

2026 HILLTOP HOLLER SEPTEMBER



SENIOR SAINTS WEEKEND RECAP

We had a lovely time at our annual Senior Saints Weekend a few weeks back. The weather was wonderful and we enjoyed an off site Amish trip, some pickleball, and a special 50's themed diner night. The chapel sessions and musical talents of Pete Wright and his wife were such a treat! If you're age 55+ and never attended one of these retreats, make plans to join us next August. You'll be glad you did!



CHAPEL-LODGE PROJECT UPDATE

Psalm 145:4, "One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts." Last October we hosted a special Chapel-Lodge Project groundbreaking ceremony, and now a year later we're excited to announce a building dedication! The Chapel-Lodge Project has given us more than just a building. We've seen God provide, answer prayers, bring impossible details together, and work through the generosity of our camp family to make this vision a reality. While we're thankful for the beautiful new space God has provided, we're even more thankful for what it will become.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Safety and protection of everyone involved with the Chapel-Lodge Project as final details are completed
- Chair-a-Thon funds - the current and final financial step needed to furnish the building
- Wisdom as the remaining decisions are made, especially if unexpected issues or changes arise
- The upcoming New Building Dedication, that it would be a meaningful time of celebrating God's faithfulness and dedicating this new space to His glory

UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration is open for all upcoming retreats and events through the end of the year and there is something for everyone! Visit our website, look through our calendar of events, and plan your next trip to Trail Ridge. We just added the New Building Dedication on October 24th, and we'd love for as many as possible to join us as we dedicate it to the Lord! This building will be a place set apart for ministry, fellowship, worship, and the continued work of God at Trail Ridge.

HELLO FROM BETHANY

I cannot believe that summer is already over and that we are heading into our retreat season again! We had an incredible summer at camp, with many campers coming to know the Lord and so many opportunities to enjoy God's creation together each day.

I never really believed people when I went to camp and heard them say, "We're already planning for next summer!" But after being involved in camp ministry, I completely understand it now—and it really is true! We are already planning for Summer 2027 and cannot wait to share more with you in the months ahead!

As we look at our fall calendar, there are so many exciting events and things happening here at camp. One of the bigger projects this fall will be transitioning everything into our new chapel and office building! It will take quite a bit of work to get fully settled, but we are so excited about the additional space it will provide for our larger retreats and the opportunity for our growing staff to have a little more room to work comfortably. We have definitely had to get creative with office space as our staff has grown!

The Vernon County Fair is right around the corner, and it is something we look forward to every year! It is such a joy to reconnect with campers who live in the area and share the ministry of camp with so many people in our community. We will have fun games and plenty of opportunities to share information about camp.

After the fair, we will jump right into the Young Adults Retreat, which is one of my favorites! It is a blast to reconnect with old friends, meet new people, and spend time growing together. We have some exciting things in the works for this year's retreat, and I cannot wait to see how God uses it. The Father/Son Retreat is the following weekend, and we are bringing back an old favorite theme night—Camo Chow! Along with that, there will be plenty of other fun activities and opportunities for fathers and sons to make memories together.

After our back-to-back busy weekends, we have several smaller events on the calendar, including Lumberjack Days, Quirky Hobbies, and our Marriage Retreat. Each retreat brings its own unique group of people through our gates, and we love getting to serve each one.

Fall is also the beginning of our summer staff recruiting season. We will be heading out to college campuses to connect with students who are interested in dedicating their summer to serving in camp ministry. These trips can be exhausting at times, but they are always exciting! It is such a blessing to sit down with college students who have a heart for ministry and hear how God is leading them. We already have a couple of trips planned, with more being organized as I write this!

With everything we have planned, we would greatly appreciate your prayers. Please pray that our retreats would go well and that everyone who comes through our gates would be encouraged, refreshed, and drawn closer to the Lord. Pray for wisdom and good connections as we visit college campuses, and that God would bring many students who are willing and excited to serve at Trail Ridge Camp for Summer 2027. Finally, pray that we would transition smoothly into our new building and use the space well for the ministry God has entrusted to us.

I cannot wait to see many of you at camp this fall! Thank you for continuing to pray for and support the ministry of Trail Ridge Camp. We are excited to see what God has in store for this next season!

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upcoming events!**



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Young Adults Retreat: September 25-27

Father/Son Retreat: October 2-4

Lumberjack Weekend: October 15-17

Quirky Hobbies Craft Retreat: October 22-24

New Building Dedication: October 24

Rooted Marriage Retreat: November 13-15