



# Stony Glen News

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## ATTENTION—END OF YEAR GIVING

If you want to send a blessing to the Camp that is deductible on your 2015 taxes, you can do so via PayPal ([www.stonyglencamp.org/donate-serve](http://www.stonyglencamp.org/donate-serve)) and at 5300 W. Loveland Road, Madison, OH 44057. Thank you!



A special thanks to the group from Lyndhurst Assembly who helped us out with 2 super service projects!



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## From Jim's Desk

Some years, we thank the Lord for a white winter, and other times, we appreciate the mild weather He sends our way. This has been one of those years when the warmer temperatures have been nice to both get projects done and enjoy His creation (like finding this beaver-felled cherry tree down by the river).

It has been an eventful fall so far, with lots of projects being finished and still underway. We recently weatherized and heated the Gym, so that our fall and winter groups can play inside in the warmth. We also hung new gutters on the Chapel, replaced a septic tank, and have made significant progress on the Philipians Building.

But most importantly, as we enter the season where we remember Jesus' birth, we encourage you to keep the most important Thing the most important thing. We wish you and your family a very joyous Christmas season, celebrating the beautiful gift of God!  
~ Blessings, Jim Lapish

## Volunteer Spotlight: Art Hurd

Art Hurd has been coming out to Stony Glen since he was a 9 year old Stockader from Goss Memorial Church (where he still attends), coming to a December campout. Even the extreme cold and deep snow on that first experience didn't stop him from coming back again, even as a camp counselor and boys' group leader as an adult since the mid-80s.

Art's first service project experience was when he was helping lead a Battalion group as an adult as part of a weekend campout. In more recent years, he has volunteered monthly with his son Jason, normally right along with our regular "Tuesday Guys." We are so blessed that he is happy to do whatever is needed at the

time! He has done everything from painting and staining to mixing and pouring cement, to installing windows, basic carpentry work, plumbing, landscaping, filling potholes, and building bridges (and the list goes on). What a blessing!

One thing that motivates him to keep serving after all these years is that he sees the impact of the activities that happen at Stony Glen on people's lives. To him, "A day at Camp is always a good day."

Stony Glen has been a family affair for the Hurds, as both of his sons grew up attending camp, and his wife worked in the kitchen at summer camp. He now has five preschool granddaughters that he hopes will enjoy coming out too!



Some things Art enjoys most about the camp are the trails, streams, hills, waterfalls, etc. (in all the different seasons). He also enjoys working with the group of Christian men who serve on Tuesdays—they help make the work experience a good one! He encourages anyone interested in volunteering to contact Jim or Dave to find out what you can do! There are opportunities for everyone—if you don't mind some hard work, you'll really have fun. Thanks, Art, for everything that you do!

## Gone With the Wind — How You Can Help



Thank you for a tremendous weekend at Stony Glen. Five kids indicated decisions for Christ. Praise the Lord! Blessings to you all.

~ Fall rental group

Well, it was bound to happen! Inevitable. All things must come to “pass.” After 45 years, give or take, the camp septic system is being retired, gone to pot, so to speak (pun intended).

After we complete the new septic system, this will be one of the most, if not *the* most expensive projects we have undertaken! When we were first notified that our septic system was required to be replaced, we (mostly Jim Laphis) have been working with the EPA, experts in septic engineering and other organizations to determine what would be best for Stony Glen and just exactly what was required by the State and the EPA.

It turns out, we need two systems — one for the main side of camp and one past the Sam Gray A-Frame area. The total cost was estimated, based on EPA requirements, in the range of \$350,000 to \$500,000, or even higher, by the time both systems were completed.

But God was already working on a solution. We found an expert, Steve Tricamo, and the Potter Company, and after a full year of evaluating, testing, EPA meetings both on- and off-site, and, oh yeah, much PRAYER, the EPA agreed to our terms for a new and technologically advanced method. This will be better for the environment and can save us as much as half the original estimate! We will be a “test” case in Ohio for others facing this same dilemma in the new era of advanced septic technology. And oh yes, that SMELL will be gone with the wind!

We kindly ask that you pray for this project and also that you prayerfully consider making a special donation to help with the costs of this major project! Just mark it “septic system project,” if you do make a contribution. Praise God!!

Thanks, for your support,  
Joe Scarcella, *Board President*

## A special thanks to all who pitch in at the camp

We are very indebted to the commitment of so many people and companies that help make what we do possible! We pray that they have rich rewards in heaven for their labor!



Thanks to Ken Gallion and his sons, along with Davey and Sam, who helped replace a broken septic tank.



Thanks to Bob Fisher who is never afraid to get dirty to get the job done. Here he is helping shovel a trench to put in the electric line in for the Philippians Building.



Thanks to Runyon and Sons Roofing for donating a gift certificate for a free gutter and downspouts package to Stony Glen at a kidney replacement benefit, and to Danny Townsend who donated new gutters to Stony Glen Camp for the Carl Smith Chapel.

