

JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP



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A Record of the Passing of Time
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Celebrate Sliver of Land with Silver Lining

Transitioning JRVC leadership [and the chicken] Any camper who has ever attended an "Ultimate" camp directed by Phil Hardy knows the "chicken" with intimate passion. Summer camps of that era are renowned for binding young persons around exhilarating experiences of fun, amidst a caring community. Whether riding a 17 mile downhill portion of the Virginia Creeper Trail, slip sliding over a water fall chilled by aquifers sourcing an Anthony Creek, or engaging in a passion filled game of "ultimate frisbee," campers have been able to grasp a deep and meaningful connection with each other, where competitive spirit yields to compassionate love, in a place where everyone is valued as a gifted and talented person in the eyes of God.



Meet Rev. Phil Hardy, person called to succeed Rev. C. L. "Curly" Stumb as executive director of Johns River Valley Camp. In a ceremonious act during "Ultimate" Biking Camp, the chicken was retired, and given to Curly for perpetual care and love. Concurrently, Phil is looking for a new chicken, and finding himself immersed in plans for the 2018 camp season.

"Curly" will continue in an active role with the camp until December 31, 2017. Phil Hardy joined the camp staff on September 1, and will assume full leadership January 1, 2018. Phil's cell # is 336-266-1617. [Photo: Curly & Phil]



Act Justly. Love Mercy. Walk Humbly.

Camp works to connect dots between Creation and God's People!

Nestled in the Southern Appalachian Mountains, Johns River Valley Camp offers an ideal setting in which youth and adults can team together to address poverty and environmental issues. Programs are designed to deepen one's sense of connection to God's world and the people in it. Four weeks of Mission Trip possibilities are scheduled for 2018 (June 10-16, June 24-30, July 8-14, July 22-28). Check JRVC website for details: www.jrvc.org [Photo: SCAT Team members Sonora Curliss, Xavier Milton & Hallie McCarn working at F.A.R.M. Cafe with a JRVC workcamp.]

Plan to drive the "Hamp Way / El Camino Real"

Hamp honored for generosity. In the summer of 1975 W. Hamp Shuford Jr. finds himself first documented in Rinker's book as a summer camp leader. The rest is history for Shuford, who has often been affectionately referred to as "Mr. Camp."

Enter JRVC on any future date and find yourself driving on *Hamp Way*. The camp Board of Trustees has re-named the primary corridor accessing the camp to honor Hamp, who responded to a gifting opportunity in the --- *Celebrate 75 CAMPAign*, coupled with a more recent second mile gift. [Willie Thompson's name, former caretaker, will be preserved in the JRVC road system now as "Thompson Circle."] Johns River Valley Camp stands strong amidst a Sliver of Land at the northern edge of Pisgah National Forest, becoming a silver lining because of persons like Hamp and friends of the camp who, in many cases, have been personally moved by experiences at JRVC.



People who know or have encountered Hamp recall him as a story teller, as a reservoir of countless jokes and as a person passionate about expressing the value of a church camp experience. "All God's children have a place in the choir," states a well known camp verse. Hamp has deservedly earned his place, in the choir, and in the annals of JRVC history. [Photo: Shuford Abernethy III, Dale Bennett & Hamp Shuford.]

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- JRVC enables persons...
- to experience new life
- to discover true self
- to participate around shared values

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