

# Stony Glen News



## Improvements planned for Dining Hall, Rec Hall

The Dining Hall and Rec Hall are two of Stony Glen's most-used buildings, and we're making plans to improve them both!

Lord willing and with your help, the board and staff have agreed it's time to refurbish the Dining Hall and replace the Rec Hall with a sturdier, more useful Welcome Center on the same spot.

The first project would be the Dining Hall, which along with the Kitchen would close for two months this winter while volunteers and contractors refurbish the interior -- new floors, larger and nicer restrooms, elimination of the false ceiling and the posts that hold it up, new drains for the kitchen, and more.

When the Dining Hall re-opens in early January, if things go as

planned, it will have those improvements plus a knotty pine interior like the newer cabins, as well as insulation (for the first time) to make it more efficient. This should make it much easier to keep clean, offer better flexibility for arranging tables and chairs, and create a great impression for new guests.

Our timeline puts the Rec Hall/Welcome Center project on the calendar for 2010-11. It would be on a slightly bigger footprint than the old building, with new restrooms for arriving guests and a basement on the lower level with a walkout toward the Carl Smith Chapel.

As you may know, the six-decade-old Rec Hall is in need of a host of structural and cosmetic

work -- plus its tiny restroom isn't suitable for guests. But we also want to preserve its heritage, so the new building will retain several elements of the original Rec Hall, including the fireplace stone.

The idea is to shore up the camp's most visible facilities, to make sure they're welcoming and useful for many years to come.

We expect the two projects to cost a combined \$250,000. The good news is \$70,000 has already been raised toward the Welcome Center building. The camp operates debt-free, so your gifts by Sept. 15 will allow the first phase (the Dining Hall/Kitchen) to start as planned in mid-November.

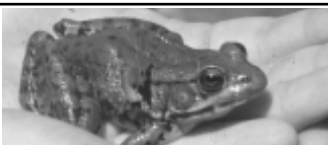
Thanks for considering this! An offering envelope is enclosed with this newsletter.

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Summer camp is in full swing. Pray for the staff and program, and that boys and girls will come to know Christ.

Make plans for Labor Day Family Weekend.

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INSIGHT graduates first class. More students for the one-year program are due to arrive in August.

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## Q&A about the construction

**Q:** *How long will all of this take?*

**A:** We would like to complete the Dining Hall/Kitchen project during the two months from mid-November to mid-January, when we don't have as many groups using them. Then we could be ready to start the Rec Hall/Welcome Center project later in 2010, with expected completion the following year.

**Q:** *What led to the decision to tackle these two projects now?*

**A:** Prayer, first of all. The camp's board of trustees spent time this spring lifting up and considering what items should be Jim and Dave's first priorities following the Patrick Cabin's completion. Repairing the Dining Hall ranked first, followed by the Rec Hall's needs. Eighty-five percent of the first-place votes went to those two projects and the need for the Welcome Center. From there, the staff and trustees drew up a master plan for construction that's reprinted in the box to the right.

**Q:** *Wasn't the plan to put the Welcome Center by where the Store is now?*

**A:** Yes. Then we were informed that for it to have restroom and shower facilities, we would first need to install a municipal-style sewer system -- which far exceeded our budget for the building. But as anyone who comes from out of town knows, decent restrooms in center camp are an urgent need. Also, board members received feedback that the Rec Hall site really is a better location for camp's welcoming "hub."

**Q:** *I have some time off this winter. Could you use my help?*

**A:** We need volunteers on the Dining Hall project! There will be plenty of work to do even if you're not an old hand at construction -- moving things, cleanup, painting, feeding the crews -- around Thanksgiving, Christmas and after New Year's. If you're available individually or you want to volunteer your church group to help, contact Jim Lapish about the best way to plug you in. He can arrange accommodations if you're staying overnight. Call 440-298-3264 or [info@stonyglencamp.org](mailto:info@stonyglencamp.org).

**Q:** *Things are tight at our house right now. Is it OK if I just pray?*

**A:** It's more than OK -- that's our biggest need!

## Stony Glen Facilities Master Plan

Timetable is approximate, depending on funding.

### 2009-10

#### Dining Hall/Kitchen refurbishing

- open up vaulted ceiling, knotty pine
- add insulation and more efficient windows, to cut energy use
- new lighting, heating
- larger, ADA-compliant restrooms
- possibly move entrance away from serving area (with portico design to match Chapel building)
- remove unnecessary interior pole for better flexibility inside
- deck/porch with outdoor shaded seating
- replace kitchen drains
- update kitchen so it's easier to maintain/keep clean

### 2010-11

#### Welcome Center built on Rec Hall site

- restrooms (boys and girls) for guests just arriving to camp
- basement envisioned with meeting space and walkout to Chapel side
- incorporate existing fireplace/stone and other design touches

### 2012 and after

#### Shower House

- restroom/shower additions, which are needed at peak times

#### Don's Place

- restroom/shower addition

**Q:** *Can I make the donation in honor or memory of someone?*

**A:** Yes. We would like to recognize gifts of at least \$500 in a permanent display. It could be in honor of a friend who brought you to camp, a counselor who prayed with you or a family member who loved Stony Glen. If you're interested in this, please attach a note letting us know.

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# Make plans for Labor Day Family Weekend

Join other families for a fun weekend of play and Bible study at camp Sept. 4-7.

Our speaker this year is a familiar, friendly face: Bruce McLaurin, pastor of First Baptist Church of South Euclid, who some will remember from Labor Day 2006. Teens and children 4-12 will have special teaching times, and for younger children, childcare will also be available.

Come and get settled in anytime after 3:30 p.m. **Friday** (Sept. 4). There will be a time of fellowship and a snack provided in the Dining Hall at 8:30 p.m.

Following breakfast **Saturday** at 8:30 a.m., there will be times of teaching and singing, as well as family swimming, canoeing, volleyball, hiking, carpet ball and more. Special music is in the works for Saturday night -- watch for updates on the camp blog site ([stonyglencamp.blogspot.com](http://stonyglencamp.blogspot.com)).

**Sunday** following breakfast will be a family church service in the Chapel and a box lunch, with the afternoon frog-jumping contest and free time until dinner.

On Monday there is no formal programming and no meals are provided, but families are welcome to stay and enjoy the camp.

Register early. The camp was full last year!

## Labor Day '09 registration

Please mail payment with this form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

(Detailed schedule will be sent by e-mail)

Adults \_\_\_ x \$38 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Teens \_\_\_ x \$30 per teen (13-18) = \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_ x \$21 per child (4-12) = \_\_\_\_\_

Children under 4 \_\_\_ (no charge, but please bring childcare donation)

**Total enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If families can share please let us know. This helps us make best use of cabins.

Do you need a cabin? \_\_\_\_\_ Can you share a cabin? \_\_\_\_\_

With whom? \_\_\_\_\_

When do you plan to arrive? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you staying Sunday night? \_\_\_\_\_

Circle meals where we can expect you:

Friday night: snack

Saturday: breakfast lunch dinner

Sunday: breakfast lunch dinner

## More Q&A

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**Q:** *Would the Welcome Center have the same design as we saw before?*

**A:** No, we have requested a revised design so the building fits this site better. The drawings aren't complete yet, but the goal is to have it take up a slightly larger footprint than the Rec Hall, with two modern restrooms on the first floor and a nice meeting space near the lower-level walkout.

**Q:** *What will the summer camps do that year when the Rec Hall isn't available?*

**A:** We know it's an important site for registration, handcrafts and other activities during camp, so we'll certainly need to improvise

that summer without it. The building sees a lot of use in the off-season, too. But it's exciting to think about how much more useful it will be to have a building that's suitable as our "front door," with flexible space available on both the upper and lower level.

**Q:** *How else are you letting people know about the project, besides this newsletter?*

**A:** We made signs to announce the project in main camp and inside both buildings for most of the summer camp season. We're also considering having a dinner at camp or regionally to let our longtime friends know what's going on. If you would like to be involved in planning that, or have ideas we haven't thought of, please let us know at 440-298-3264 or write [info@stonyglencamp.org](mailto:info@stonyglencamp.org). Thanks!

# INSIGHT graduates first 3 students

Stony Glen Camp celebrated with INSIGHT as three students (Alicia, Nate and Emily) graduated from the program on May 17. It started with a dinner for the staff, students and family members followed by the graduation in the Chapel.

It was a really special time with each of the students sharing what the year has taught them, and then their parents or grandparents shared about each of the students, followed by certificates and a prayer time for each of the students. We are truly very proud of them and pray the Lord will continue to guide them as they continue down the path He has planned for them.

Pray for the next group of students coming in August (and for our staff). Anyone interested in one year of Bible/Missions training at the Stony Glen Campus of INSIGHT should contact Marisa Lapisch at [stonyglensight@yahoo.com](mailto:stonyglensight@yahoo.com) or (440)298-1336 for details.



**Above: Emily and Nate.  
Below: Alicia with her  
mom and grandmother.**



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