

JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP



RIVER IMPRESSIONS

A Record of the Passing of Time
WINTER / SPRING 2010

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2009 - 2010 Will Be a Winter to Remember

A three year old grandchild -- drawing pictures in a sketch book -- was recently overheard saying, "This white crayon doesn't work." She would probably agree however -- if only from her enthusiasm about creating snow angels -- that the white color from the sky does work. For persons who enjoy picturesque scenes highlighted in white, the Johns River Valley this year would not disappoint seekers of a winter paradise.

Photo (left) highlights one of the modern living units offering year 'round retreat lodging at Johns River Valley Camp. Consider planning a winter retreat at JRVC in January or February of 2011.

Water: So Close, and yet So Far Away

Water, and the commanding presence of the Johns River couples with tumbling branches stretching for the river destination. For more than 70 years, water freely flowing from the earth offered drinking water for inhabitants of the "caretaker house" at the camp entrance. With water supply at times dwindled to drops, the camp Board chose to drill, including the project as a portion of the Annual Sustaining Fund appeal. In January, with water tumbling over a backdrop of rocks, drilling created a 400' hole before breaking through a crevice to release water at just under a single gallon/minute. The well promises clean, safe, adequate, dependable water, enough for needs of residents in this camp owned house.

Photo (right) displays drilling on east side of river and road by camp entrance.



Spring Work Day Pools Labors of Love

Increased activity around lists of tasks, e-mails to crew leaders, and organizing of supplies indicates the rapidly approaching Spring Work Day at JRVC, scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2010. Breakfast (8:00 am) and lunch (12:30 pm) are provided (please RSVP). Negotiate with Curly Stumb -- in advance -- regarding work projects, and then arrive at camp with appropriate tools and labor to take on any of an assortment of tasks. Additional information can be found on the camp web site.

Photo (left) spotlights JRVC Board member Randall Parks (left) working with members of Hedrick's Grove UCC (Lexington) and Mt. Zion UCC (China Grove) in 2008 to upgrade electrical and water utilities for camper hook-ups.

Any Mothers Experiencing Cabin Fever?

Lisa Reece --Mothers' Retreat leader -- proposes to free participants from the confines of winter, the blues of Arctic weather, and the routines of daily life. Anticipate a warm breeze of fresh air pushing open the doors of one's existence, unlocking hidden potential imbedded by the Creator. No cooking, chores, kids; a time for renewal, relaxation and recreation; a time for personal meditation, study and worship; a time for fellowship, food and fun! Mark on calendars the weekend of April, 16-18, 2010. Download registration form from camp website, or call camp.

Photo (right) features women from First UCC in Salisbury at 2009 retreat.

