

2026

# HILLTOP HOLLER

FEBRUARY UPDATE



It's been pretty snowy and cold on the ridge recently. But even with the frigid temps, winter doesn't slow camp down! A lot is happening behind the scenes. Progress is happening on the Chapel-Lodge Project, plans for summer are taking shape, we're preparing for several upcoming events, and there's a hundred little things calling for our attention. It's easy to keep moving without really pausing. Maybe you're feeling a similar busyness in your own life. Whatever the season, it can be hard to slow down long enough to notice the Lord working. We know from 1 Kings 19 that Elijah found the Lord in a still small voice. God wasn't found in the strong wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in the quiet moment that followed. Sometimes the Lord isn't shouting over the noise of our lives; He's waiting for us to quiet ourselves enough to hear Him. "*Be still*, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Sweetheart's Banquet - February 13**

There's just a few days left to secure your spot for this year's Sweetheart's Banquet. For just \$45/couple, you'll enjoy some delicious appetizers and a buffet dinner. We'll also have the photo booth open for couple's photos, throw in a few fun activities, and end with an encouraging Scripture challenge. You and your spouse won't want to miss it!

Registration Deadline: February 4

### **Bible Trivia Night - March 6**

It's time to start brushing up on your Bible trivia! Gather your friends and join us for an evening of fun and competition. This year's categories include "Seeing Double", "Salty and Fresh", "The Ultimate Hodgepodge" and more. Come as a participant on a team or come as a spectator to cheer everyone on! Trivia Night will be here before you know it, so start putting your team together now!

Registration Deadline: February 25

### **Estate Planning Seminar - March 21**

Join us for an Estate Planning Seminar at Trail Ridge Camp! We'll go over the essentials of estate planning and learn about topics such as wills, trusts, and how to protect and provide for the people you care about. This seminar will offer practical advice from a faith-based perspective. This event is free of charge! A freewill offering will be taken to help cover the event costs and support future seminars like this one. A complimentary lunch will be served.

Registration Deadline: March 11

### **Red Cross Blood Drive - March 23**

Help Red Cross meet their blood donation goal! A first time event at Trail Ridge, come and make a life-changing impact by giving blood. We'll be partnering with Red Cross, and working alongside trained volunteers to ensure a safe and smooth experience. Appointments are from 11am-4pm, and a complimentary soup lunch will be provided for everyone who donates.

Registration: Everyone planning to donate must sign up for an appointment. This can be done on our website, or if you'd prefer, you can call 1-800-733-2767 to book an appointment via phone.

To learn more about upcoming events at camp, visit our website at [TrailRidge.org](http://TrailRidge.org) or call the camp office at (608) 489-3810.

## NEW FACES AT TRAIL RIDGE!

Over the last month, we've enjoyed working alongside our two newest staff members, Lydia and Manny. We're excited to see where their Trail Ridge journey leads them! Please pray for them as they continue settling into their roles.



Lydia grew up hearing about Jesus and asked Him to be her Savior at a young age. During her teenage years, she began to drift away from her faith, but Teen Camp in 2023 became a turning point that drew her back and helped ground her again in God's Word. She grew up just fifteen minutes from camp and first heard about Trail Ridge through VCY. She quickly fell in love with camp, returning the next two summers to serve as a Cabin Leader. When Lydia was later invited to step into a full-time role, she was challenged by feelings of inadequacy, but 2 Corinthians 12:6-10 reminded her that God's strength is made perfect in weakness. Lydia now serves in the office as Guest Services Coordinator. She is artistic,

musically gifted in singing and piano, and joyfully helps wherever she is needed so campers can hear the gospel and grow in their faith.

Manny is serving as an intern at Trail Ridge, stepping into a variety of roles and helping wherever there is a need. Along the way, he will learn a variety of skills that will equip him for serving in ministry and life in general. Manny has some history with camp—he attended Kids Kamp with his brothers while his mom was volunteering. Manny later served two summers as a Cabin Leader.

Originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Manny came to camp seeking fewer distractions, a time for great spiritual growth, and opportunities to lead kids to Christ. A Scripture passage that has greatly impacted his life is Ephesians 6:10-22 which reminds him to put

on the full armor of God and stay grounded in God's Word. Manny felt God opening the door to this internship as a way to grow, learn new skills, and be better equipped for wherever God leads him next. In his free time, he enjoys playing sports, working out, and hanging out with friends.



Trail Ridge is still on the lookout for 2026 Summer Staff! We're looking to hire twelve Cabin Leaders (six male and six female) and six Operations Staff. If you have a heart for adventure, a desire to grow in your faith, and are passionate about making a spiritual impact on young lives, this opportunity might be for you! If you know a young person who fits that description, tell them about Trail Ridge!

Please be in prayer for the Summer Staff recruiting efforts happening over the next couple months, as our team travels to various colleges and events to connect with individuals exploring opportunities to serve at camp this summer.



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upcoming events!**



### SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Sweetheart's Banquet: February 13

Bible Trivia Night: March 6

Estate Planning Seminar: March 21

Red Cross Blood Drive: March 23

Early Bird Deadline (Summer Camp): April 1

Resolved Men's Retreat: April 10-11