

A NEW LOOK!

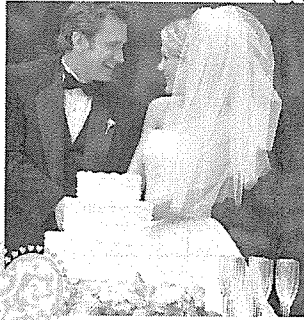
A number of things around camp have taken on a new look! We mentioned in a previous newsletter that the Swank Retreat building is now protected with vinyl siding (thanks to a few volunteers). The land behind the cabins is beginning to be shaped for the scheduled improvements, and if you have visited our website lately you may have noticed a more up-to-date layout featuring our most current information. You may have also noticed that our rate structure and contracts have been updated.

Camp Overlook works hard to provide our facilities to our supporting churches and community at a price that is affordable. We believe that setting aside time to focus on Christ in His beautiful creation is very important and want that to be financially attainable. We are also entrusted with being good stewards of the facilities, maintaining and repairing them for use, providing staff to clean them, and employing cooks who prepare meals for the guest groups who reserve them.

In addition to being a good bit simpler, the new rates and contracts will hopefully help us ensure that we are able to care for the camp while still providing facilities for less than one could hold a retreat at a hotel or other public facility. Larger groups who utilize much of the space at Blessings Lodge or Agape Hill will find that they can actually hold a retreat for less!

We have also added a safeguard for YOU, our supporting UM churches. The facility, especially Blessings Lodge, has become a popular site for retreats for groups from all denominations. Camp Overlook will only confirm a reservation for non-UM churches six months in advance. We hope this leaves plenty of space and advance time for YOU to book an event and utilize YOUR beautiful camp!

Celebrate Your Marriage



Celebrate Your Marriage (February 15-17, 2008) is a weekend retreat for couples of all ages who are looking for opportunities to enrich their relationship in the context of Christian faith and action. Trained leaders will guide you through a series of exercises, activities, and worship experiences which will help you grow in love and commitment to God and one another.

The event will provide the opportunity to:

**Openly express feelings of love, appreciation, and caring for your partner*

**Increase your communication skills*

**Develop awareness for the spiritual dimension in the your life together*

**Acknowledge and build upon your marital strengths*

**Affirm God's grace at work in your home*

**Witness to the power of God's love in your marriage*

The event will take place at Blessings Lodge with a registration fee of \$225.00 per couple. An informational brochure and registration material can be acquired by contacting the camp office at 540-269-2267 or OverlookUM@aol.com.

This would make a wonderful Christmas gift for your spouse or your minister and his or her spouse!

Thank You!

There are a host of things that would never happen at Camp Overlook were it not for generous, supporting individuals and groups.

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Edom UMC
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Otterbein UMC
Keezletown UMM
Sunset Drive UMM
Vision of Hope UMM
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Wish List

- * Volunteer team to polyurethane window trim on Agape Hill windows
- * Late model minivan to replace aging camp vehicle
- * Vinyl tiling/carpeting for Ritchie

*From the
Camp Overlook
Family to your
Family:
Merry
Christmas and
Happy New
Year!*