



**“Serving Christ by Serving Others, Serving Others by Sharing Christ”**

### **Ongoing Mission....**

The mission of Camp Whispering Pines is to serve the churches of the Mobile Baptist Association and other organizations with a distinctively Christian atmosphere by utilizing the facilities to enable young people and adults to know and grow in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

### **Our Decisions....**

God’s hand is moving in the lives of those who attend camp. We have had many activities on our campus for senior adults, adults, teenagers, and children including conferences, camps, retreats, corporate outings and school field trips. All were geared toward one goal, and that is to change lives. We have had approximately 2,300 people come to our campus this year to date. We expect approximately 1,000 more this year.

Many of these lives were truly touched by God, whether it was salvation (**31**), rededication (**43**), call to ministry or missions (**7**), or something else. These numbers only reflect what we see on our evaluations. We are blessed to be a facility that God has continued to use to change lives and draw people closer to Him since 1947!

### **Guests....**

#### **Churches and Organizations that booked the facilities during 2018:**

**MBA Churches:** Airport Boulevard, Calvert, Cottage Hill, Cypress Shores, Dauphin Way, Grand Bay, Highpoint, Hill Spring, Hollinger’s Island, Lafitte, Lambert Grove, Lockler Memorial, Moffett Road, Orchard, Pine Springs, Redemption, Shadow Lawn, Theodore, Turnerville, West Mobile and Woodridge

#### **Other Churches:**

Calvary Chapel Fairhope (AL), Crestview BC (MS), Crosspoint (AL), Destination Church (AL), Evergreen BC, Jackson (MS), Fairhope BC (AL), Fellowship (LA), Foley BC (AL), Gateway (TN), Grace Point (AL), Goodwater BC (MS), Jackson FBC (AL), Journey BC (MS), Kushla Assembly (AL), Lone Pine (AL), Loranger

BC (LA), Loxley COG (AL), Northlake BC (TX), Ocean Springs (MS), Pathway Ministries (AL), Parrish (MS), Shady Grove (LA), Shady Grove BC (MS), University COG, and Vardaman Street (MS)

**Schools:** Baker High School, Citronelle High School, Fairhope High School, International School LA, MCPSS Magnet School, McGill –Toolen High School, Saraland High School, Satsuma High School, Springhill College, St. Mary’s Catholic School, University of South Alabama

**Organizations:** Airbus, ATA Martial Arts, Gulf Coast Tres Dias, Heritage Girls, Kairos Outside, Mission Fuge, Servant Heart Emmaus

**MISC:** Reunions/Parties

### **Our Facilities....**

We take pride in what God has blessed us with and have been able to make many improvements to the camp this year.

Our new dorm was moved downhill. One of the staff house from downhill has been repurposed as a meeting space and much work has been done. Our new basketball court has been poured and striped. The new sand volleyball court is ready for play. Thank you Cottage Hill Baptist Church and Northlake Baptist Church, and volunteers from Garland Texas for painting and building the porch and new walkway to connect the new dorm and meeting space.

We still have much to do, but we strive to maintain a clean and always improving campus. Please let us know if you can help us maintain and improve our camp. This can only be accomplished with donations and volunteers.

Just a reminder that we have the beautiful Pine Tree Inn Hotel. It is a great facility that is perfect for adult conferences, deacon retreats, senior adult retreats, women’s retreats, and much more. With 29 rooms available this is the perfect place for your church’s next event!

Online link to images of our facilities:

[http://www.campwhisperingpines.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=6&Itemid=2](http://www.campwhisperingpines.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6&Itemid=2)

### **Our Programming....**

We offered programming throughout the year for ALL ages and believe that these are helping to enhance the ministry of our churches and other organizations in our community:

***Revolution Youth Camp:*** January 13-15

This was a fantastic camp with 131 in attendance. The speakers were Cliff Downey, Jim Mather, John Baker and Josh Roberts. The band was IMPACT from University of Mobile.

**HOOPLA:** June 4-8

Hoopla Camp was attended by 38 kids. It was a fantastic week. On Friday, we had a carnival like day to end the week with Uncle Joe's Petting Zoo, face painting, cupcake walk, water games and much more!

**Big Adventure:** June 11-14

The Big Adventure Camp had 59 kids and counselors attending this summer camp. It was a great three days filled with adventure and worship  
Marvin Robinson was our speaker with Jess Strenth leading worship.

**Veritas:** June 18-22

One hundred and six youth and counselors attended the Veritas Camp. From all accounts it was an awesome camp. Leaders and teens alike were raving about the activities and worship.  
Charlie Bailey was our speaker with Jess Strenth leading worship.

**Girls Camp:** June 25-29

There were 22 little girls and counselors gathered at the Girls Camp for a wonderful week with a mission emphasis. This is a WMU sponsored camp.

**Momentum Kids Camp:** July 16-19.

This camp was again over the top. All of the evaluations were good. We had 134 kids and counselors attend. Our speaker was Hampton Sims and worship was led by Jess Strenth. Thanks to RN Lori Metzger for serving as our camp nurse this year.

We continue to host the **Senior Adult Fall Fish Fry Fellowship** in October at our camp which is always well attended by our local churches. This year's date is October 25, 2018.

**Winter Weekend** will be November 2-3 this year. Last year we had 39 attend. We hope this year to see growth and we look forward to hosting this WMU sponsored camp. This camp is for girls who have completed grades 1-6.

**Boys Camp-Out** dates are November 2-3 along with Winter Weekend. This allows churches to bring both boys and girls at the same time. The boys will camp out in tents and will be a completely separate camp from the girls.

**2019 DATES TO REMEMBER:**

*(Be sure to sign up early to reserve spots)*

**REVOLUTION: January 19-21**

**Completed 6-12 Grades**

**HOOPLA DAY CAMP: TBA**

**Completed K-6 Grades**

**VERITAS YOUTH CAMP:**  
**June 17-21**  
**Completed 6-12 Grades**

**MOMENTUM: July 15 -18**  
**Completed 1-6 Grades**

**Our Staff...**

Our staff at Camp Whispering Pines is committed to making a difference in the life of every person that crosses our path. God is continuing to make us what He wants us to be as we strive to serve.

Our summer staff this year was amazing. We again had male and female staff coordinator positions to provide leadership opportunities for returning staff. We allowed our counselors to be more available to campers by spending more time with them. They were able to minister to campers even more!

**Year Round Staff**

Ronnie Connell, Camp Director  
Beverly Davis, Office Manager  
Tiffany Toews, Food Services Manager  
Karen Shelton, Camp Staff  
Kaylee Schneider, Camp Staff

**SUMMER STAFF 2018**



## **Our Challenges....**

Camp Whispering Pines is a massive facility with 76 beautiful acres that requires many hours of maintenance every year. We are a vital ministry of the Mobile Baptist Association and we could not remain open without their support, but we still need your help. We have extensive maintenance, repairs and renovations that will need to be completed over the next few years if we are going to continue to be a first-rate facility. We are asking our church members to consider making Camp Whispering Pines a mission's destination for teens, adults, or families. If you feel that God is leading you in this direction, we ask you to call our office at 251-866-7868 so that we can help set you up with the perfect project for your budget and skill level. Finally, we want to thank all of the teams and individuals who came to serve in 2018!

### **Top Volunteer Projects**

1. Build sidewalk in front of Hotel
2. Complete underside (install wood and paint) of Activity Center drive through
3. Build concrete drive under Activity Center drive through
4. Opening and multiple projects in the Vernon House
5. Chain saw work
6. Electrician needed for various projects
7. Renovation of house #1 to be used as staff housing (Some done)
8. Plumber needed for various projects
9. Upgrading and repairs to Oakdale Pavilion (Some done)
10. Upgrade paintball course (Bunkers, etc.)
11. Multiple paint jobs around camp

### **Top Items Needed**

1. Tractor (Needed to maintain roads and fields)
2. Golf Carts
3. Flooring for Lodge and Dining Hall (hardwood or laminate preferred)
4. Commercial Floor Stripper/Buffer Machine
5. Video Projectors
6. Hotel Items: Twin Size Mattress Covers / White Twin Sheets / White Towels & Wash Clothes
7. Kayaks/Paddle Boats/Canoes
8. New fencing
9. New Laptop Computer for Office

## **Interns Needed....**

We are looking for interns ages 16-23 for the summer of 2019. Our internship includes lodging in our hotel, all meals, t-shirts and training. It begins in late May and ends in mid August. Students will learn ministry and job skills as well as have an opportunity to be counselors at various summer camps. If you or someone you know is interested, check out [www.campwhisperingpines.com](http://www.campwhisperingpines.com) for more information or email [ronnieccwp@gmail.com](mailto:ronnieccwp@gmail.com).

***Continue to Pray....***

Please continue to pray for us as we continue to try to fulfill our mission and take it to even greater heights. We know that God has great things planned at our camp and need your prayers as we seek His direction and guidance. Also, please pray for continued blessings on our camp and protection of our campus, staff and guests.

***Help Us Accomplish Our Mission....***

We cannot fulfill our mission that we believe God has given us unless you get involved. Thank you to all of our churches that attended events at CWP this year and have trusted us by sending your teens and children to our programs. We hope to see even more of our MBA churches next year!

**This is YOUR camp!** God has blessed this association with a beautiful camp facility and relevant ministry. Please don't take it for granted and plan to visit us in 2019 with various age groups from your church. Let us help you plan your retreat or activities. We are here to serve ALL ages.

**Ronnie Connell**  
**Camp Director**

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