



BSBC NEWS

SPRING 2018



WINTER RETREAT REPORT

Giant dutch blitz, tubing, broomball, dodge ball, snow forts and snowball fights - sound like fun? Close to 70 jr. high campers descended upon Big Sky Bible Camp in January to join in these activities and more!



Pastor Matt from Grace Church Kalispell taught about "respectable sins" and an intense game of Mission Impossible topped off the weekend. In February, Pastor John Erickson from August Community Church joined the 30 or so high school campers for a great weekend of teaching and worship.

Both retreats were a success!



BIG SKY'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

If you are one of the faithful March fundraiser attendees, we will not be hosting our March fundraiser this year in lieu of our May celebration and fundraiser. If you are not able to attend the May ground-breaking, please consider mailing your yearly donation or donating online at www.bigskybiblecamp.org. Thank you!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

In 2017, Big Sky Bible Camp celebrated 70 years of ministry. It was truly a year of reflecting on God's goodness to Big Sky throughout many seasons of ministry. For 2018, we are looking to the future and praying for God's continued blessing on Big Sky Bible Camp and its various ministries. I want to take this opportunity to make you aware of two events happening this spring. The first is an event hosted by BCM International (Big Sky's parent organization) and is called "Reach day." This is a 24 hour cyber giving event during which BCM will be highlighting four

SAVE THE DATE!!!

What: 5k Fun Run * Free Lunch
Ground-breaking celebration
Games and Activities for everyone
When: Saturday, May 5th
Where: Big Sky Bible Camp

DETAILS OF THE DAY:

5K Fun Run:

To kick off the day, Big Sky will be hosting its 2nd annual Fun Run. There will be a 5k run/walk followed by a 1 mile for kids 12 and under. To register, go to www.bigskybiblecamp.org/events.

8:00 AM - 5k packet pick up/ check-in

9:00 AM - 5k race start

10:00 AM - 1 mile packet pick up/ check-in

10:30 AM - 1 mile race start

Lunch and Ground-breaking schedule:

12:00 PM - Lunch

2:00 PM - Ground-breaking celebration

3-4:30 PM - Activities and Games

Following the 5k, Big Sky will be hosting a free lunch prior to the ground-breaking celebration. All are welcome! At 2:00, the ground-breaking celebration will be held (weather permitting) at the location of the new dining hall.

From 3-4:30 PM, there will be a fellowship time and Big Sky staff will host various games and activities for all ages!

Please note: This event will take the place of our annual March fundraiser, so please consider a donation prior to or at this event as Big Sky depends on these gifts to meet the yearly budget.

SUMMER STAFF WANTED:

Guy L.I.T. leader (leaders in training)
Guy/Gal Counselors
Nurses

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to learn more, contact Ryan at 837-4864 or ryan@bigskybiblecamp.org



FROM THE DIRECTOR CONT'D...

projects, one of which is Big Sky's new facility. The event will begin at 12 AM April 27th and end at 12 AM on April 28th. We are looking for donors willing to offer matching gift challenges. If you plan on donating to Big Sky's "A Promise Kept" project this spring, please consider donating on this particular day to the project! Go to www.bigskybiblecamp.org to learn more.

The second event I would like to inform you about is Big Sky's ground-breaking celebration held on Saturday, May 5th. For those of you curious what this event will be like, it will simply be a time of worship, celebration and prayer to the Lord for the new facility. If you have any association with Big Sky whatsoever, or if you just hear about this event and know nothing about Big Sky, we invite you to come and celebrate this exciting time with us. There will be free food, activities, information about the new facility, detailed architectural renderings and all of Big Sky's staff will be there to share more about the facility and answer any questions. Please mark your calendars and join us for this day - we would love to fill the "new dining room" with people!

Just to update you on the finances for the new facility, close to \$60,000 was donated in December/January of 2017/18 which brings us within \$80,000 of our ground-breaking goal of \$300,000. If you would like to help us meet our goal, please consider donating during "Reach Day" 2018.



*Be sure and register before the April 15 price increase!
Go to www.bigskybiblecamp.org to learn more and to register!*

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***NEEDED: DONORS
WILLING TO HELP SEND
KIDS TO CAMP!***

The scholarship requests are pouring in for summer camp and we are once again asking for your help! It is our desire never to turn away a camper from Big Sky because of financial reasons. Camp Scholarships help us to accomplish this and we give out anywhere from 20-30 camp scholarships each summer. If you would like to donate to this fund, you can either send a check to Big Sky or go online to www.bigskybiblecamp.org/donate/.

***BIG SKY'S 2018 PROJECT:
NEW CARPET!!!***

Thanks to the generosity of countless individuals over the years, Big Sky has been able to gradually update its facility. Projects over the past years include new roofs, new toilets, new heaters, renovated bathrooms and more! For 2018, we would like to replace the 40 year old carpet in the dorms and add a tile entryway in each room as well. Each room costs approximately \$550 and we would love to be able to replace the carpet in all 8 dorm rooms! Would you consider helping us to do this? If so, simply send in a donation with "carpet" on a separate piece of paper.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please join us in praying and praising God for the following items:

Praises:

- For a great Jr. and Sr. High retreat where many young people were challenged in their faith.
- For the summer leadership staff already in place.
- For continued progress on the new facility.

Prayer Requests:

- For preparation for the ground-breaking ceremony and continued funds to come in.
- For summer staff - particularly guy counselors.
- For summer Bible curriculum preparation.
- For successful recruiting efforts for staff and campers.