

DELANCO news

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Your help is needed

By Laurie Rambo

Delanco Camp is run by people just like you...busy people with families, hectic lives, demanding jobs and church responsibilities. Delanco Camp is run by volunteers. Most of what happens at Delanco Camp happens because one of those busy people makes a commitment to serve Jesus through the ministry of Delanco, usually because God impacted their life in some way at Delanco.

Delanco is in the business of proclaiming the saving and sanctifying power of Jesus Christ, and equipping believers to share that Gospel and to serve Jesus in their homes, their communities, their local churches and the world. It is a ministry that touches hundreds of lives each year with the power of the Gospel, a ministry that has eternal impact, not only for those who walk on the grounds and experience God there, but also for those whose lives are touched because of what God is doing through Delanco.

You can be a part of touching the world with the Gospel through the ministry of the camp. There are things that even the busiest person can do to be a part of that ministry. *continued on page two*

Retreat a sweet surrender

By Becky Clendaniel (adapted from a blog post)

There's something so authentic about retreats. Of course you're not in a real-world setting; you're not with your parents, your dog, your sisters and brothers (sometimes). But you're with some of your best friends and God. I think that's pretty much all you need, actually.

I was the "worship leader" at a retreat at Delanco in mid-October. I went into it terrified and excited at the same time, but I didn't think it would affect me that much. I just wanted to see the kids grow.

But something different happened. I made friends (thank goodness for Facebook cause they all live in Jersey) and I strengthened other friendships and I made a fool out of myself at both volleyball and Ultimate Frisbee. But I think one of the coolest things is that I got *continued on page two*



Chapel in the pines



DELANCO CAMP ANNUAL DINNER
saturday, january 17 | 6:30 p.m.

Chews UMC | 319 Black Horse Pk. Glendora, NJ

black tie optional \$150/table | \$15/person
e-mail steve.tucker@delanco.org for more info

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Help. *continued from page one*

You can:

Pray. The regular and consistent prayers of God's people for Delanco are the foundation of the ministry. Please make Delanco a part of your regular prayer life so that every facet of our work is covered with prayer.

Tell others about Delanco Camp. In order to be in ministry we need campers. A friend bringing a friend to camp or telling them about what God has done for them at Delanco is the most effective way of bringing others to camp to experience God in the unique setting that is Delanco.

Give a financial gift with just a few mouse clicks at Delanco.org. Your consistent giving to the work of the camp, whether it's \$5 a month or \$5,000, makes it possible for the ministry of the camp to operate throughout the year, and to improve programming, facilities and staffing. Donations can also be sent to: Delanco Camp Financial Secretary P.O. Box 597, Sicklerville, NJ 08081.

Sponsor a camper for a week of camp. Delanco regularly hosts campers who are not able, for various reasons, to afford a week at camp. Your gift, enabling someone to be at Delanco for a week, could make a difference in how that person spends eternity.

Volunteer. Volunteers are needed for everything that makes Delanco operate. Volunteers are needed for:

- specific repairs to the facility building, electrical, etc.)
- work days or projects
- specific administrative tasks like managing mailing list
- serving a week on volunteer staff
- serving on committees
- cleaning dorms and grounds
- landscaping and maintenance of grounds
- opening and closing camp
- fundraising
- serving as a director
- being a stockholder

If it needs to be done, we need a volunteer to do it. If you would like to volunteer at Delanco, please contact Laurie Rambo at laurierambo@gmail.com

As we all work together, praying, giving and serving, the ministry of Delanco Camp will continue and make an impact on the lives of the campers who come next summer and for years to come.

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Girls praying in the dorm

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to see the "retreat experience" from the other side.

I got to see just how passionate these leaders are for kids and for God. I saw how much this weekend mattered to them. They work, they have jobs, but they were so willing to help out. I saw just how much work it takes to make weekends like this one run as smoothly as it did. I was honored to be considered a leader with them; they were incredibly friendly and loving and accepting of me, this girl who had never even been to Delanco before.

I think I grew as a leader too. I've led worship at home a number of times and even at retreats (when I was a student). But I think it makes a difference when you don't know any of the kids. I think it was better, more authentic, more real. I got some reassurance that I can lead when someone (in this case, Steve) steps back. I can stumble my way through praying without too much trouble. I can get the kids engaged. In no way am I anywhere close to being able to do something like that weekly. But it's nice to know that I can.

The thing I hated the most about retreats when I was in youth group was the feeling I got when I came home. That deep feeling in the pit of your stomach that tells you "you're home, it's life back to normal, back to school and homework and all that crap". I certainly didn't expect to feel that today, after being a leader. But I do. I guess it's God showing me that I'm still not too old to learn something from these retreats, to grow in my faith, to get a little closer to Him every time. I'm glad for it.

A parent's perspective

By Peg Schnyer

My oldest daughter Christy has attended many, many Delanco camp weeks – if I had to guess it would be close to a dozen times. She has always come back from camp full of stories. Sometimes the stories are about campers who are struggling with their faith, some are about the highly anticipated night games. There have been sad stories, dramatic stories, happy ones and extremely funny stories told to us over the past five years.

I believe the fact that we, as a family have (most days) a good, open line of communication is a result of the positive influences from her connections in the church youth group and Delanco camp experiences. For me, as her mom, sending her to Delanco is like sending her to an old friend for the week. I know she will be very well cared for, loved, and definitely well fed!! Sure, that first time drop off was tough – but when we came to visit that first week, we were greeted by the happiest kid on earth! I think I missed her way more than she missed me, she was too busy having all of the fun!

For Christy, going to camp is more than just getting out from under the watchful eyes of her parents, (although she must admit, that is fun!). Going to camp is a great way to meet new friends – Christian friends who are



(From left to right) Ashley, Peg, Christy and Tracy Schnyer in front of Lake Agape a few years ago

not afraid or embarrassed to show their faith. The counselors and counselors-in-training really connect with the kids; they are young enough to know how these campers feel, what they are going through just being a young Christian in the world we live in today.

Christy has a strong connection to her faith, stronger than I did when I was her age. She talks about wanting to be a counselor one day, mentoring the younger kids at Delanco. I have no doubt that she will be there – helping another in their walk.

Delanco Old School



Carlton Bodine Jr. referees an arm wrestling match between CJ Caufield and Darryl Duer in the dining hall.

photo courtesy of Tammy Carrell Staub

NEWS AND NOTES

-Have you signed up for the camp's e-mail list? If not, e-mail matt.ralph@delanco.org with your current e-mail and he will make sure you get all of the latest camp updates.

-Do you have pictures or videos of camp from this past summer or from past summers. We'd love to publish them on the Delanco Camp Blog - delanco.org/blog.

-Did you know you can make your tax deductible donations to camp through PayPal? Go to our Web site and click on the link to give a one-time donation or set up a monthly payment plan.

-Where are they now? We'd love to hear from Delanco alums who are active in ministry outside of southern New Jersey. If you know someone you can recommend, let us know.

You've seen the goofy picture



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Spring Retreat @ Delanco Camp
April 24-26, 2009

Jr. and Sr. High Campers Welcome (grades 7-12)

\$75 to pre-register, \$100 to walk on

Deans: Brandon Cobb, Doug Pettit and Bobby Tunstall
Evangelist: Josh Hallahan

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2009 Schedule

April 24- 26...Spring Retreat
May 22-24...Memorial Day Weekend
June 28- July 4...Camp Meeting
July 5- 11...Teen Camp I
July 12-18...Junior Camp
July 19-25...Junior High I
July 26-August 1...Junior High II
August 2- 8...Teen Camp II
August 9-15...Junior High III
August 16-22...Middler Camp
October 9-11...Youth Fall Retreat