmother, **Judy Lee** holds 2018 camper **Cassian Gregory Lee**, born June 25, 2010 to **David Lee** & wife **Dina**



Oliver Charles Brooks
born November 2, 2010 to
Parker Brooks & wife **Allison**

Other precious bundles:

Scott Wynn (Wynn) to **Scotty Utz** and **Elizabeth Davis** on July 20
Bradley Kosgei to **Wilbourne Kosgei** and Eunice in September in Kenya
William Stanton (Liam) to **Sarah** and **Brent Wilson** on September 11
Virginia Reid (Reid) to **Virginie** and **John Pomeroy** on October 27
Kaylee Elizabeth Moses to **Lynn Harris** Moses and John on November 2
William Thompson to **John Harris** & Sarah Jo on November 11

Expected...

Kristin and **Trip Hughes**, a girl in mid January
Natalie and **David Abel**, a girl in late November
Spesh and **Bryce Ball** in February early March

A Fall Harvest



Hap Endler and his wife, Julia "strong arm" the 100 year old Sorghum press

Once again, the vital work of the summer homesteaders lead to a bountiful harvest! The summer group also invests proceeds through a microlending organization. Search "Rockmont" at www.kiva.org to find out more!



An eager group of camper volunteers assists farm director, Jon Mcnair (who is out, standing in his field)!



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Autumn Greetings



A pack of Rockmont hikers prepare to head out on a fall overnight to Adirondack I (The Log Cabin).

L to R: Micah, Jonathan, Carson, Jordan, Kyle and Jake

Back By Popular Demand...

We surprised some of our early sign ups last year with a special DVD chock full of special features. From memorable session slideshows to Dan & Jon's *Rudy Rap*, there was much to explore. If you haven't found the two hidden links yet, go put the 2009 DVD back in your DVD player until you've seen a greeting from a young **David Letterman** and the 2009 B1 CITs breaking out *Thriller* choreography with *E-Rock* on the docks. **The Christmas DVD of 2010** will be a gift for campers who have applied by the beginning of December and will include our brand new promotional video!



Don't Pay Full Price

Save money on 2011 camp tuition when you pay by the end of the year. Our deepest discounts were taken on October 1st, but there is one last opportunity to save.

1 Wk	2 Wk	3 Wk	4 Wk
\$50	\$125	\$175	\$225
OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF

Give Camp^{stuff} for Christmas

Many parents who are making the gift of a camp session part of their child's Christmas have asked to purchase something tangible to help announce this surprise. You'll find a link to the world's smallest and easiest online store on our homepage. Visit by Dec. 17th and enjoy free shipping in time for Christmas!

www.rockmont.com/christmas