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Summit News
The Newsletter of the Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting
119 Beaver Valley Road, Chadds Ford, PA 19317

How Do You Spell T-A-X Relief?

Perserverance finally paid off! Effective January 1, 2007, Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting is deemed to be exempt from county and township real estate taxes. In addition, as of July 1, 2007 we are exempt from paying school taxes. We will receive a refund for payments made this year prior to May 1st.

Achieving these tax exemptions has been a long process but well worth the effort. These exemptions free up roughly \$17,000 per year from our budget which can be applied to needed restoration, preservation, and beautification projects throughout the Camp site.

Tea Time

The BSCM Ladies Auxiliary started our 2007 Camp Meeting season in fine style with their annual Tea. Held on May 12th, the tea was a tasty success with over 75 cottagers and friends in attendance. A highlight of the afternoon was a ceremony for cottager Mrs. Elizabeth Price in recognition of her many years of service and attendance.

Independence Day Celebrations

July 4th was a busy day at Camp with fun activities throughout the day. We got off to a good start with a continental breakfast followed by a parade around the grounds. Many cottagers joined in the "decorate your cottage" competition and all were winners. Afternoon events included "cottage porch" sales and a concert by guitarist Jack Enea. Look for photos on the Camp website soon!

"Cottage Treasures" Reopens For Business

Please join us to celebrate the reopening of the "Cottage Treasures" store on Saturday, August 4th, from 1-3 pm. The store's new location is Cottage 35, on Asbury Avenue by the Tabernacle. Come see the renovated cottage, browse an array of items for sale, and enjoy some free refreshments (tea sandwiches, cookies, and lemonade).

Cool at the Pool

The Camp pool is open Thursdays through Sundays under the eye of certified lifeguard Luke McDermott, who also serves as our children's ministry leader. Stop by to introduce yourself and get into the swim! Pool hours are:

Thursday: 1-5 pm

Friday: 1-5, 6-8 pm

Saturday: 12:30-4:30 pm

Sunday: 1-5 pm

Upcoming Events

The second **Christian Fellowship weekend** will run from Friday, Aug 3rd through Sunday, August 5th.



Our 2007 program season will close with the **Walk-A-Round** on Sunday, Aug 5th. This will be preceded by the **Money Tree** at 7 pm and a **Concert** by sacred recording artist Diane King Susek at 7:30 pm in the Tabernacle.



The BSCM **annual meeting** will be held Saturday, August 11th, in Biddle Hall, starting at 7 pm.



The Ladies Auxiliary will have their **meeting and election of officers** on Saturday, September 1st, at 11 am in Biddle Hall.



The BSCM **Harvest Party** will be held Saturday, Sept 29th. Look for the program of activities coming soon!

Wild Kingdom

We all can appreciate the beauty of our local wild animals but please do so at a distance. They often carry diseases and parasites which can be passed to humans and domestic pets.

Please do not feed or leave out food for these animals. Doing so, even with the best of intentions, can create health and safety risks for us all.

New Deaf Ministry

After pastoring Deaf Christian Church for 11 years, the Robb family (Cottage 13) have turned that work over to a deaf pastor and are pioneering a new deaf ministry within inner-city Philadelphia called "Philly Deaf." The new ministry is planned to be an umbrella ministry of several smaller deaf community groups in various neighborhoods of the city.

Currently, one group is established in lower north Philly, with approximately 8 deaf and hard-of-hearing adults attending each week. David is in discussions with another pastor in Bensalem (northeast Philly) to establish a second group that would meet weekly in that area.

Please pray with the Robb family for this new ministry to grow and meet the needs of deaf people and the great commission of the kingdom of our Lord, Jesus Christ. For more information visit their website at www.PhillyDeaf.com.

Supported Ministries for 2007

It has been our long-standing tradition to tithe 10% of all offerings received at BSCM to ministries. For the 2007 season, the Board of Trustees selected the following two ministries to support:

- Koinonia Spanish Health Ministry
- Happy Life Children's Home

Corporation Meeting August 11th

The Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting Association, Inc. will hold the 2007 annual meeting on Saturday, August 11th, at 7 pm in Biddle Hall. The agenda will include election of new trustees to replace those whose terms expire this year: Winnie MacAulay, Margaret Mayo, and Simon Shute. Please contact any trustee with suggestions for potential trustees or to nominate yourself. Nominations also will be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

Qualifications of trustees are that nominees have paid their current year's ground rent, are not indebted to the Association, are professing Christians and are members in good standing of recognized Christian churches.

Website Ver 2

Our website (www.bscai.org) was redesigned over the Spring and the Links section was expanded. Coming next will be addition of a photo gallery with Camp life and program events. Many thanks to cottagers Bob and Ruth Stober for supplying a lot of photos for this.

If you have photos to share—especially any of historical interest—please contact webmaster Jim Pierson-Perry. Digital pictures are best but we also can scan in older prints or memorabilia. Thank you!

Cottages For Sale

Barbara Sayles has Cottage #110 on sale. The asking price is \$3,000 but she will take the best offer. The cottage has knotty pine paneling and has a kitchen dining area, and screened porch. It comes furnished and equipped, including a single bed, shower stall, and RV toilet.

The Benedicts offer Cottage #92 for sale at \$5,000. It has 2 large rooms, a full kitchen, a fully functional bathroom, two entrances, and lots of closet space. The roof and rest of the structure are in excellent condition. Contact them at (610) 431-2105 or (484) 888-8434 for any inquiries.

Dwight Rash's cottages (# 88-89) will be sold furnished for \$20,000. They feature an eat-in kitchen, two living rooms, full bath, propane heat and stove, large dining room with remote control ceiling fan, and a vinyl siding exterior. One porch faces the Tabernacle. Contact Susan Watkins at (302) 378-8479 for more details.

Pavilion Dedication

The newly renovated upper pavilion and a new flagpole were dedicated in a ceremony on June 23rd. Funds for these renovations were provided by Eleanor Miller in memory of her husband Thomas.

Got News?

Summit News is looking for items of interest to cottagers and suggestions for improvement. Please give your information, ideas, or comments to any Board member or send them to *Summit News* c/o:

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