

Wow! Fall season is just around the corner! As we all are getting ready for winter, I would like to bring you up to date on what took place at the Lahti Retreat Center (LRC) this past spring and summer.

We had definite goals to meet entering into the spring of 2014. Our focus was not to start new projects but to maintain and improve what God has blessed us with. Here is a recap of our goals listed in the June 2014 newsletter.

1. Replace roofing on four outbuildings/repair roofing on many others
2. Stain six buildings and touch up paint on 13 outbuildings
3. Improve exterior lighting
4. Install guardrail system on cliff edge
5. Build an Obstacle Course
6. Improve camp sites and add additional ones
7. Clean up buildings and grounds

As you can see our goals were set "high" but also as you know finances often dictate what actually can get done. We also strived to get the LRC budget in balance and start building a foundation for LRC to stand on its own financially.

With those provisions in mind, below is a summary of what we did accomplish.

1. Roof replaced on farm house porch
2. Touched up paint on some buildings. Repainted the kitchen, living room and dining room in farm house
3. Two yard lights added to the grounds for safety
4. A rope fence was added from Camp Jacob to the Chapel's shore line for safety
5. Added water hookups to five camp sites and power to one more
6. Significantly cleaned entire barn and added a large amount of commercial shelving and lighting
7. Cleaned the grounds and removed hazards
8. Painted Octaball game
9. Purchased and installed nine baskets for a Disc Golf course
10. Improved playing fields
11. Improved storage spaces

I am thankful how much we accomplished this year! I am also so thankful for all the hands and hearts that have made all these improvements happen. I want to thank all of you that have either helped by giving of your time or giving monetarily! LRC is blessed by you!!

This summer was a very busy season at LRC. Many renters, campers and guests totaling approximately 800 or more enjoyed a *special* time at LRC. People need this *special* time in our fast paced world...to build relationships, strengthen families and grow in Christ. So I pray we all find it in our hearts to continue to support the efforts of LRC and that God may be glorified in all LRC stands for! Once again thank you and thanks be to God!

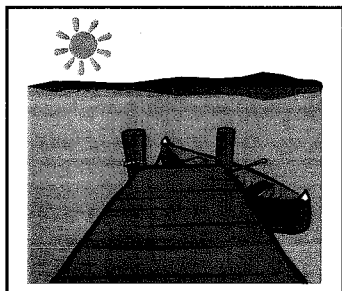
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**As we look forward to the summer of 2015, possibly you could help with our needs/wants list or with our upcoming summer projects.**

**Needs & Requests**

Room-size rugs w/ bound edges  
Lawn games  
Kayaks  
New swings (5-6)  
Yard pickup truck  
Paint brushes, rollers, pans  
Rope  
Toilet seats (10)  
Golf cart/four wheeler  
Solar Lights  
Cleaning products (Windex, Clorox wipes, all purpose cleaning spray)  
Monthly contributors  
Prayers

**Summer Projects**

Finish dorms; insulation  
Make outdoor games  
Building hard-surface walkways between dorms & bathhouse  
Building large sign over entrance  
Design new entrance gate system  
Re-clear trees on trail  
Lay trail markers  
Cut & split firewood  
Clean grease traps, windows, outhouses, etc.  
Organize crafts and supplies  
Landscaping & mowing  
General cleaning