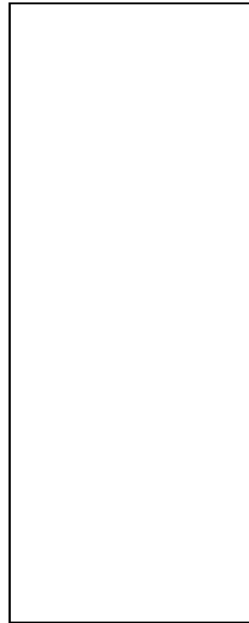


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OUR POOR, SICK PORCH

Last year the Board of Directors were faced with the challenge of making our lodge porch safe for the camping season. Many years of enduring harsh Maine winters, freezing and thawing, ice and snow effects, caused the under-structure and the roof to need major repair. While we were able to put temporary repairs in place for our summer camping season, it was evident that a major repair was needed. In November the last Newsletter contained a plea for funds that would allow us to get this work planned and completed before our 2009 season. A couple of months later a mail-out was sent out accompanied by advertising in brother-hood publications. The response has been wonderful. At the end of this article the financial response to date will be listed. Part of our response included words from folks who were asked to share with us some of their porch memories. Here are a sampling of those responses (without names).

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Some of our memories include:

- Singing with the campers, watching the young men in each cabin lead the morning devotionals and seeing my own children among the others. I had been one of these campers years before.
- Hearing the bell ring, lining up for supper and meeting old friends.
- Just knowing that my daughter and two granddaughters lived and loved, taught and learned on that wonderful porch; making friends and sharing memories.
- I still have tar on a pair of work overalls from repairs done 5 years ago on a hot Work and Worship Week day. I especially remember the devotionals from Family Camp back in the '60s.
- During one Work and Worship Week, my wife spent the week painting the red railing. I hope that we keep it red !
- Hanging out with the other counselors on the porch on our night out and special conversations. Split chapel with the girls and girls canteen time on the porch.
- Charles Chandler writes from Texas; "Enclosed is a modest check for the porch fund. Wish we could pay for the entire project. Living on Social Security, with Sue in an Alzheimer's nursing home, makes our funds limited. We enjoyed many years working at camp. Sue was head-cook for several summers. I was purchasing agent and served on the board for many years. Great memories. God bless, Charles and Sue
- Charles also wrote on behalf of their daughter, Lynda Chandler McMillan, who has been confined to a nursing home for 12 years now; "Lynda was a camper for all of her junior and senior high school years as well as working in the kitchen and laundry. She has very limited Social Security income, most of it going toward her upkeep. She loves Gander Brook and is sending \$200 to help towards the porch."
- I saw in the Christian Chronicle where you need help on the porch. Sorry I am a little late but I am retired and had to wait (for the money). I helped build the Michigan Christian Youth Camp in the 60's and 70's and it is now very active. Love and care, (signed)

With a combination of volunteer labor and hired contractors, the work will commence this year. The porch is currently safe, functional and will be usable during our camping season. Thanks to all who have donated during our time of abnormal need. Please remember that our normal expenses continue to occur and that we do rely on you to provide support as our camper fees are significantly below our costs per camper.

WE CONTINUE TO NEED YOUR HELP AS WE GO FORWARD ON THIS RESTORATION. SOME HAVE BEEN MOST GENEROUS, OTHERS COULD FIND A WAY TO HELP KEEP OUR CAMP SAFE AND FUNCTIONAL.

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LATE BREAKING NEWS !!

The 1st Annual **LABOR DAY WEEKEND CHRISTIAN ENCAMPMENT** will be held at Gander Brook from September 4—7. Charlie Harrison of Brunswick, ME will be overseeing the registration. It will be a fun weekend for individuals and families. There will be more information coming soon to your local congregation.

A HISTORY LESSON
From research done by Lloyd Cain

The Wilson Hotel, which was built about 1890, was built on the location of our existing lodge building. Water from the spring was thought to have some special powers and was piped the upper hotel rooms. The hotel was destroyed by fire about 5 years after it was built. (allegedly, under



suspicious circumstances.) In 1929 the Noraco Inn was built as a sportsmen’s retreat and had a dining room in the lodge. During our 2006 Jubilee Week, Miss Edwards, who lives a short distance down North Raymond Rd, visited the camp and told of working in the dining room at the lodge. She and her sister would walk up the road to work. The dormitory and cabins along the entrance road were also built at this time for overnight guests and staff. After Gander Brook purchased the property in 1955, the dormitory was used for girls housing during the early years of camp.

The Wilson Hotel and Spring Company also bottled water and sold it, much like the Poland Spring Company does today. The picture below shows the original spring house (on the right) and the bottling plant (left). The cupola windows and the edging of the lower windows had colored glass in them. The current spring house, with our large pump and holding tanks was build on this foundation.



The bottling plant was used in the early years as the Boys Dormitory. The remains of the foundation of the bottling plant are still evident in the area.



Clyde working at his lathe during our Jubilee Week in 2006

A TRIBUTE TO A LONG-TIME GANDER BROOK FRIEND

CLYDE DAGGETT

Gander Brook's long-time friend, Clyde Daggett, of Auburn, NH, passed away on February 9, 2009, after a lengthy battle with Amyloidosis of the primary AL type. He was born in Lubec, Maine on April 26, 1936 attending schools in Maine, and graduating from David Lipscomb College with a BA in Biology. Clyde and his wife Lucy were members of the Manchester, NH., church, serving as an elder there for 10 years. His service to Gander Brook was exceptional, a Board member for over 40 years and recently overseeing the many acres of our woodland. His work in that area, selecting trees for harvest and finding local tree-cutters, resulted in significant funds being raised for camp. Clyde was also very active in mission work encouraging adults and teens to accompany him on medical missions to Guyana and Cambodia. His service to God and His Kingdom in New England was significant and we at Gander Brook were blessed to have known and benefitted from his service. Clyde has left a legacy in a family of servants who continue to volunteer in many ways at Gander Brook. A true servant of God has gone to be with the Master.

GANDER BROOK CAMP SCHEDULE FOR 2009

Leominster, MA. Church family	May 22—25
Melrose, MA. Church family	June 5—7
Greater Portland, ME. Church family	June 19—21
Early Work & Worship Week	June 26—28
Work & Worship Week	June 29—July 3
1st Week of Camp	July 4—11
2nd Week of Camp	July 11—18
3rd Week of Camp	July 18—25
4th Week of Camp	July 25—August 1
Senior Canoe Trip	July 29—31
5th Week of Camp (Seniors)	August 1—8
6th Week of Camp (Seniors)	August 8—15
Biddeford, ME. Church family	August 21—23
Manchester, NH Church family	August 28—30
Labor Day Weekend Christian Encampment	September 4—7
Manchester, NH. Teen Week-end	September 11—13
Ladies Retreat	September 17—19
Mens' Retreat	September 24—26
3rd Annual Fall Picnic	October 3
Fall Board Mtg, Kittery, NH.	October 17

Special Camping contacts:

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* Camp registration:	Zane Daggett	zdaggett@comcast.net
* Retreats:	John Morrish	morrishdad@aol.com
* Work & Worship Week:	Bill Jencyk	bjencyk@verizon.net

The Director's corner;

WHY THIS SUMMER IS A GREAT ONE TO SEND YOUR KIDS TO GANDER BROOK

1. If they cannot work, let them have fun while learning about God and the Christian life. Teen summertime employment is at a 60 year low and only about one third of teens 16 to 19 years old will be able to land a job this summer. Rather than have them sit at home and be idle, why not give them an extra week or two at Gander Brook that will make an eternal difference in their lives.

2. They will live with and have continual contact with a well-trained staff of full-time counselors who are some of the most mature Christian people in the country. Three board members and the director work together to recruit 17 students from our Christian colleges. Gander Brook counselors go through a careful application, screening and selection process. Four references are consulted and the candidates are ranked, then the best of the applicants are chosen. Before the season begins, these counselors go through one week of intensive training to bond as a team, to understand the Gander Brook mission and to learn how to joyfully and effectively lead a cabin group of up to ten campers. Ask our campers, Gander Brook counselors are the best !

3. "Roughing it" is good for your children. Imagine a week in which cell phones, ipods, video games and TV are replaced with sunshine, challenge games, swimming in the lake, sleeping bags, electricity-less cabins, work details, Bible classes, cabin devotionals and creative group activities. Gander Brook brings our children back to the simplicity of nature. Our campers enjoy over 200 acres of pine and hard wood trees, wild flowers, birds, fields and a beautiful waterfront. Without the world's many distractions, God has more opportunity to influence our children.

4. Gander Brook is worth the cost. Compare camps and you will find that Gander Brook has more programs and cost less money than just about any other camp in the region. We offer archery, paintball, low and high ropes courses, canoeing , a batting cage and marksmanship, as well as soccer, basketball, softball and volleyball. Camper fees are supplemented by the generous donations those who understand and support the Gander Brook mission. These contributions enable Gander Brook to offer excellent an facility and program at an affordable price.

By the blessing of God, Gander Brook Christian Camp has been building the faith and developing the character of young people for over fifty years. Without a doubt, allowing your children to attend Gander Brook this summer will be one of the greatest lifetime gifts you can give them.

See you this summer,

Shawn

OUR SUMMER CAMP STAFF

Directors: Shawn and Donna Daggett Searcy, AR
Ass't Directors: James and Becky Clark Marietta, OH

Female counselors:

- Mendy Cooper Freed-Hardeman University
- Marisa Janes Freed-Hardeman University
- Laura Newberry Freed-Hardeman University
- Bryanna McGrath David Lipscomb University
- Rebecca Daggett Harding University
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- Laurel Jencyk Harding University
- Kayla Maynard Harding University
- Heather Walker Harding University

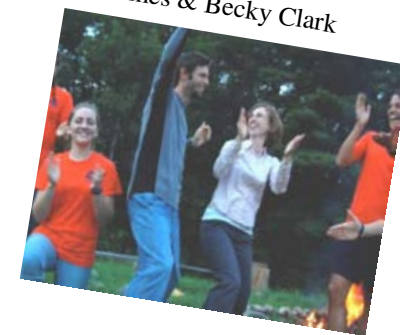
Male counselors:

- Aaron Minniear Lubbock Christian University
- Steven Bell Oklahoma Christian University
- David Baird Harding University
- David Bell Harding University
- Adam Brock Harding University
- Hayden Dorsett Harding University
- Pierre Martin Harding University
- Micah Walden Harding University

Shawn & Donna Daggett



James & Becky Clark



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WHERE ARE WE FINANCIALLY ??

At the time of this writing a total of **\$15,317** has been received that was donated specifically for the porch restoration. An additional **\$2,795** has been contributed toward our general fund, the on-going operational expenses for the camp. We thank each and every one who has sent funds to help us in our need. Please remember, each of us has a major stake in Gander Brook Christian Camp. Back in the 1950's a small group of folks had the foresight to start our camp. We have a responsibility to continue on, ensuring that our kids and grand-kids have a safe and spiritually up-lifting place to spend time with Christian family and friends. Please accept our thanks, again, and please encourage your church family and friends to give us a hand. It would be wonderful if all of the congregations in New England were able to include Gander Brook in their budget for the coming year.