



BSBC NEWS

WINTER 2018



We are Breaking Ground!!!

It is with much joy and excitement that we invite you to join us for an entire day of celebration on May 5, 2018. Even as early as the 90's, Big Sky staff members and supporters have been praying about a facility that would expand the reach of Camp Promise (Big Sky's ministry to those with special needs). We have labeled the campaign, "A Promise Kept," because it is our desire to keep the promise we have made to provide a safe, accessible and Christ-centered environment for those with special needs. This facility will also allow us to expand traditional camp, day camp and our guest group ministry.



We have reached approximately 60% of our \$300,000 groundbreaking goal at this point and our hope is to reach that goal before May 5th. There is much we can begin doing with what we have even if this goal is not reached, which is why we have scheduled the groundbreaking. After several summers of a nearly maxed out facility, we feel there is a gentle urgency to begin construction. Below are the details of the day. Check out www.bigskybiblecamp.org to learn more!

BSBC Fun Run Details:

BSBC will be hosting its 2nd annual BSBC Fun Run on May 5th, 2018. The run was a great success last year, and we are expecting an even larger crowd this year. The 5k Run/Walk (cost \$20) will kick off at 9 AM with packet pick up at 8 AM. The kids (12 & under) 1 mile (FREE!) will begin at 10:30 AM with packet pick up at 10 AM. Registration is available online at www.bigskybiblecamp.org/events

Schedule of events for May 5, 2018:

Join us for all or part of an entire day of celebration as we combine our annual fundraiser, fun run and groundbreaking celebration!

5K Check in:	8:00 AM
5K Race:	9:00 AM
Kid's 1 mile:	10:30 AM
Fundraiser Lunch:	12:30 PM
Groundbreaking Celebration	2:30 PM
Activities and Games	3-4:30 PM

Groundbreaking:

This will simply be a time to dedicate the new facility to the Lord through a time of worship, prayer and fellowship. Please join us!

Donation details:

Would you consider the "A Promise Kept" campaign for your year end giving? If so, simply fill out the enclosed card and return to Big Sky Bible Camp.

What is the "A Promise Kept" campaign?

Ever since its beginning in 1990, the leaders of Camp Promise (Big Sky's special needs ministry) have dreamed of a modern, fully handicap accessible facility that could be used solely for Camp Promise each summer, allowing for a significant increase in the ministry. Currently, Camp Promise takes place for two weeks in between Big Sky's traditional camp, day camp and backpacking. This limits the number as well as the disabilities of attendees due to an antiquated facility. The "A Promise Kept" campaign consists of a new central dining hall (Big Sky's current dining hall was built in 1961) with seating for approximately 230, commercial kitchen, meeting room and lounge. It also includes 8 duplex units with accommodations for 8-12 in each unit. This facility will allow unlimited weeks of Camp Promise, an expansion of traditional camp in the current facility, as well as the ability to host larger guest groups or two groups simultaneously.

From the Director

Although we here at Big Sky are excited for the Christmas season and the celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ's birth, we are also thrilled about what the year 2018 will bring! I think it is fitting that, as we end the 70th anniversary of Big Sky's founding, we now look to the future and what God has in store for Big Sky through this new facility. My family and I enjoy reading missionary biographies of those great saints who went before us. One trait I find among many of those missionaries is that they moved forward with whatever the Lord had given them. If they were given \$1.50, then they bought that amount of



We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas from all of the Big Sky staff and our families!

Summer 2018 Registration will open January 1st, 2018

Below are some tips and tricks for online registration:

1. Remember that if you registered online in 2016 or 2017, you already have an online account in our registration system. Log in with your user name and password, and registration will be quick and easy this year! If you lost your user name or password, contact our office and we will reset it for you.
2. You can save 3% this year by paying online with an E-Check!
3. Information entered last year will be saved for this year, with the exception of some forms requiring updated information.
4. Be sure to check and update information for emergency contacts!
5. Some camps filled up in May last year, so be sure to register early!

Attention: Church youth leaders!!!

This fall, Big Sky hosted its first youth group retreat. Along with chapel times, students had the chance to do the ropes course, play games, go to our store and do many camp activities that they normally only get to do in the summer. It was a fantastic weekend of learning together! The Big Sky staff truly love the church and desire to help in any way possible. The youth group retreat provides a great option for youth groups to do a retreat for several reasons:

1. It provides opportunity for teens as well as youth pastors to spend time with and get to know other youth groups.
2. Big Sky staff does all the planning, speaking, cooking, etc. for the retreat, so youth pastors and leaders have time to hang out with their students and invest in them.
3. It gives Big Sky a chance to get to know youth pastors and for them to get to know the Big Sky staff, in order to better support the local church and most importantly, work together in sharing the gospel with students.

Big Sky hopes to offer this retreat again next fall. If you are a youth pastor/leader, parent of a high school student, high school student yourself, or just someone who thinks ministry to students is as important as we do, please contact us for some more information on this retreat. You can call our office at 406-837-4864 or e-mail Ryan at ryan@bigskybiblecamp.org.

Needed: Godly staff members!

When asked how their experience at Big Sky Bible Camp strengthened their Spiritual walk, one of our counselors responded by saying, "This job was far from easy, but looking back on it, my faith was tested and strengthened more than I've ever had before".

On January 1, Big Sky will begin accepting applications for summer 2018. We are in need of male/female counselors, assistant counselors, male/female LIT Leader's, male/female program assistants, 2 AV coordinators, cooks and nurses. Please be in prayer for us as we read through applications, call references and hire staff. Along with prayer, we need people like you, who care about camp to get the word out about our needs. Working at camp isn't a relaxing, or easy summer job but what the Lord can teach you throughout a summer at camp is very valuable. For more information on the positions we need to fill, check out Big Sky's website.

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bricks for a new orphanage or whatever their mission was. Well, we believe that God has already provided abundantly for this new facility, and we want to begin doing what we can with what we have. It is exciting, therefore, for all the Big Sky staff, who see how packed and overused the current facility is, to think about breaking ground for a brand new facility. Of course, it is against Big Sky's policy to take on debt for any purpose, so we will be doing what we can with what the Lord has already provided and we will trust in Him - that He will see this project through! It would mean a lot to all the Big Sky staff and myself if you could join us for the entire day or for just the groundbreaking (2:30 PM) on May 5th. This is a momentous day for Big Sky, and we would love for you to celebrate with us.

Big Sky's Winter Retreat Line up

Big Sky is gearing up for one our best winter retreat seasons ever! Winter retreat's include tubing, ice fishing, group games, Bible teaching times, great food, ropes course and more!

Jr. High Snow Camp

For: 6-8th Graders / Date: Jan. 5-7, 2018

Senior High Getaway

For: 9-12th Graders / Date: Feb. 9-11, 2018
(2017 L.I.T.'s attend free)

March Madness

For: 3-6th Graders / Date: March 23-25, 2018

All retreats begin at 7 PM on Friday and
end at 12 PM on Sunday.

Cost \$50/person. Register online at www.bigskybiblecamp.org

2018 Summer Schedule

Week	Traditional Camp	Cost	
		Before April 15	After April 15
June 17-22	High School (Grades 9-Grad)	\$215	\$230
July 8-13	1st Junior (Grades 3-6)	\$215	\$230
July 15-20	All Girls Jr. High (Grades 6-9)	\$215	\$230
July 22-27	2nd Junior (Grades 3-6)	\$215	\$230
July 29-Aug 3	Jr. High Coed (Grades 6-8)	\$215	\$230
August 5-10	Man week (Grades 5-8)	\$215	\$230
August 12-17	3rd Junior (Grades 3-6)	\$215	\$230
Week	Day Camp	Cost	
June 18-21	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM daily (Grades K-3)	\$125	
July 16-19	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM daily (Grades K-3)	\$125	
July 30-Aug 2	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM daily (Grades K-3)	\$125	
August 6-9	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM daily (Grades K-3)	\$125	
Week	Backpacking	Cost	
T.B.A.	Jr. Boys BP (Grades 5-7)	\$220	
T.B.A.	Trail Camp (Grades 10-college)	\$125	