



## *Under Construction!*

**A**fter years of prayer and planning by the Eagle Sky Foundation Board of Directors, work has begun on development of its first Christian Youth Challenge Camp and Conference Center. With one of the highest peaks in Southeastern Missouri, a beautiful spring fed lake and over 25 miles of trails throughout the 4,500 acre parcel of land, children, youth and adults will experience the beauty of God's creation when they arrive at Eagle Sky of the Ozarks.

The first major project completed in 2004 was refurbishing the dam. Close to 40,000 cubic yards of dirt was moved to raise the lake 9 feet and a new concrete spillway was constructed. The improvements to the dam not only strengthened it, but will almost double the size of the 60 acre lake.

Shortly after the general contractor completed the project, one DNR official commented, "This is one of the best



*Construction of the dam is shown here nearly complete. The tower on the right is the outflow tower. The new lake level will be to the top of the tower, raising the water level 9 feet from it's original height to be level with the row of white rocks along the length of the dam.*

examples of restoring an old dam in the entire State."

With the water up to the bottom of the new spillway gates, the lake is almost one third of its projected new size. The new spillway generates an awesome sound as water flows through the riser, through the spillway and then cascades down the multilevel concrete channel to the creek below. While the lake level is down, the new lake shore will be graded and three new islands will also be built.



*The new spillway generates an awesome sound!*

The 3.3 mile entrance road from State Highway 34 to the lake is in the design phase, with permit requests already filed with the DRN (land disturbance/erosion control) and the Army Corps of Engineers (for a bridge over a major creek). Construction is targeted to begin



*Shown in it's construction faze is the new emergency overflow spillway for our new dam. During heavy rains the excess water will flow quickly over this spillway thereby saving the integrity of the dam.*

this summer. The infrastructure (water system, sewer system and electrical power system) is also in the process of being designed in order that the utilities may be installed as the road is being built.

The construction of Eagle Sky of the Ozarks will be an on-going adventure in witnessing God's awesome ability to use people (donors, staff, contractors, and volunteers) to build a facility at which campers of all ages will not only have fun, but where they will be challenged to make life changing decisions. ☘



*A view of the completed dam shows the intake tower on the far right and the emergency spillway on the left hand side of the picture.*



## *Multifunctional Warehouse Building Is Next*

**W**ith construction scheduled to begin in the spring of 2005, this building will serve as the temporary "Welcome Center" during the construction of the camp, while serving as the staging area for the entire project.

Administrative offices will be located in the middle 100 x 100 foot section in front of the warehouse, with motel/bunk rooms on the second floor that will provide housing for volunteers who will be coming to assist with construction projects. The rooms will also be available for guests and youth pastors who will be coming to tour the facilities during construction so they will be able to catch the vision for the quality of the ministry that will be taking place at Eagle Sky of the Ozarks.

A dining room and commercial kitchen located at the southern end of the 50 x 50

foot front section of the building, along with a 50 x 50 foot meeting room on the northern end will complete the public side of the building that will be faced with large logs.

The balance of the building will be a metal structure functioning as a large 100 x 400 foot warehouse. During the construction phase of the camp, in addition to being able to store building materials, the warehouse area may be used during the winter months for volunteers to fabricate building panels for the youth cabins; fabricate trusses, and other items. These items will then be transported to individual building sites when the weather breaks and the foundations are ready for actual construction of camper cabins.

This multifunctional building will serve as an operational hub of activity to support all that is necessary to allow ministry to

take place. From sales and marketing to maintenance, landscaping and housekeeping, each operational department will be geared to meet the needs of all children, youth and adults



*The land where the warehouse will be located is in the middle of a beautiful pasture with views of the mountains to the north. The brown patch on the front of the hill is the road leading to the top of the 1,500 foot peak.*

## *Funding For Construction*

**T**he Eagle Sky Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) not for profit corporation, was established in order to fund the purchase of land on which Christian Challenge Camps and Conference Centers may be built as well as funding the construction of buildings and capital improvements at the camps. Generous contributions from individuals and corporations have enabled the Foundation to purchase property in Colorado and Missouri. Currently the

focus is on Eagle Sky of the Ozarks in Missouri.

Additional individuals and corporations interested in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to youth and adults through a camp ministry are needed. We welcome you to contribute so that funding will be available to continue building additional camps. Contributions may be sent to the Eagle Sky Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 271146, Oklahoma City, OK 73137-1146.



**"The generosity of God's people, through financial gifts to the Eagle Sky Foundation, is the source of funding for the construction of this camp. Contributions received will only be used for capital improvements."**

## The Leadership Team Arrives

Rev. Ray Warren accepted the call from the Board of Directors of the Eagle Sky Foundation to become the first Executive Director of the camp. With a construction background, pastoral experience and 21 years as a Camp and Conference Center director in Southern California and Michigan, he is excited about the challenge and opportunity to develop a facility and ministry from the ground up. He said, "We as a staff have the responsibility to bring the Board's vision into reality."



*The Warrens  
Left to right: Ray, Janette and Samuel*

With a degree in forestry, experience managing thousands of acres of land for the Forest Service in Texas, experience as a Forestry Consultant, experience as a Camp Director in Texas, having served as an Operations Director at a Conference Center in Missouri and a Missionary in Russia, Kevin Darland accepted the call to become Eagle Sky's first Director of Operations. He has a passion for the



*Meet the Darlands  
Left to right: Kevin, Jacob, Jill and Caleb*

ministry of Christian Camping and is excited about the opportunity to build a facility and ministry from the ground up.

Having been called in the fall of 2003, Kevin moved his family to Patterson in December of 2003 from Dallas. Ray moved his family to Patterson from Michigan in January of 2004. Their first year at Eagle Sky has been a whirlwind of activity as they embarked on a journey of a lifetime. Both have said on many occasions, "It is exciting to see how the Lord is blessing this ministry!"

In August of 2004, Dave Procter accepted the job as Director of Facilities. With an extensive construction and farming background and having served for over seven years as the Facilities Director at Windermere Conference Center at Lake of the Ozarks, Dave will be heavily involved with construction projects and will be responsible for maintenance of all structures once they are built. He will also be responsible for the on-site water and sewer systems.



*The Procter's: Dave, and his wife Judy*

In December of 2004, Bill Winner accepted the job as Grounds Director. With an extensive construction background, experience in farming, landscaping and having served the last eight years as the Facilities Director at Gull Lake Bible Conference in Michigan, Bill will be responsible for all the landscaping, roads, trails, lake and lakeshore maintenance as well as all farming operations.



*The Winners: Front row: Branden, Second row: Matthew, Back row, left to right: Zachary, Bill, Lindsay, Cindy and Emily*

Exciting days are ahead as these four men, working with the Board, lead in developing the facilities. As ministry opportunities are developed through programming camps and as facilities are built, they will be building a staff to serve the campers and guests who come to Eagle Sky. The staff at Eagle Sky look forward to seeing how the Lord will use this ministry to touch the lives of youth and adults in the coming years! 🙏



*Just one of the two bald eagles that have been spotted fishing in Eagle Sky's lake.*



*Shown at it's original size, the lake at Eagle Sky will be even more useful for recreation once it doubles in size.*

## Eagle Sky of the Ozarks

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### *Our Statement of Faith:*

*Eagle Sky of the Ozarks holds Five Fundamental Truths that are Pillars of the Faith:*

- **ONE GOD:** *We believe in the Godhead, consisting of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*
- **JESUS CHRIST:** *We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born of a Virgin, conceived by the Holy Spirit.*
- **SAVIOR and REDEEMER:** *We believe Jesus Christ died to save us from our sin, that He was resurrected from the dead and as our Lord and Savior is the way to Heaven and Eternal Life.*
- **SECOND COMING:** *We believe Jesus Christ will come again, in glory and honor, to judge the living and the dead.*
- **BIBLE:** *We believe the Bible is the inspired, living Word of God and is the only reference for Christian Faith, Doctrine, and Conduct.*

*Eagle Sky of the Ozarks' focus will be upon Jesus as Lord and Savior as well as on education, recreation and the spiritual growth and development of the whole person. ☺*

## *Mission and Vision*

### **Our Vision:**

Eagle Sky of the Ozarks has embraced a challenge to build and operate, in the Missouri Ozarks, the finest camping and retreat facilities available for utilization by church groups and other Christian organizations.

### **Our Mission:**

Eagle Sky of the Ozarks' mission is to provide a unique retreat environment where everyone is challenged to grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ.

- By Providing quality facilities where guests can retreat in comfort and security while they focus on expanding their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ;
- By Utilizing dedicated, talented staff

who demonstrate servant leadership and total commitment to Jesus Christ;

- By Involving guests in challenging Christian Camping Programs which strive for quality and excellence in recreational opportunities, ministry development programs; educational programs, and quality Bible teaching;
- By Leading guests to engage the beauty of God's creation, the joy of fellowship, and the challenge of growth in their faith and walk with Jesus Christ.

### **Our Core Values:**

Eagle Sky of the Ozarks is committed to:

- **The Lordship of Jesus Christ**
- **Christ-like work ethic:** with every thought, word, and deed contributing to the fulfillment of the Mission Statement of Eagle Sky of the Ozarks

- **Personal integrity:** in both public and private life
- **Stewardship:** of the Lord's resources in the environment, in the facilities, in the staff and in our finances
- **Vision:** to remain relevant in meeting the ever changing needs of campers and staff
- **Safety and Security:** providing a program and facilities that focus on safety and security for all participants. ☺

