

Introducing our staff...



Justin and Julia Kurtz

Have you ever had a desire or dream deep in your heart; one that seems like it's only a matter of time until you reach it and yet always feels just out of your grasp? We know what that's like. But finally, God brought us to the point where we have taken hold of our dream.

For us Bethel Camp holds many of our best memories. Whether it's been time spent in worship or rekindling old friendships, Bethel Camp has always been close to our hearts.

And why wouldn't it? This is where we first met, where we had intimate encounters with God and where we spent many summers as both campers and staff. And in a way that is hard to explain, it has always felt like one day we would come back here to camp to serve in a more permanent role. Gladly we can say that day has come.

On January 3 we made our move to eastern KY. While it was strange and somewhat sad leaving our home in Asheville, NC it almost felt like moving back home, here to camp. We've moved into the cottage just below Buckhorn Creek Church. It's a good little house (a little larger than our last) and we have enjoyed making it our home. There is still one room to complete, however. The guest room will be turned into a nursery as we look forward to welcoming our first child. Our baby boy is due August 1st.

We're so excited to be here working with Roger and Ruthie, Mark and Mary Driskill, and Darren and Kendra Fisher. Each couple and individual brings different strengths and skills to the team. We believe God is going to do great things through this group of servants.

We are also so thankful for those who have supported us and made this opportunity possible. But we are most thankful for God and His perfect timing in all of this. There were times when we felt like giving up; times that felt like the day would never come when we could work at camp full time. But everything has come together in God and our dream is now a reality.

And so, we would like to encourage you in your dreaming. Don't be afraid to ask God for great things, even if they don't seem possible at the moment. Just know that everything will happen in His timing. And if what you're dreaming of isn't in His plan for you, know that what He does have planned is so much greater than what you could ever dream. Sometimes it takes letting go of the things we want in order for God to show and lead us to the things we need.

- Justin Kurtz

Darren and Kendra Fisher

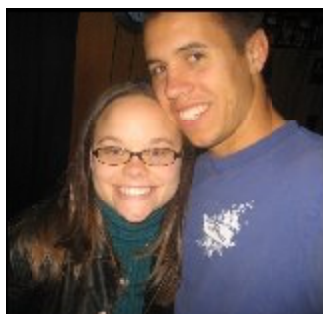
Bethel Camp has always held a very dear place in my heart. I started attending day camp as soon as I was old enough and came back every year until I graduated high school. When I was old enough I was very excited for the opportunity to volunteer as staff for the whole summer. Little did I know that in 2004 I would meet Darren Fisher, a farm boy from Logan, Ohio. He too had attended camp for many years and was excited about being on staff.

Darren moved into the cottage in 2006 to work on maintenance and lawn care. We were married in 2007 and moved into a trailer about 9 miles from the camp. This past summer Ruthie and I dreamed about how great it would be if I could be the secretary at the camp. I was more than thrilled when Roger called me and asked me to work in the office. I love doing all the secretary stuff for the camp but I'm also really excited to help with summer camp planning.

Darren helps out with the various maintenance projects around the camp. This past fall he replaced window panes, weed-eated, and helped do some remodeling on the cottage.

We are excited to see what God has in store for the camp and we are thankful that we get to be apart of it.

-Kendra Fisher



Notice
the date
changes

summer 2009 Camp Schedule

Special Needs
June 8 - 12

Youth Camp 1
(9th-12th grades)
June 15 - 20

Jr. 2 Camp in June
(6th-8th grades)
June 22 - 27

Day Camp
(1st-3rd grades)
June 29 - July 3

Jr. 1 Camp Session A
(4th-6th grades)
July 6 - 10

Jr. 2 Camp in July
(6th-8th grades)
July 13 - 18

Jr. 1 Camp Session B
(4th-6th grade)
July 20-24

Youth Camp 2
(9th-12th grades)
July 27-August 1

NOTE campers attend camps which correspond to the grade they have completed by the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

Find out when your friends are coming and sign up for that week soon. Or... come a different week and force yourself to make new friends