



Camp Penue East

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Greetings from Camp Penue East,

We are excited to report that our final tally will be 450 kids booked for our 2008 camping season. We are reaching some new cities and groups that have never heard of us before this year. We are excited about the opportunity that God has given us this season. We will be reaching 100 kids right in the heart of the Bronx, NY and 100 kids from Long Island, NY. We will be reaching 50 kids from Youngstown, OH and 50 kids from Buffalo, NY and also 50 kids from Pittsburg, PA. We will also be impacting our own community and be reaching 100 kids from Olean, NY. What an awesome privilege to be a part of what God wants to do in the lives of each and every one of His precious kids. He has a purpose and a plan for each of their lives and He doesn't care where they have come from or what they have done He has reserved a destiny for them even before they were born. It is our responsibility now to help them see that they have a Father who loves them and wants the best for their life and to challenge each of them to accept a personal relationship with Jesus and to live this life to the fullest for Him. Words cannot express our gratitude that we are not in this alone that the people that support this place do so for the reasons I mentioned above. You believe in the mission of Camp Penue East and you believe in the kids that we are reaching out to. We are grateful for your prayer support and financial support and this season we believe that hundreds of kids will discover their destiny before a loving God and will leave this place forever changed by His power and grace.

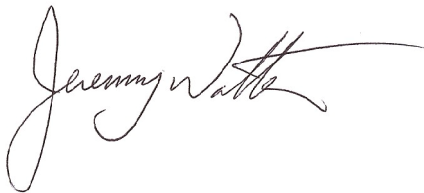
We are very close to our camping season just one month away and there are a few things that we still need as soon as possible. We are still working on hiring our staff for the summer and we still need to fill several positions. We will need at least two more lifeguards; they will need to have current certifications to work here. We are also in need of some general staff members at least 17 years of age they can be 16 if they have a good pastoral reference. If you know somebody that may be interested have them contact us A.S.A.P. or let us know and we will contact them and send them an employment packet. We also need prizes for our carnival that we have on the last night the kids are here. The prizes can be little trinkets or stuffed animals or items from catalogs like oriental trading. We would prefer that items come in lots of 100 so that every kid can have one, but we will take whatever we can get. We need to raise money for meals and snacks for all of the kids that will be here. Our breakfast and lunches are taken care of, but we will need to feed everybody dinner and snacks. We know that we have a lot of needs but if we don't share them with our supporters then it will be a lot harder to get these needs filled.

We want to thank everyone that took part in our work days. We have renovated 5 of our 10 cabins and they should be completed before our camp season begins. We fixed a lot of plumbing problems, raked leaves, and cleaned so many things. We couldn't have accomplished such a huge undertakings without the support of so many people. You selflessly gave your time, labor, and resources to make this happen and we are grateful.

I would like to take a moment to address something to all of our supporters. I have received some calls from some people that stated that they didn't want us to send them letters anymore because they couldn't afford to give us anything. Please understand, yes we do need money to provide free camping to inner city kids, but our letters are to keep our supporters informed about what is going on here and to give praise reports about the good things that God is doing here. We want to encourage and inform you not make you feel guilty because you can't send us something. We need prayer to accomplish the task that God has put before us, and prayer is free. We consider you our supporters not because you write us a check, but because you have invested in this mission and the children that need this program. It takes a lot more than money to make this work so don't be discouraged; your dedication to us is what keeps us going. Money pays the bills, but your support is what sustains us as an organization.

We have some great news; we have a donor that has given our supporters some incentive to give. They have agreed to match up to \$3,400 total for donations that come in before camp and it is a onetime match. We think this is a really incredible gesture and the timing couldn't be better. As we stated above we have 100 kids coming from the Bronx, NY and 100 kids coming from Long Island, NY. These groups need our help to get the kids here. So for this to remain free to these kids we will absorb the cost of bussing them here. For these two groups it will cost us \$5,400 total just to get them here. As you have heard before it cost a lot to run a free camp and we have to pay half of this as a deposit by June 13, 2008 and the remainder of the balance by July 11, 2008. I share this because these 200 kids represent an open door to an area that needs the light of the Gospel. They need us and I am confident that God will make a way for them to come here this season, and that our supporters will come through in a big way. We also have to spend around \$800 to repair one of the swimming pools that is damaged before our season starts.

We want to meet our supporters and local pastors. If you would like us to come and share what Camp Penue East is all about with your church, group, or your organization contact us. After this camp season is over at the end of July and the retreat season slows down we are going to be looking for places to visit and share what God is doing here. We will have photos and videos which will probably be around a three to four minute presentation to give testimony of what God is doing in the lives of the children that come here. Here are some of the ways that you can reach us our website is www.penuleast.org and my e-mail is jeremy@jwphotography.info or call us at (814) 225-3222. We are looking forward to meeting all of you and sharing with your churches and groups the testimonies of the lives that were changed by the power of God for our 2008 camping season.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Walter', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeremy Walter
Director