

“Providing Labor of Love for Christ-Centered Ministries”



SWAT Team Does PR at Missions Fest

By Steve Blakeman

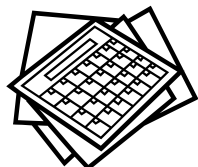
In February the SWAT Team leadership attended the Holland United Methodist Missions Fest in Raleigh. We felt this would be an opportunity to let others know about the SWAT Team. We are always interested in getting the word out about SWAT. We made several new contacts during the weekend and enjoyed talking with folks who showed interest in this ministry. We talked to the leaders of the Holland United Methodist Missions Program about partnering with their church for future events. That weekend helped us generate a new idea: that of partnering with local churches who want to coordinate “local” work & witness events. We’re discovering that some churches have a passion to reach out to their community but they lack the experience or expertise in coordinating such an

event. The SWAT Team has been doing this for nine years and is ready to provide assistance with local churches in coordinating such events.

We are currently in the process of partnering with two local churches in coordinating and participating in week-long Missions trip this summer. Five SWAT Team Members are scheduled to join the North Raleigh Nazarene Youth Group on a trip to Taconic Retreat and Conference Center June 28 – July 4. Then for the week of July 26-31 several other SWAT Team Members will join the Stony Hill Baptist Church (Wake Forest, NC) on a trip to North Point Baptist Church in Baltimore, MD.

Upcoming Events

- July 26-31: North Point Baptist Church, Baltimore, MD
- September 4-6: D. Moody Gunter Camp & Retreat Center, Batesburg, SC
- October: To be announced
- November: To be announced



New Skills Bring Joy at Victory Mountain



By Dylan Tafel (age 13)

During my trip with SWAT and the teens from North Raleigh Church of the Nazarene, there were jobs I never knew were jobs. Such as chinking and log stacking. Some other jobs were building log cabins, burning wood, installing electricity into a tree house and installing 2 new flagpoles into 2 foot concrete holes.

There were many jobs that I did, all of which will sooner or later teach me a lesson in life. Working SWAT has been a real blessing. Everyone has a good attitude. I enjoy working with everyone and learning new skills and I look forward to the next SWAT trip.

This was my 2nd time going to Victory Mountain Camp. Serving the camp with Mr. Dennis Larue has been educational as far as working with tools and fun. Last year we did a lot of painting and worked on the Mr. Henry's home and this year we worked on cabins for pastors who are on retreat. Next year, I'm sure will be even better. I'm really looking forward to next years SWAT trip to Victory Mountain Camp."

Liquid Sunshine, Fun and Stuffed!

By Doug Woodcock

It has been a while since I have been able to go on a SWAT event. With some free time available it looked like the right time to get with it and go. First one of the year, Hickory Cove Camp sounds like a good one to jump back in and get my feet wet, as it ended up, literally!

“Bring up a child in the way they should go, and when they are old they won't depart from it.”

This is the verse that ran through my head as we drove onto the grounds of “Hickory Cove”. Beautiful surroundings and an atmosphere of renewal, it must be the “God” thing at work. As everyone made us feel welcome I looked back at all the boys and girls camps that I attended, way back when I was young, and even as I got older and wasn't always in the right spot with God, what I learned stayed with me and I am walking with Him.

Working outside in the rain (liquid sunshine) on the trails and equipment, painting or on golf carts, I got blessed more than any help that I gave them. It was a time of feeling the closeness of God. Guess you could say that I got stuffed by the cooks and by God. Thank You, Hickory Cove and SWAT, for allowing me to help in a small way.



About S.W.A.T

The S.W.A.T. Team is an all volunteer inter-denominational ministry, and a non-profit 501-C-3 corporation.

Service opportunities include construction, remodeling, landscaping, evangelism, teaching, and administration.

When participating in events, transportation and personal insurance must be provided by individual Team members.

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