

# OZARK WILDERNESS BOYS CAMP



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## A Little One Shall Become A Thousand

Sometimes we wonder about God's math. Abraham and Sarah sure did. Descendants like the stars of the sky and the sand of the seashore... What about Jacob? What was he supposed to think? Baby Moses... Was he big enough to deliver the Israelites out of Egypt? Or Gideon... Was his army of 300 men big enough to take on 135,000 Midianites?

It seems that God delights in small beginnings. The impossibly small. To fulfill His impossibly big promises. He prefers the shepherd boy's smooth stone. The lad's lunch. The widow's two mites.

When do we read of God starting some great work with a big crowd? Or anything that looked promising?

He delights in the mustard seed. The little band. The baby.

The Christmas story has the same beautiful mystery. A few thousand years ago the prophet Isaiah proclaimed: *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government shall be upon His shoulder. ... Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end...*

A Child! Whose government and peace will increase without end... Can you believe it?

In a world where stable government and peace seem to be decreasing... Is it true?

How does this pertain to Ozark Boys Camp?

Who knows? But there may be some surprises along the way. His ideas of success might be different than ours. He's probably thinking way bigger than we are. But if things take way longer than we think they should, will that be soon enough? If only one boy gets help through all the investment that has been made, will that be enough for Him to work with?

Later in his book, the prophet Isaiah gave us another astounding promise of the things that can happen under His government. More of God's math that leaves us pondering: *"A little one shall become a thousand, And a small one a strong nation. I the Lord, will hasten it in its time."*

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas,  
Albert Stoltzfus, Camp Director

# CAMP STAFF



**Albert and Juanita Stoltzfus,  
Landon, Evanna, Mason, Sara  
- Camp Director**



**Lee and Krista Yoder  
- Camp Builder**



**Brandon and Ruth Bowman, Forrest  
- Camp Supervisor**

## Staff Position

**Camp Cook:** We are still in need of a cook to serve in the camp kitchen. This role will involve food preparation and basic management skills. Please contact us if you are interested in this position.

# Opportunities to Contribute

**Library Books:** We will be starting a collection of books for the camp library. This will include nature related Field Guides, Science, History, Arts and Skills, Biographies, Fiction, Classics, and more. We'll take books, used or new, to a new home.

**Bed Sheets and Blankets:** We will need a supply of sheets (specifically sized for the camp mats used in the campsite) as well as heavy blankets. This is a project that could be taken by any church that holds a sewing circle through the winter. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact us for sizes.

**Wheelbarrows:** We are looking to acquire 4 wheelbarrows for camp use. These could be donated as items or purchased with donated funds.

**Crosscut Saws:** Any 5'-6' crosscut saw, even a crosscut blade with some rust and no handles, can be of use to the camp if the teeth are intact.

**Brush Cutter:** We are looking for a brush cutter that mounts to the front of a skid-steer. Please contact us if you would like to help with this.

**Building Projects:** Following are several building projects that have been started and an estimated amount of funds needed to complete them.

**Buckhorn Cabin Basement Finished Interior:** \$8,500

**Stone House Full Remodel:** \$40,000

**Shower and Laundry House Completion:** \$65,000

**Camp Kitchen Setup:** 10,000

**Tree Planting Project:** This coming spring, we plan to plant approximately 7,000 pine seedlings on the camp property. This seedling order totals \$2,904.50.





## Thank You and Praise God

At the outstart of 2024, we had an ambitious list of projects to accomplish and a big request for finances and help to accomplish them. We have been very blessed to have received the finances we needed through the year and generous donations of materials for the projects planned. Numerous energetic work crews came to boost the projects.

Thank you, and praise God!

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