

News from the 'Nook

Marannook

“The Lord’s Resting Place”

Christmas 2016

We are in the midst of one of the most exciting, joyous seasons of the year! A season where we give thanks to God for all the gifts He has so lavishly given to us, and a season where we celebrate His greatest gift of all, namely His son Jesus Christ. To follow this theme of joy and excitement, We’d like to tell you about what has been happening at Marannook over the past few months.



COUNSELORS & CAMPERS

Over the last few months, there has been a tremendous response and interest in our training program from college students. We are so encouraged that these students see the value in spending a summer studying God’s Word and sharing the Gospel of Jesus with children. We’ve received several applications from potential counselors, and a few have already been interviewed and committed to come! We’ve also experienced a surge in camper registration for next summer that is far outpacing the numbers we’ve seen over the last five years. Jesus said, “Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” We praise God for the opportunity to bring these little ones to Him!

SUPPORT

Many of you are aware that we are in the middle of a capital projects campaign, trying to raise almost \$300,000. Praise be to God, a friend of Marannook has committed to donate \$100,000 provided we raise the remaining \$200,000! We are also seeking to develop our base of monthly supporters who make the operations and ministry of Marannook possible. Camper fees cover the cost of campers, but we partner with churches, families, and individuals who recognize the merit of discipling and training college students to study God’s Word. We are confident that He who “owns the cattle on a thousand hills” is able to provide all we stand in need of, both for this capital campaign and for the general support needed for this ministry. We know God uses the prayers, time, talents, and resources of His people for the advancement of His Kingdom, and so we praise Him as we thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We ask that you continue to keep this ministry in your prayers, asking God to continue to bless and equip us for His work in all of these areas.



RETREATS

This fall, we hosted three retreats for local churches and college ministries. Each of these were opportunities to be a blessing and encouragement to others and to partner with them for the advancement of the Gospel. Also, in September we had our first Family Camp in several years. It was our pleasure to host these eight families. We were able to bring them together in a fun, outdoor environment, encourage and edify them with the Good News of Jesus, and give them practical ways to pursue Jesus as a family!



We rejoice and celebrate that God is moving in these tangible ways and is truly blessing us by allowing us to be a small part of His Kingdom work. We are delighted to report this momentum to you, our faithful supporters, but we must always remember to worship God Himself, and not His gifts. Let us remember these words: “...Though the flock should be cut off from the fold, And there be no cattle in the stalls, Yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.” True joy and lasting happiness comes not from our circumstances, but from the Gospel of Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate this season. Let us rejoice in and be excited about our great Creator and Redeemer! May we “fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” We at Marannook wish you a very Merry Christmas! May God bless you and your family!

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Jimmie Padgett by Dr. and Mrs. Trey Wages

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Summer Camp 2017



Overnight Camps 2017	
7th-9th Overnight Camp	June 4-9
1st-4th Overnight Camp	June 25-30
1st-4th Overnight Camp	July 2-7
5th-7th Overnight Camp	July 16-21
5th-7th Overnight Camp	July 23-28
Day Camps 2017	
1st-4th Day Camp	June 26-30
1st-4th Day Camp	July 3-7
1st-4th Day Camp	July 17-21
1st-4th Day Camp	July 24-28

Dates	Regular
June 4-9	\$750
June 25-30	\$750
July 2-7	\$750
July 16-21	\$750
July 23-28	\$750
A \$100 deposit holds your spot. The remaining balance can be paid in installments of your choice as long as the balance is paid in full by the first day of camp!	
June 26-30	\$395
July 3-7	\$395
July 17-21	\$395
July 24-28	\$395
How We Operate	
Marannook maintains a debt-free policy. While camper fees cover the cost of the camper, contributions support the Bible training program for counselors, as well as improvements to equipment and facilities. Marannook is an IRS approved non-profit organization and is governed by a Board of Trustees. Your contribution is an allowable income tax deduction. Please make your checks payable to Marannook.	

Visit marannook.org/registration to register.

Lunch is included for Day Campers!

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