

# CLARION

  
Covenant Cedars Bible Camp  
Fall Edition



## 65th Anniversary

### Celebration Weekend

Anniversaries are a time for remembering our roots, giving thanks for the cherished memories and celebrate what the future holds. Over 175 people came to remember, give thanks and celebrate the ministry of Covenant Cedars.

There were many meaningful events over the weekend! Friday night began with a time for guests to sit around the fire and share stories of their experiences building and enjoying the traditions of Covenant Cedars. During the day on Saturday there was a carnival, a banquet meal in the Activity Building, and a tailgate party for the Nebraska football game. Sunday there was a church service in the morning with worship and a message. The festivities concluded after the church service before lunch.

Big white and green tents sat at the front of camp and were visible as you drove through the gates. These two tents embodied the spirit of the weekend and were called the Future and Past tents. Inside the Future Tent were booths and displays that

told the story of what is to come at camp. Inside of the Past Tent, guests were treated to concessions, tables to sit and talk with each other and bulletin boards full of pictures to spark memories. Also, there was an impressive display of retro T-Shirts hung up inside the tent.

A beautiful atmosphere was created by the diversity of people that came for the Anniversary. Many new families came, as well as people who have been associated with camp for a very long time. There were new relationships forged and many old relationships were reignited.

Volunteers were the glue that held the weekend together. We had lots of volunteers to help keep the activities going and meals prepared. There

were many different eras of camp represented over the weekend that lent a helping hand or a cheerful memory of the place they love... Covenant Cedars Bible Camp!

*"It was a weekend of remembering for us. It's easy to forget as we age the incredible impact that CCBC had in our lives, being there made us realize how very much we value CCBC and how very much we want our own children to make warm memories there for many years to come."*

**-A quote from a participant**

# NEW Opportunities to Support CCBC



## MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE NEW STAFF HOUSING

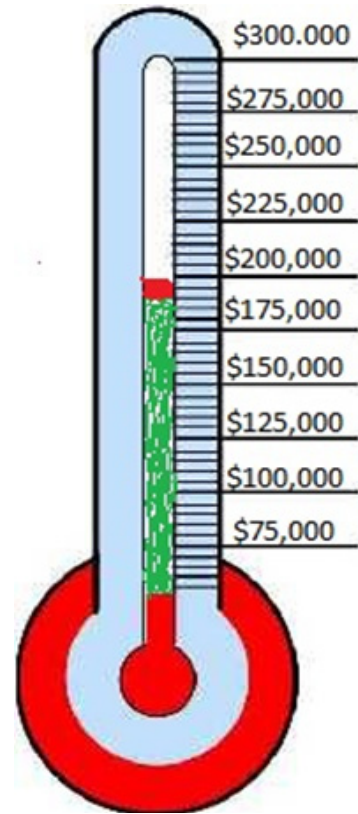
**DOUBLE YOUR GIVING!!!** Covenant Cedars has received a \$115,000 matching gift! So for every dollar that you give toward the new Summer Staff Housing/Discipleship Building, we receive double.

Don't miss this tremendous opportunity to help us reach the \$300,000 goal in order to begin construction on this desperately needed facility. This facility will allow us to hire additional Summer Staff to meet the growing ministry needs and will also allow us to begin an 8 month Discipleship Program for up to 30 students.

Our on-going building fund has \$70,000 available already. The needed \$230,000 has

generously been cut in half by a faithful supporter of Covenant Cedars with a matching gift. Some funds have also come in as a result of the matching gift.

WE MUST DO OUR PART and raise the \$115,000 in order to receive the matching funds! Won't you help us reach this goal and receive this amazing gift? Please consider a "YEAR END" gift so that we may begin construction in early Spring of 2015.



## Summer Staff Spotlight



Game Person  
Program Team

**Name:** RJ Bacani

**City of Residence:** Lincoln, NE

**Currently studying:** Advertising & Public Relations

**Currently working at:** UNL Children's Center

### What do you enjoy most about working at camp?

Every summer at Covenant Cedars, God blesses me with the opportunity to show His great love to others and be shown His mercy in return.

### What is a favorite memory of story about your time at camp?

Before I worked on summer staff, I actually attended Covenant Cedars as a camper. One of those nights before bed checks, our cabin ran over to the kitchen to grab some chocolate milk as our bedtime snack. However, when we returned, we found a couple of the year-round staff members waiting eagerly for us in our empty cabin. They confiscated our chocolate milk and proceeded to drink them in front of us. They also took some of our candy,

This is an interview article that features a Summer Staff employee. It is an example of how young people are impacting camp and how camp has impacted young people.

labeling them as "contraband." Little did I know, these two men – Daniel Robbins and Andy Perdew – would eventually be my bosses.

**Is there anything you have learned from working at Covenant Cedars?**

The most valuable lesson to take away from camp is flexibility. In fact, Dan Buhr loves to say, "Blessed are the flexible for they never get bent out of shape."

**Why would you continue your involvement with Covenant Cedars?**

It was as a young camper at Covenant Cedars that I decided to give my life to Christ. Ever since that point in time, Cedars has been a second home to me along with many others with similar stories such as my own. When I gave my life to Christ, I knew that God used this place to bring me home and I want to be a part of God's working in the lives of many other people that come through here and far beyond its reaches.



## Summer Staff 2015 Applications

Applications are now open for the 2015 Summer Staff.

If you are interested in being a part of the camp ministry next summer, please go online to [www.cedars.org](http://www.cedars.org) under the get involved tab, click on employment applications. Fill out one of the volunteer, new summer staff or returning summer staff application and then submit.

If there is a college age young person in your life that you would like to recommend to work at camp please email Gabe Haynes at [gabe@cedars.org](mailto:gabe@cedars.org).



# VOLUNTEER COUNSELORS **NEEDED!!!!**

Ask anyone who has ever been a camper at Covenant Cedars Bible Camp and see what they remember. Typically you will find that they easily remember who their counselors were for the week no matter how long ago it was. God uses the counselors for Summer Youth Camps in very special ways to build relationships and preach the gospel through love.

Either you or someone you know would make a GREAT Summer Youth Camp Counselor. Don't wait, get involved, and see what God will do!

Anyone who wants to be a Volunteer Counselor at CCBC needs to go through the process that follows.

## STEP ONE: Prayer

Start the application process by praying for what God has for you this summer. Please involve your parents in this process. Pray for God's will for Covenant Cedars and for the volunteer team that will be assembled for the summer.

## STEP TWO: Complete and Return Application

Fill out the application online at [www.cedars.org](http://www.cedars.org) under the Get Involved tab. Your application must be received by Cedars no later than February 1st, 2015. Please fill out the application completely and thoroughly. You must at this time provide information for your references.

## STEP THREE: Interview

A member of the Covenant Cedars staff will be emailing you to set up an interview. These interviews will be done a series of questions by email. It is very important that you put your email address and phone number on your application.

## STEP FOUR: Selecting

Covenant Cedars will be in contact with you to: extend an offer for you to be a volunteer, or to decline your application. This will be done by email. It is our hope to have all of our volunteer staff selected by March 1st, 2015.

## STEP FIVE: Training

You will be required to attend the counselor training retreat at Covenant Cedars Bible Camp on March 20-21, 2015.



## RISE UP

RISE UP! Is this year's Summer Youth Camp theme taken from 1 John 5:4-5.

To be excellent, to stand above the rest. What does it mean to "rise up" to overcome the world? How can we possibly overcome the trials and sinful temptations of this world and their powerful attractions? By being born of God!

Being born of God happens as we are brought into contact with the reality of the Gospel. When this takes place we can see and receive God and Jesus Christ His Son as of utmost importance in our life. That is "our faith". This faith overcomes the world. It overcomes the desires that we have towards the attractions of this world and replaces them with a desire to RISE UP in obedience to God. Being

obedient to God now becomes free and joyful instead of burdensome. Let us RISE UP in our faith so that we may find the freedom that comes when we love God and obey his commandments. The victory that overcomes the world is our faith. No one will overcome the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. So let's RISE UP as God intends. Not for our own greatness, but for the glory of God by Jesus Christ alone.

We can't wait to dig into the truths that God's word has for us with the theme of RISE UP this year during Summer Youth Camps 2015.

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**RISE UP**  
Summer Youth Camp 2015

1 John 5:4-5 ESV

Pathfinder (Grades 1-2) June 20-21	Trailblazer (Grades 3-4) July 5-8
Sr. High (Grades 9-12) June 21-26	Explorer (Grades 5-8) July 12-17
Jr. High (Grades 7-8) June 28 - July 3	Niobrara Journey (Grades 7-12) July 19-21
	Last Chance (Grades 9-12) August 5-7

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# Be a catalyst and organize your work group today!

Come and **stay** with us all weekend! We will provide:

- **FREE lodging and meals** to volunteer groups that register for one of these weekends
- Relationship development within your group and with camp staff
- Spiritual nurturing and growth through **devotionals** and **worship sessions**
- **Escape to God's creation** for relaxation and rest from everyday life



Optional Dates for Your Volunteer Group:

March 13-15, 2015

March 27-29, 2015

April 17-18, 2015

April 24-26, 2015

May 1-3, 2015

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Volunteer Weekend 2015

## What do I give to that person that seems to have it all?

Give a gift that honors your loved one! Covenant Cedars often receives gifts in honor of those that helped to send them to camp or blessed them in other ways. Please consider this option next time you are stumped in gift buying. We will send that person an acknowledgement that we have received your gift in their honor. Or prepay toward someone's Summer Camp experience. We will credit it to their camp or canteen account.

