

## Burnamwood Report

It has been a great summer at Burnamwood. A big thanks is in order to all of the volunteers, medical personnel, chaplains, event directors, etc. for giving their time and gifts into putting together meaningful weeks for the youth. The staff has performed exceptionally and have done everything that has been asked of them and more. Without their constant hard work, energy and enthusiasm, none of this would possible.

One very bright spot from this summer is that attendance has increased. Last year we finished with 122 youth coming to camp. This summer we will end having over 140. For Burnamwood to thrive, we will need this number to continue to grow each year.

We were recently visited by the health inspector and I can report that he is extremely pleased with the shape camp is currently in. The repainting of the swimming pool, along with updates and remodels to several of our facilities impressed the health inspector. We passed all inspections with flying colors.

By the end of the summer we will have had one 3 churches participate in our BAM program which is one more group than we did last year. We are moving in the right direction with BAM but I would like to see seven to eight groups per summer, something we had when we first started the program eight years ago.

The Burnamwood Commission has decided that they will strongly consider selective logging again. I am meeting with a company next week and walking the property to discuss what that would entail, what kind of return we will get by allowing that to happen, the environmental impact, and many more relevant matters. I wanted to use this as a last resort but, at seeing that we desperately need an influx of money currently, it appears it is one of our only options. I will report all of my findings at the next CC meeting.

We are in the process of applying for grants both through the state, through national organizations, and through the Presbytery. Hopefully these will help alleviate some of our funding issues.

With the help of members from MSPC and other interested parties, we are still looking seriously into what it would look like for Burnamwood to become a 501©3 per the request by the CC. We hope to be able to present a detailed look at that in the near future.

Our Burnamwood Continued Giving Campaign is ongoing. I urge each of you to sign up or to tell others to sign up. We will be making a big push for people to sign up at Burnamwood's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party in November. We will be releasing all the details in August but would love for as many of you to come as possible.