



# A Time to say *Thank you*



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## Saying thank you to volunteers

In November we take time in a small way to say thank you to those who serve at camp; we offer a dinner to the volunteers. Many hours are logged by volunteers throughout the year, off-setting the cost of work that simply would not get done without the generous gift of time. Tracy and Paul Eck joined with Tom and Michelle Sullivan (past summer camp staff), and they brought their ABF to camp last spring, working at various tasks in preparation for summer—thank you to the Newly and Nearly Married ABF! Fred and Sandy Muffet orchestrated

another team of volunteers during a work day this past spring, completing numerous projects right before summer. Thank you, Fred and Sandy! This fall an ABF group, Cords of Three AM, prepped and stained one of our retreat buildings that was in desperate need of staining. Thanks to the ABF and to Jerry Bush, the point person on this! Jenni Holmer, our current barn manager, organized a team of volunteers to facilitate our trail rides in the fall and spring—thank you to Sue Dempsey, Kim Cook, and many others for taking the lead in this volunteer endeavor.

Bob and Michelle Bonfert have been faithful for years, cleaning the lodge floors weekly in preparation for the next group at camp. Many others have helped in the kitchen, with registration, on the grounds, and with many other projects. Ken Dixon is our “super” volunteer who often gives graciously of his time and resources to camp. He is a model of what it means to give.

Since 2006, Camp Carl has recognized one of our faithful friends as the volunteer of the year. This year the award (continued on page 2)

## Saying thank you from campers

*"Thank you so much to whoever paid for me to go to Camp Carl. I know it was going to be hard for my mom to pay for that this year, you are very generous."*

*"Thank you for letting me have an opportunity to go to camp. I never been to camp before. I can't wait! I'm already packed. Thank you soooooo very much! I'm going in the fourth grade. I like animals and books. I like adventures. Thank you for the gift of letting me go to Camp Carl!"*

*"Thank you so much for sponsoring my family and I so we could join the 2008 summer camp. I had so much fun, as I also was enlightened with the love of God. My counselors were absolutely amazing and very helpful to talk to. This summer has been one of the best of my life, as I grow stronger with my walk with God. This has been a spiritual journey like never before. Thank you again! God bless you!"*

*"Thank you for donating money which allowed me to go to Camp Carl. My favorite parts were when we got ambushed and the night we devoted ourselves to God. That really helped me become a better person. My favorite part of the night was when I was sitting with my younger brother Kyle and we prayed asking for forgiveness from God for all the sins we have made fighting with each other. I also loved the red letters. Thank you so much."*





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## About Our Organization...

### Purpose:

To provide an excellent camp experience for people to discover Jesus Christ and make a difference in their world.

## Worship Community Mission

We're on the Web!  
See us at:

[www.campcarl.org](http://www.campcarl.org)

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# What's the magic word?

I am convinced that parents are the biggest influencer in our lives, positively or negatively. In my formative years, I found myself in a single-parent family after a painful divorce. I applaud those required to parent solo on a day-to-day basis. As a parent of three teenagers, my wife and I often comment how we respect and appreciate single parents who face the challenges of raising kids alone. My mom was faithful to the parenting solo task and influenced me with priorities that

were ingrained into my being. One of her priorities was to make sure I grew up polite, uttering a "please" or "thank you" whenever it was appropriate. During my childhood, it was a reminder; the reminder became a burden as a teenager; since then it has become a respected principle that I try to own. Back in the day, if I did not show verbal appreciation to my mom, her line came quickly, "What's the magic word?" If "please" did not come out of my mouth, the item was not given.

And gifts would be taken away if a "thank you" did not follow. This was an attempt to instill respect and appreciation. Too often we overlook the utterance of the little word of respect, and we fail to verbalize our heart-felt gratitude. During this season of thankfulness, let's be reminded of the power behind the simple childhood words—please and thank you. We have so much to be thankful for!

## Saying thank you to volunteers

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was presented to Dick and Nancy Bauer for their faithful service. Both serve generously in so many ways, from making curtains, to painting, to electrical work—thank you, Dick and Nancy for your countless hours of service!

Words are not nearly adequate to express our gratitude for volunteers. Please know that we greatly appreciate all those who invest time and resources with Camp Carl.

Recipients of the volunteer appreciation award:

<b>Dick and Nancy Bauer</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Junho Seo</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Bob and Michelle Bonfert</b>	<b>2006</b>



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