

The Falconer

December 2019

From the Director

It has been a wonderful but very busy fall at camp and in the winter office. Creating a new database system is time consuming and somewhat tedious. In the long run it will make life easier for us in the Falcon office and easier for parents with both registration and communication. Tali and Nici have taken on the majority of effort here so kudos to both of them. We have two new maintenance men working at camp and I'm really excited about the amount of work being done. Much of the current efforts are at the farm to complement the new pole barn and to make the farm easier for us to use. In addition to maintaining fence lines and pasture fields, we're opening some new trails for hiking, horses and mountain bikes. Back in camp, when the weather gets too cold for long hours outside, plans are in place to work inside to build new cabin shutters, staff single bunks, more ping pong tables and some bathroom remodeling. When you get to camp next summer, you'll like what you see.

It's nice to take a few days and relax with appreciation for family and friends over Thanksgiving. Emily and I traveled to Bethlehem PA where we saw almost all of my family and we're especially happy to see the grandchildren. Lots of Falcon stories and memories in any Devey family gathering. The highlight this year was being able to watch "Bike Bill" Schachter share his music at a popular local coffeehouse. We hope that all of you have found time this holiday to share with as many family and friends as you can. Travel safe, have fun!

Director Dave – and all of us at Falcon-



EARLY REGISTRATION

Early registration should begin the first week of December and you will be receiving the early registration newsletter very soon. This is a late start to our normal registration process but we are in the final test stages of a new database system. It has taken a bit longer than anticipated but we want to get it right and will continue to fine tune things as we move forward. The new system, UltraCamp, will give us more flexibility in how we communicate with you, streamline registration, put health forms online and more. Early registration is worth taking advantage of the savings. We look forward to seeing so many of you return in 2020 and it is always fun to see new faces.

Holiday Party

December 15, 3:30 – 5:00. Sky Zone, Highland Hts, OH

All of you will be receiving an invitation to join us for holiday fun at Sky Zone. Please come share the excitement and see some of your Falcon friends and staff. Bring a new friend, wear a Falcon shirt, Be there!

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New Happenings at Falcon! Things Keep Getting Better and Better.



We now have a new pole barn at the farm! An Amish contractor built the outer structure and we did all the inside and finish work (some of that work took place after these photos). The barn will hold plenty of hay and some equipment on one side. The other half will give the horses a winter roof and shelter plenty big enough for them all. It will make it nicer for the horses, easier for us to feed and is the beginning of some revamping of the farm. With the barn as a focal point we are repairing fence line, tending some of our pasture fields, and creating more trails for riding, hiking and mountain biking. This work will enable us to make better and more frequent use of our 128 acre farm. The farm creates many more activity opportunities for our campers, especially some 1/2 day events.

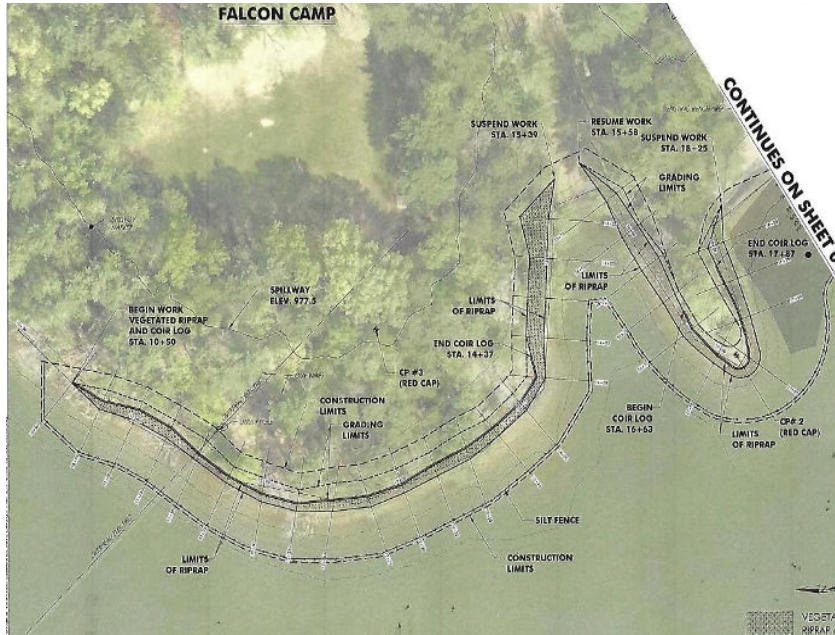


The horses are thoroughly enjoying the barn and couldn't wait to get in and check it out. All the horses are healthy and doing well. They miss seeing campers every day! It is funny to see them all come up when we are working, checking out the job and wondering why we don't have any bridles and saddles with our tools. All of them have a winter coat now and look great.



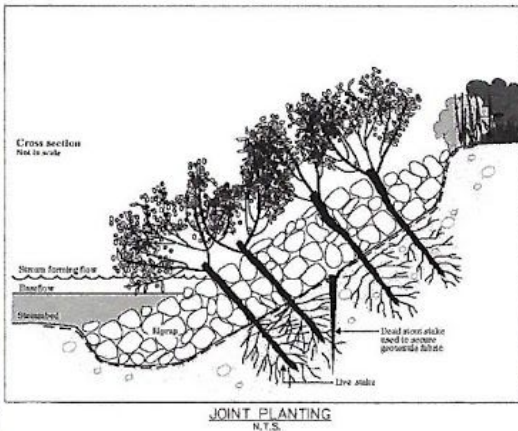
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A shoreline restoration project scheduled for this winter will completely makeover the look of our waterfront. This is the largest project ever undertaken at camp and we are very excited! Most of you know that erosion has been an issue along our shoreline for many years. This work will lay a silt screen below the waterline, clear the shore 10' back at a slope and cover the slope with rip rap rock mixed with shrubs. There will be 12" Coir logs on top with erosion preventive vegetation planted past the slope. Coir logs are biodegradable made mostly of coconut husks. This work will change the appearance and solidify the shoreline along the entire length below the ball field, enlarge the boat harbor, go around the point to



the beach. It picks up again by the diving board and along the shore towards the stables. The boat harbor and swim area will be dredged and new sand put on the beach. This project is put together by the Muskingum Watershed Conservation District. We are tremendously appreciative of the work that they do and their support for this project. This will absolutely improve our facilities and allow us to expand our boating and our nature programs. We will keep you updated on the progress as the winter comes in.

**Wait Until You See This!
You'll Love the New Waterfront**



We are continually looking for ways to make better experiences for our campers at Falcon. The shoreline restoration and opening the farm for more program choices are two of the

largest projects we have ever put together. We're looking forward to seeing so many of you and exploring new opportunities in 2020.

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Kat Wilson becomes Kat Wilson Myers

How exciting for Kat to get married and so many of her Falcon family were honored to be present. It was a wonderful ceremony and we wish her and Chase all our love! Anna Faxon was maid of honor and brother Wayne was a groomsman. Great to see Todd Lennig and family as well as Connor Packard. Shirley and Carla, Pam, Nurse Lynne and her husband Jim along with Emily and Dave all had an excellent day. Kat has been part of Falcon for 14 years now and Dave has known Kat's mom for even longer!



It's Time to Start Thinking About Summer 2020!

Two Week Sessions	June 14th-June 27th June 28th-July 11th July 12th-July 25th July 26th-August 8th
Four Week Sessions	June 11th-July 11th July 12th- August 8th
Six Week Sessions	June 14th-July 25th June 28th-August 8th
Eight Week Session	June 14th- August 8th
Young Adventures	June 14th - June 20th June 21st - June 27th July 26th- August 1st August 2nd- August 8th

