



All Things "Campy"

Around the Corner

Wow, it's April already. In fact it's half way through April, and summer will be here before we know it. Here at Grace Adventures we're gearing up for an awesome summer. In fact this is a very busy season for us. Campers are registering, counselors are applying, and we're planning activities and purchasing supplies. It seems like there is something new to experience everyday.

You may be wondering why we do camp newsletters. Camp is just during the summer, right? Yes, camp itself happens for 6 weeks a summer, but the spirit of

camp continues year round with special events, newsletters, website updates, and more. We are constantly thinking outside the box to bring you and your family an experience that will stick with you for a lifetime.

We're always open to suggestions as well. If there is something that we could be doing better, or do at all, let us know. Nothing is set in stone until it's set in stone. Our goal is to remain open to ideas that would enhance our relationship with our campers and their families.

Just this past week I was pondering the idea of a

Spring Break Camp. Of course that was probably because it was Spring Break and my 4 year old was out of school. The sky's the limit at Grace Adventures.

I think you'll enjoy this issue. Feel free to send any suggestions to graceadventures@gcconline.org.



Fun at Air Mania

Early Registration Ends May 15th

Are you still working out your dates for camp? We understand that. We know it's hard to organize those summer calendars. But we don't want you to miss out on Early Bird registration. After May 15th, camp prices go up \$20 a week per registration. So we encour-

age you to reserve your spaces now. The reason for the increase is mainly a staffing issue. We hire counselors based on our numbers. It's more difficult and costly for us to make last minute hires. So we impose a deadline to help us be able to serve you

better by planning ahead. So if you're on the fence or have been holding off asking a friend to come, now is the time to jump in. Plus you don't want to wait too long and risk the chance of us not having space.

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Air Mania Events Rocked

We want to thank those of you who joined us in March for our events at Air Mania. It might have been cold outside, but we were rocking the joint. Air Mania was gracious enough to basically donate their facility to us for three consecutive Monday nights. We broke down the ages and invited anyone and everyone to join us. It was only a \$1 per jumper which is super cheap for a night out with the family. We averaged 20 or so kids a night. In fact our largest night was the day it snowed & the kids were out of school.

Camp offered refreshments to lingering parents and blissfully tired kids and an opportunity to mingle with the camp staff and vision team. Several people decided to register for camp, and we're super excited to have them.



Sasha Bernstein living it up at Air Mania "Spring into Camp"

A special thank you to the Harry's, who own Air Mania & attend Grace Community church. Not only did they practically donate their facility, they turned

around and gave the \$1 per child fee to our scholarship fund.

If you're looking for a fun alternative, we encourage you to check out Air Mania. They have Open Play as well as Birthday party opportunities.

www.airmania-funzone.com

Let's Eat our Way to Camper Sponsorship

At Grace Adventures we realize that times are hard for some people.

We've already seen a spike in our scholarship requests. On our own, we're unable to meet all the needs.

On May 5th, from 5-8 pm, we're eating Chick-Fil-A and raising money for our scholarship fund. How does eating equate to money? Well, you eat and Chick-fil-a gives us 20% of the

proceeds. It just sounds too easy, doesn't it.

Consider joining us at the CFA on John Hopkins Rd in Fulton, MD. All you have to do is eat. No checks to write (though we'll take them either for camp registration or camper sponsorship) or silent auctions to bid on. Just a yummy meal, a few good friends, and maybe a cow sighting or

two.

The Details:

May 5th

5-8 pm

Chick-Fil-A at John Hopkins Rd, Laurel

"Times are hard, but together, we can make a difference in a child's life."

Don't Forget the Church Picnic on May 2nd

Did you know that Grace Community Church is turning 25 years old this year? I remember a time when that seemed old.

For the first time in 5 years, Grace is hosting a Church-wide picnic. Really it's more like a festival with games, food, prizes, moon bounces, a cake



Happy Birthday to Grace! You need a pie in the face :)

walk and more.

Even if you don't attend Grace, you're still a friend so come along and bring your family.

Make sure you stop by the camp table.

Actually if you want any prizes, you have to come by because we have the

"decorate your own treat bag."

Activity tickets at \$.25 a piece, or \$5 will get you unlimited games/activities and an entire meal. What a deal! See you there!

The Details:

May 2nd

2 pm -6 pm

Grace Community Church

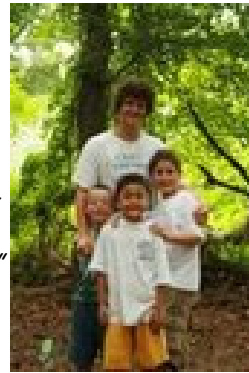
Now Hiring!!!

At GADC, we pride ourselves on hiring top notch counselors who love God, have a heart for campers, and are in touch with their crazy side (and not in a bad way). If you know anyone that fits this description who has about 6 weeks and 3 days available this summer, send them our way.

Amy, a former counselor, mom of two, and now our Junior Camp & Nursery Coordinator said this about her time at GADC. "I loved spending the summer with my campers. It was so amazing to get to know them. I had an awesome group of girls who really had a blast at

all the activities. The best part for me was bible time where not only did I get to teach them about God's word but they taught me as well. I miss that time with them everyday and I am looking forward to seeing them all again."

We hire for five different areas of camp: the nursery (staff kids), Junior Camp (ages 4-6), Day Camp (completed 1st-5th), SIT camp (completed 6th-8th) and Servant Team (completed 9th-11th). Camp staff also



Counselor Chris with Noah, Sheldon, and Zach! Doesn't it look fun?

receive a significant discount on camp tuition. Counselors must be able to commit to 4 out of the 5 full weeks of camp as well as Taste of Camp week.

For more information, visit our "Counselor Information" page at

www.graceadventurescamp.org! Oh & we pay well...just thought I'd mention that.

Spring Cleaning?

I don't know about you, but there is something about the warm air and sunshiny days that just make me want to clean, purge, simplify.

If you find yourself sorting through boxes wondering what to do with the stuff you no longer use. Don't trash them. Recycle them...to us.

We're always on the lookout for sports equipment, craft supplies, sand

toys and recyclable materials such as milk jugs, 2-liter bottles, coffee cans, etc.... If you have anything you think camp could use, just shoot us an email at graceadventures@gconline.org to see what we're accepting.

Recently we received a much needed and much appreciated basketball goal from Freecycle.org. We aim to be good stewards of our finances and

would love the opportunity to reuse unwanted items. We'll give them a good home and put that to good use.

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Entering the Facebook Age

We're branching out, expanding our horizons, reaching into the unknown. I remember a time before email and now I can't live without it. It's amazing how quickly our technology can change.

Grace Adventures has a **Facebook** group. To find us, just go to facebook.com and search for Grace Adventures Day Camp. If you're on

Facebook, join our group to stay up to date on all things campy.

We've also joined Twitter. A year ago I had no idea what Twitter was, and now I'm getting tweets on my phone. It's a great way to send information and fast. Fol-



Our campers enjoying a little information of the human kind.

low us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/graceadvcamp.

I wonder how long it will be before email becomes obsolete.

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"The Place to Be"



The Place to Be

From exciting outdoor adventures to the creative arts, we have an activity for everyone! Our well-trained counselors will personally assist, coach, and direct campers in the essential skills of each activity. Our goal is to create an environment that facilitates trust, safety, excellence, and of course, FUN. We want to be the place you return to year after year.
