



# ALLEGANY BOYS CAMP

*inspiring change through relationship*

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## Not a Slave, But a Son

As you observe people and the happenings of life



around you, do you sometimes see a lot of slavery? Not slavery like existed on cotton plantations in the

South, but slavery of the heart and soul. It seems that many people are enslaved by bitterness, unforgiveness, explosive anger, negative attitudes and a host of other problems.

Galatians 4:7 says that "You are no longer a slave but a son, through faith in Christ Jesus." Today's realities make it very hard for a family to raise young men to become sons instead of slaves.

When a young man begins to understand his position as a SON adopted into God's family (see Galatians 4:5 just previous to the verse mentioned above) then he can begin to act like a son instead of a slave.

If a person doesn't know their identity, then confusion and frustration reign. However, when a person knows that in a part of God's family, regardless of the challenges we face in life I can look to the future with hope and a sense of purpose. I've observed this for years, a young man who has accepted God as his father is a young person who can walk with his back straight, look you in the eye and act like a Son, not a slave!

The reality of broken families in our culture also contributes to some children growing up unable to grasp the idea of family and what it means to be a son. If I don't know my earthly father, how can I ever have a relationship with a heavenly father? God created the family to help children understand their heavenly family.

The mission of Allegany Boys Camp is to come alongside families or parents of boys who are struggling and, by God's grace, help them become honest, moral, hardworking, and upright SONS. Building campsite, cooking meals over a fire, hiking, canoeing, and chopping wood are just activities that help them learn their position as SONS.



Camping with Jesus,  
Brian Martin  
Director

# ADVENTURE LEARNING -

## Mountaineer's Fish Tank Project

The Mountaineer group has been studying marine biology and as part of that study, they setup a fish tank in chuckwagon. Their excitement for the project is contagious and we are all enjoying the benefits of their studies.

### BYE BYE BLUEGILLS

Well this is how it happened. Chief Jeff was watching the little bluegill when it met a bass around the corner. In a split second the little fish was gone. It was true; we had four bluegills. Now we have three. Now that the bass figured it out that they can eat smaller fish, they went on the attack. As they stay hidden we watch to see if the bass can find them. Skip ahead to today's lunch. We look and lo behold we got one less fish. Now we are down to two bluegills. We should see if our last two bluegills will survive the big bad bass.

Greg-Mountaineers



### CORONAVIRUS AFFECTS AT CAMP

Allegany Boys Camp is temporarily closed because of the mandated restrictions regarding the coronavirus. The boys enrolled here were on a scheduled homevisit when the governor of Maryland issued a "stay at home" order. In light of that order, our local health department advised us to not bring our boys back to camp after homevisit.

At this point, most of our staff are here and we are making daily phone contacts with the boys in their homes. This situation is being evaluated week by week and we hope and pray that we will be allowed to have the boys return very soon.

Please pray for the boys and their families during this challenging time. Also pray for our staff here and that God would help us find a way to re-open camp.

God bless you!

Brian Martin, Director

## Camp Kindling ... small pieces of camp news and needs



🏠 Welcome to Ryan Hoover from Parkersburg, PA. He will be serving as chief in the Mountaineer group

🏠 We're happy to welcome Nathan Beiler from Port Royal, PA to camp. He will be serving as chief.

🏠 We said goodbye to Allan Meier in March. We are grateful for the time and energy he invested in the Mountaineer group over the last two years.



...news and updates

We need part-time volunteers this summer and one full-time volunteer in July and September. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested in volunteering, contact Merv Lapp, Manager, 610-441-2717, [lancasterhayloft@gmail.com](mailto:lancasterhayloft@gmail.com)