

FALL 2020



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Camp Renovations

Amongst the craziness of this year's pandemic, we still managed to finish up some much needed renovations here around camp. One of those renovations included our beloved Rock Wall. Our Rock Wall is a very special part of both of our summer camps and retreat groups. It has been bringing challenge and joy to guests for around 20 years now. We are pleased to say the campers this summer loved our new Rock Wall; from the new, brightly colored paint to the all new foot and hand routes.

We have very many entities to thank for the success of this renovation. These wonderful people and businesses include; **Abilene City Lumber, Becky Brewer, Bobcat of Abilene, Home Depot, BMC of Abilene, Higginbotham Brothers of Sweetwater, Abilene Paint Center,** and **Josh Neuberger.**

We'd like to thank all of these generous businesses and people for their donation of supplies and equipment which made it possible for renovations on our rock wall to even occur. We could not have made this possible without these wonderful people who chose



to give so generously during our time of need.

Another renovation we tackled this past year includes our newly renovated slip 'n slide. Thanks to **Wylie UMC Youth** and our wonderful maintenance staff, we got our well-known water slide finished before the end of summer.

Renovations would not have been possible without the donations and volunteer use of equipment from **Glenn Knowles, Graham Ranch,** and **Sweetwater Steel.** We cannot thank all of these generous organizations and people enough for helping to make our summer camps' dreams come true.

Despite this year of pandemic and setback, God's blessing has continually fallen over this camp. We are shown this over and over again by those who choose to donate and volunteer their time and other gifts in order to help maintain our mission here at Butman Methodist Camp. We could not do it without **YOU!**



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9th Annual Christmas in the Canyon

December 12, 2020
6:00 pm

Our 9th Annual Christmas in the Canyon fund-raising event will be held December 12th at 6pm. We will be hosting the event in our dining hall to accommodate all of our friends and family. Our silent auction will have many terrific items, including restaurant gift cards, event tickets, and home decor.

This year, the proceeds will be put towards COVID relief, due to our camp only having a partial summer and retreat season.

Tables are \$500 and seat 8 people (or \$62.50 per seat). If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please email jeff@butmancamp.org, or call 325-846-4212. ✖



STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Eyan Huffaker



Eyan is a husband and soon-to-be father who blessed us with his arrival to camp in September of 2019. In his younger years, Eyan attended Lueders-Avoca ISD, later graduating from Eula ISD. Previously, he worked a few different skilled-trade jobs throughout the big country, which has helped him in assisting our camp with many various maintenance needs. Eyan was first introduced to

Camp Butman at the age of 10 when his grandfather brought him to our annual NWTX elementary camp. Many years later, he would then come to meet his now-wife, Melanie, who brought him home to meet her parents who (to his surprise)

lived at Camp Butman, reintroducing him to camp once again. Eyan's past experience, skill set, strong work ethic, and heart for others and the ministry God has called him into makes us honored to have him as our new full-time Maintenance Foreman. Eyan and Melanie have been a huge blessing and an answered prayer to the camp. We look forward to working and communing alongside the Huffaker family and blessing them as they work to continually bless this camp. ✖

CAMP DATES

SUMMER

2021

Next year's camp dates are set — mark your calendars.

- June 7-9** Young Elementary, 3rd-4th
- June 14-18** GRACE Camp, 4th-6th, max age 13
(for children with incarcerated loved ones)
- June 28- July 2** New Dawn II, ages 18+
(for intellectually challenged adults)
- July 12-16** Elementary One-Way Advanced, 4th-6th
- July 26-30** Sr. Hi One-Way Advanced, 9th-12th
- August 3-7** Mid Hi One-Way Advanced, 6th-8th

16TH ANNUAL

Ladies Retreat

FEBRUARY 19-21, 2021 • DETAILS TBD

FIRST Annual Winter Youth Retreat!

December 29-31, 2020

Over the years, Camp Butman staff and volunteers have heard many campers discuss how much they wish camp came more than just once a year. Therefore, THIS WINTER we decided to help with just that. Our winter youth retreat will take place at the end of December to help youth kids from all around refresh and rejuvenate their mindsets back to Christ. If we could help through their busy school year. The grade range for this retreat will include is 6th grade-12th grade. Our goal is to re-center youths' hearts and minds while allowing them to take a break from school and have some fun!

We hope you and your youth will join us on these dates (December 29-31) in experiencing Christ once again and having a blast! If you have more questions on this retreat or you would like to be a retreat volunteer, you may check out details & register on our website at: www.butmancamp.org under our "Camps & Programs" tab. Or give us a call at: 325-846-4212.

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Be a Friend and Supporter of Butman Camp

As you may know, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused many local businesses and organizations to struggle financially. This past year, this pandemic has caused us to have a \$218,000 shortfall in income. Along with this, the cost of living is getting higher. It has been making it harder to keep up with the high cost of hosting quality ministry events. Every year it seems that we are losing ground on renovations because rates are lower than our expenses. In an effort to avoid having to raise rates astronomically, I am asking our friends to consider being a monthly sponsor. With monthly sponsors, it would make it possible to keep up with the expenses of maintaining our older buildings.

Would you please pray about becoming a monthly sponsor? Every dollar counts, no gifts are too small. The more monthly sponsors we have, the lower the gifts have to be. All gifts are welcome and greatly appreciated. Please pray and let the Holy Spirit guide your level of giving.

We want to thank those of you who already give monthly, you are amazingly generous. You are responsible for 40 campers giving their lives to Jesus, for 56 campers rededicating their lives to Jesus and for 36 campers hearing the call to ministry this summer! Thank you again for being a part of this ministry!

To become a monthly sponsor, please go to www.butmancamp.org, click on the **Donate Now** button, set up an account, and it is that easy. You can also mail a check each month. Camp changes people's lives. Please consider helping us "Work with Jesus to change the world, one heart at a time"?

You can make a difference in a child's life!

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