



# Hopewell Camp & Conference Center

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## Hopewell Good News

### Summer 2012 at Hopewell!

*Secrets of the Kingdom* is the theme for summer camp 2012 at Camp Hopewell. Bible study and worship will focus on Jesus' parables. Campers will explore these stories to unlock some of their hidden meanings and discover how these stories of Jesus apply to their own lives.

Changes to the summer camp schedule will offer our Explorer and Adventure campers more opportunities for some old favorites:

- June and July each have a session of Treehouse Sherwood so that more campers can enjoy this ever-popular week of camp.
- For Adventure campers (grades 7-9) the White-water Rafting Trip and

the Kayaking Trip are back, along with Night Owl and Adventures at Hopewell.

- Two sessions of Adventures in Leadership will allow 20 youth who are 16 and have completed 10th grade to grow as leaders and to share what they've learned with younger campers.
- Once again, this summer offers a session for youth, ages 10-14, who may be at risk for Type 2 Diabetes to enjoy the fun of camp while learning more about healthy habits to improve their lifestyle.

There are lots of opportunities for fun at Hopewell this summer. Check out the Summer Camp Schedule on



page 3 to find the session that fits your schedule and be sure to tell your friends. Online registration will be available after January 1 at [www.camphopewell.com](http://www.camphopewell.com).

### Coming Up at Hopewell...



- January...Register online at [www.camphopewell.com](http://www.camphopewell.com)
- February...Brochures arrive at your home!
- **Diabetes Youth Council Retreat...** Feb. 3-5 for youth in grades 9-12 with Type 1 Diabetes.
- **PYC Winter Retreats...**Feb. 17-19 for Jr. High (grades 6-8) and March 2-4 for Sr. High (grades 9-12)
- **Run for Hope...**Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Oxford Conference Center...Check out the web-site at [www.oxfordrun4hope.com](http://www.oxfordrun4hope.com).

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#### Support Hopewell!

- Give to the Annual Ministry Fund or Scholarship Fund...
- Tell a child or youth about Hopewell...
- Book a retreat, family reunion or other event...
- Plan a workday for members of your church to help with projects at camp...
- Call (662) 234-2254 for other ideas.

**Hopewell needs YOU!!**

## A Note from the Director

Many of you have already heard the news that I've accepted a call to become the Interim Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Oxford, MS beginning mid-January. Hopewell always has and always will be an important part of my life. Hopewell was the high point of many summers when I was a camper; it is where I made some of my best and dearest friends and where I felt most strongly the call to ministry when I was in college. Hopewell is the place where I met and married Danny and it's been home for the past 6 1/2 years. Now it is the place where I've experienced a sense of call back to pastoral ministry.

Though I will miss the campers, staff and parents, as well as retreat guests who return again and again throughout the year, I look forward to using my pastoral gifts in a local church setting. However, I have to admit that it's nice knowing that I'm not going too far away. All the things that I've loved the most about my work at camp are the things that I can do as a volunteer and as a pastor of a church who believes that Hopewell's ministry can enhance the life of my congregation.

Plans for the summer will continue as planned with presbytery and camp staff

sharing the responsibility of making camp happen in 2012. Now would be a great time for members of presbytery and others to volunteer your time and talents to help get things ready for this summer. And, for those of you who are concerned about Hopewell's finances, there is NEVER a bad time to support Hopewell's ministry with your financial gifts.

Thank you...for all your support over the years.

Blessings & Peace,

*Ann*

## Thank You, Donors and Volunteers!!

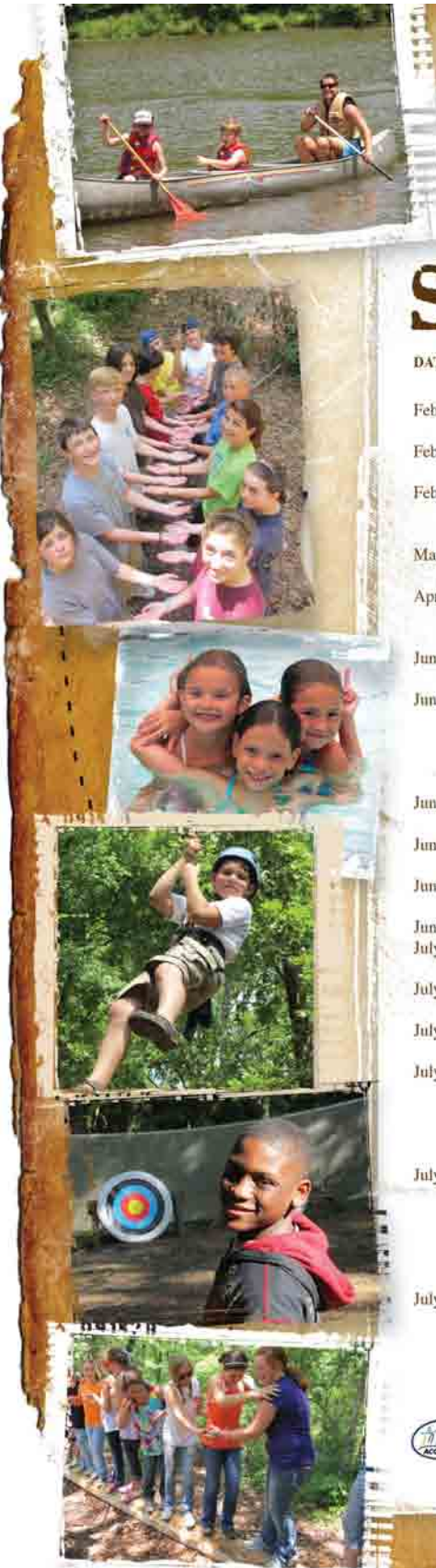
As a ministry of the Presbytery of St. Andrew, Hopewell depends on the time, effort, skill and financial support of individuals and churches to help maintain God's gift of this place where so many lives have been transformed by his grace over the last 60+ years. So, to all of our supporters in 2011...those who've sent financial gifts; who've rolled up their sleeves to work on a camp project; who've held fundraisers; who were volunteers or runners with Run for Hope; who've booked an event for your church or other organization; or who have sent us campers... **Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!**



Brandon Woodall, camper parent and long-time friend of Hopewell helps with painting the inside of the church in September.



Members and pledges of the Ole Miss chapter of Alpha Tau Omega spent a November Saturday clearing undergrowth in several acres of Hopewell woods.



# CAMP HOPEWELL

# 2012

# SCHEDULE



DATE	EVENT	AGE/GRADE COMPLETED	FEE
Feb. 10-12	Diabetes Retreat .....	9-12 grade	
Feb. 17-19	PYC Junior High Retreat .....	6-8 grade	\$120
Feb. 25	Run for Hope..... www.oxfordrun4hope.com	ALL	
Mar. 2-4	PYC Senior High Retreat .....	9-12 grade	\$120
Apr. 15	Hopewell Open House .....	ALL	Free 2:00-4:00
June 11-15	Day Camp.....	K-5 grade	\$150
June 17-23	Discovery 1 .....	1-3 grade	\$350
	Explorer Treehouse Sherwood 1 .....	4-6 grade	\$375
	Adventures in Whitewater Rafting... ..	7-9 grade	\$550
	Adventures in Leadership 1 .....	10 grade	\$325
June 17-20	Wee Bit 1 .....	K-2 grade	\$225
June 20-23	Wee Bit 2 .....	K-2 grade	\$225
June 24-30	Type 1 Diabetes .....	9-16 yrs.	\$400
June 30- July 3	At Risk For Type 2 Diabetes .....	10-14 yrs.	\$225
July 1-3	Diabetes Wee Bit .....	6-8 yrs.	\$225
July 4-7	Staff Break		
July 8-14	Discovery 2 .....	1-3 grade	\$350
	Explorer Wet and Wild .....	4-6 grade	\$375
	Adventures at Hopewell .....	7-9 grade	\$375
	Adventures in Leadership 2 .....	10 grade	\$325
July 15-21	Discovery 3 .....	1-3 grade	\$350
	Explorer Treehouse Sherwood 2 .....	4-6 grade	\$375
	Explorer MAD (Music, Art & Drama).....	4-6 grade	\$375
	Adventures in Kayaking.....	7-9 grade	\$450
July 22-28	Explorer Night Owl.....	4-6 grade	\$375
	Adventure Night Owl .....	7-9 grade	\$375

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# 2011... A Homegrown Summer

One of the many joys of working at Hopewell has been watching campers grow into great staff. Summer 2011 was a perfect example. Of the 26 college and high school staff hired in 2011 at least 20 had attended Hopewell as a camper while a couple of others were regular participants of PYC retreats at Hopewell. Wade Simpson, our senior staff member for the summer was never a camper, but has served on staff for six summers. Only three staff were brand new to Hopewell and they were quickly drawn into the family by other staff.

The quality of the 2011 staff spoke volumes about their camp experience. They bonded quickly and eagerly welcomed the newcomers into the Hopewell family. They shared their gifts willingly: leadership, music, gardening, laughter, hospitality, play, and caring for others. Though all were at different stages in their faith journey they shared their faith openly and honestly and created a safe place for campers to share their faith with others. Most of all, in one way or another all of them had experienced the transforming power of God at work in this very place and knew to look for God's presence in



the everyday moments of camp life.

Though newcomers are always welcome to the Hopewell staff, the summer of 2011 is a wonderful reminder of why we do what we do and how it impacts the lives of children and youth well beyond the end of their first week of camp. It was rewarding to see a good crop of campers become such an awesome staff!



*Bob Henson (above) shares his love for the Hopewell garden with campers. Bob (above left as a camper) is one of the 2011 summer staff who grew up coming to Hopewell every summer. Can you guess who these former campers might be? (Answers on page 5)*



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# Third Annual Oxford Run for Hope

## Saturday, February 25, 2012

Run for Hope's director, Lynn Sloan, is dreaming big for 2012 with hopes of doubling the 600-650 runners that have come for previous races. It's a worthy dream because more runners equals more scholarships for the children and youth with diabetes who come to Camp Hopewell in the summer. The campers continue to be awed by the fact that so many people are willing to "do this for them."

Even if you are not a runner, you can help with the 2012 event by spreading the word among friends who may be runners; making a donation; volunteering as an individual or church group to work on race day; adopting a water table or a stretch of the race route. Runners love hearing

the crowds cheering them on along throughout the race. In fact, last year one participant wrote to say, "Just wanted you to know how much I enjoyed the race...everything was so organized. It was the first time the girls and I all three ran a race together. It was so touching to see all the support along the race route. Just when I thought I would not be able to run another step, there were children and/or adults holding signs of thanks or shouting words of encouragement. I had to wipe away a few tears along the way. I look forward to next year and will participate as long as these old legs will hold out and then I will volunteer."

Sign up to run or volunteer for one of the many support roles at [www.oxfordrun4hope.com](http://www.oxfordrun4hope.com). We look forward to seeing you there!



Runners and volunteers enjoy Run for Hope!

## Diabetes Youth Council

Dr. Rebecca Winsett, the volunteer director of Hopewell's diabetes camps spent February 2011 in Oxford preparing for Run for Hope and helping out around camp. Seeing the Presbytery Youth Council lead the winter retreats for St. Andrew Presbytery sparked an idea that led to the formation of a Diabetes Youth Council. Those chosen to serve on the Diabetes Youth Council for 2011-12 include: Callie Compton, Kendall Kindler, Lark Lindley, Mike Thorn, and Jonathan Blac Hughes. Their job is to plan and lead a retreat for youth in grades 9-12 who live with diabetes. Dr. Becky, Callie Wilson, a former camper and Ann

Kelly, camp director are advisors for the group.

The 2012 DYC Retreat will be February 3-5 at Camp Hopewell. With the theme "A Trip Down the Yellow Meter Road" the youth will learn more about heart, knowledge, and courage as they participate in small group discussions related to issues concerning their diabetes, enjoy a fun winter weekend with old and new friends, and participate in a service project for Run for Hope. They DYC is planning for a great weekend and want lots of their camp friends to join them because after all...there's NO place like camp.

Former Campers...Now Staff: A. Jamie Geoghegan & Joseph Kelly; B. Taylor Martin on right; C. Emily Semmes; D. Katie Hatcher; E. Wade Lindley; F. Martin Carver; G. Shelby Handley; H. Shorter two campers are Sam Perkins & Wade Lindley.

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Established in 1949 by the Presbytery of St. Andrew as a summer youth camp, Camp Hopewell is a year-round summer camp and conference center enjoyed by all ages and types of groups.

Our mission is to foster community where one and all experience the love of God in the beauty of God's creation.

Check out our webpage...Hopewell may be the perfect location for your next church event...class field trip...team building event for youth group or staff at work... family reunion...or other getaway for family, friends, and colleagues.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR**

from the Hopewell Staff -

*Ann*

*Allyson*

*Darren*

*Max*

*Louetta*