

# JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP



# RIVER IMPRESSIONS



A Record of the Passing of Time  
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## A Big Day Is Planned to Celebrate 75 / 1936 - 2011

A full moon will rise over an east ridge paralleling the Johns River in the week prior to a planned August celebration, lighting the way for a pilgrimage of friends to find their way back to a valley defined by these waters. Call the gathering a party, a reunion, or a spiritual encounter. Know that all who have ever been touched by the waters of this sacred space are invited to help celebrate 75 years of outdoor ministry. A week-end of opportunity is planned, with most of the celebration occurring on Saturday, August 20. For everything there is a season, and a time. On this designated day in August, there will be a time to eat (lunch catered by Woodland's of Blowing Rock), a time to play in the river, a time to share stories, and a time to worship. Check for details on camp web site.

Follow event on Facebook. *Photo (right): Camp Entrance after spring rains*



## Save Date - August 20 - to Gather by the River

"I so miss this place! What an impacting part of my childhood. Can't wait to go back to revisit!" says Jamie to Facebook friends. She is not alone in sharing these sentiments. Nora Driver Foust, someone who continues to be back and active at the camp, finds herself on the camp Board and chairing a committee planning the event. She also represents a life braided with river impressions. Nora was camping at Johns River since sixth grade, and didn't miss a summer until age 35. Her camp staff roles for five summers during college evolved into program director leadership (at both the Outpost and Mainsite) for the past 15 years. She even found herself saying marriage vows (to Mike) before the cross of JRVC's River Chapel. Says Nora about her life, "Both body and soul have been (and continue to be) made whole by the waters in the valley."

*Photo (left): Nora Driver Foust with camera and campers*

## "Got Spirit?" Asks Summer Camp Curriculum

Visitors to camp are often seen seeking moments for pause, to record forest impressions, photograph fields of flowers, or document river reflections. "God inspires awe and wonder in us" says a writer for this year's curriculum resource. Ministers and camp leaders this summer will design lesson plans to expose -- for campers -- a God who the Psalmists understood could be viewed through creation and understood in the context of a setting where we find ourselves planted. For 75 years, Johns River Valley Camp has been one such place for multiple generations of campers who have found their way into this living garden. Share the journey. Tell a young person about camp. Exhibit stewardship. Seek ways to give back to this place and space. Enable ministry to continue. Allow for care of land and resources that church people have put into place since making a decision to purchase in the midst of a depression, 1936. *Photo (right): Junior Age campers dramatize Biblical story*



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