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WHISPERING WINDS CATHOLIC CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER WINTER/SPRING 2008

A 30th Anniversary Reflection

Don Kojis, Co-Founder

Thirty years ago, Dr. Jerry Tisi and I founded our beloved Whispering Winds, making the first payment on the Julian acreage. Over these years, it has been a privilege to be a part of the Lord's work on the mountain. Losing Jerry in 1988 was devastating to our camp; however, knowing God watches Whispering Winds so closely has been humbling. His presence is evident throughout our history.

In 1978, our Founding Families took that first leap of faith, acknowledging God's call and allowing Jerry and me to begin what was then called San Diego Family Camps, Inc in the Cuyamaca Mountains. The next few years tested that faith as we struggled to make our monthly payments on the land, while new answers to prayer in the exact amounts needed continued to appear at the very last minute. The vision stirred in the hearts of many generous people then, as it still does years later. It took 17 years to pay off our mortgage, but we did thanks to the dedication of so many of you.

We changed the name of our organization at the suggestion of Sr. Caroline Bachman. She remembered 1 Kings 19:11-12, when the prophet Elijah was sent to the mountain of God to wait on the Lord passing by. There was a storm, an earthquake, and a fire, but Elijah came to know God's presence in the gentle whisper of a wind. Sister suggested "Whispering Winds" because you can hear the Lord talking to you in the whisper of the winds at the camp. Our first Summer Weekend Conference was held in 1985 with Fr. John Powell of Loyola University. We had no buildings at that point in time, but it was an amazing weekend and even then we knew that God was with us, making a difference in our camp.

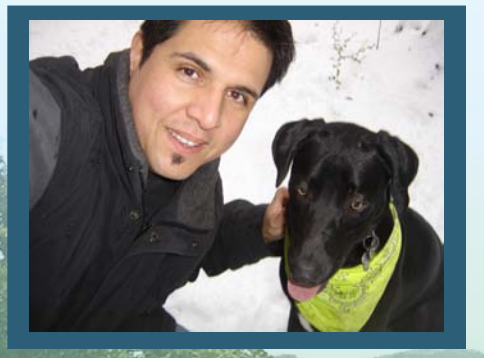
As years progressed, generous donors and volunteer work parties provided us with the original Kitchen, Dining Hall, Meeting Hall, Chapel, Bunkhouse, and the "Quad." Because of the Cedar Fire in 2003, the Chapel and the Bunkhouse are the only of these original buildings still onsite, now known as Conference Rooms A and B respectively. The Milner and Juanico Lodges increased our offerings as they went in between 1995 and 2001. After the Cedar Fire, we were able to install our Challenge Course, along with additional programs and amenities. Today, thirty years later, we host over 7000 people a year. From that first Summer Weekend Conference, we now hold multiple Family Camps - including our new Single-parent Family Camp, Kids & Middle School Camps, Confirmation Retreats, Men's & Women's Retreats, and so much more. I invite you to join us in celebrating thirty years as we head towards thirty more!

2008 Calendar

Staff Day of Fasting & Prayer	*Jan. 8*
Spring Confirmation Retreat	*Feb. 22-24*
26th Dinner Dance Gala	*Apr. 5*
WWWA Retreat	*May 2-4*
Welcome Center Grand Opening	*Summer*
Family Camp 1	*Jun. 20 – 22*
Kids Camp 1	*Jun. 22 – 26*
Family Camp 2	*Jun. 27 – 29*
Kids Camp 2	*Jun. 29 – Jul. 3*
Kids Camp 3	*Jul. 6 – 10*
Family Camp 3	*Jul. 11 – 13*
Family Camp 4	*July 18 – 20*
Middle School Camp	*July 20 – 23*
Single-parent Family Camp	*July 25 – 27*
Phone-a-thon: Building a Legacy	*July*
Life in the Spirit Retreat	*TBA*
Men's Retreat	*Nov. 21-23*
Winter Confirmation Retreat	*Dec. 12-14*
Christmas – Camp Closed	*Dec. 22-31*

Envisioning 2008

Martin Rosales, Executive Director



"Be still and know that I am God." I am fortunate to have personally experienced Psalm 46:10 in the midst of the recent transitions at Whispering Winds. We have just hired two new staff members as we prepare for our summer season and create a Welcome Center at the camp. Lately, I have been so focused on the "work," on multi-tasking, that the Spirit needed to stop me in my tracks and remind me to be still and know.

It was the Saturday of our Diocesan Confirmation Retreat in February, and, between emails and phone calls, I had remembered that I committed to music ministry at their Mass. I picked up my guitar and music, made two phone calls on the walk from my house to Conference Room A, entered quietly, and it hit me. My mind had been consumed with to dos, budget planning, strategies, finances, and the minutiae of business. Walking into that room, the reality of our ministry hit me like a wall. I stood there, in the doorway, without putting my things down. I stood there for ten minutes; I had stumbled upon the heartbeat of Whispering Winds. The list of priorities running through my head changed to testimony, tears, warmth, transformation, and the flow of the Spirit, as the retreat leader shared how God is real in her life. I felt I had walked into the Holy of Holies, the sanctuary where ultimately the Lord was at work.

Moments like this happen at Whispering Winds all the time without my knowing, but they are why we do what we do. This is the fruit of our work, this is our contribution to the Kingdom. It is an honor to be affiliated with this organization that helps God change lives.

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Welcome Our New Staff!

Debbie Marries
Camp Manager

Debbie joined our staff in March 2008 as our full-time Camp Manager, overseeing and managing the day-to-day operation of the Camp. She has lived in Julian for 23 years. Eighteen of those years were spent with the Julian School District, where she supervised the custodial department, maintenance & grounds, and drove a bus. Debbie's childhood dreams were to be a singer and have her own gift shop. She has owned her own gift shop in Julian since 2005. She loves arts and crafts, creating, painting, and hooking rugs. She is currently learning how to knit. The highlight of owning her own shop is building the clientèle: "You know you're doing things right when someone comes back!"

Terry Henberger
Director of Programs

Terry joined our staff in February 2008 as our Director of Programs. She is also the part-time Coordinator of Youth Ministries at St. Timothy in Laguna Niguel, CA, where she manages two Youth Ministers. Terry has two daughters, one in high school and one in college, and a Labrador named Tracker. She is an alum of San Diego State, her favorite TV show is "Grey's Anatomy," and in her free time she designs and makes clothing. Terry's true passion is volunteering to better the lives of children. Terry is an active volunteer within her Laguna Niguel and St. Timothy's communities, including PTA & the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. This spring, Terry is taking a mission trip to Peru with her younger daughter. After a weeklong boat tour of the Amazon, she and her daughter will spend a second week in Piura, serving the local parish community.

Summer Staff Opportunity

What are you doing this summer?

If you are a Catholic young adult (18+) interested in service and ministry opportunities, consider joining Whispering Winds' 2008 Summer Support Staff! The Summer Support Staff facilitates and encourages strong behind the scenes ministry throughout Whispering Winds Summer Programs. Qualified applicants will have some previous experience in any or all of five areas: Customer Service, Food Service, Challenge Course Facilitation, Retail, Ministry, and Management. Position includes 40 hours per week at $10 an hour, room and board, orientation & training. See www.whisperingwinds.org for more information or to download an application.

Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

Sharon Anderson, WWWA President

Congratulations to 2008 Woman of the Year, Linda Crabtree! The Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary is honored to have such a dedicated member. Linda's love and devotion is evident in all of the ways she graces this ministry through her service and prayer support.

As a church, we are becoming more and more aware of addressing the needs of single-parent families. I am honored to announce that the WWWA is sponsoring Whispering Winds' first ever Single-parent Family Camp . This weekend will have all of the family-enriching content of traditional Family Camps tailored to the needs of single-parent families. It is a privilege to be a part of such loving ministry!

Single-parent Family Camp July 25-27

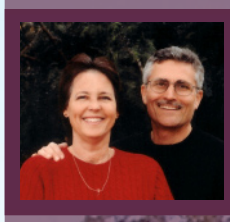
Diane Halfman, Single-parent Family Camp

As a mother of two grown daughters I have felt the challenge of being a single parent, wondering where my place was in the church family. Many times when my girls were young, I would hear of family events - I didn't always feel I was included or that my family needs would be addressed to the extent traditional families would. I feel our new Single-parent Family Camp is a way to embrace the faith walk and needs of this increasingly common family structure. Our hope is that single parents will be properly acknowledged, not only for frequently wearing the hats of both mom and dad, but for being examples of loving, thriving Christian homes.

If you feel called to be a part of this much needed family support please contact me at (619) 921-3272 with how you would like to help. You do not have to be a single parent to help - all we ask is the desire to support all types of families. Thank you for your heartfelt consideration and prayer for this special program!

26th Annual Dinner Dance & Gala

April 5, 2008 at the Westin Horton Plaza
Honoring Steve & Val Spooner, Persons of the Year



Steve and Valerie Spooner met during their junior year in college at Northern Arizona University. After graduating in 1975, they married in 1976 and have been blissfully married for almost 32 years. They have four wonderful daughters – Bethany, Erin, Jennie and Sarah – and one special son-in-law, John. The Spooners reside in Poway and attend St. Michael's Parish. Steve served on the Whispering Winds Board of Directors for nine years, including the positions of Vice President and President. Val loves the Women's Auxiliary and has enjoyed helping out at Family Camps in the summers and attending their annual retreats. Last year as a Women's Auxiliary Board Member, she held the position of Ways and Means and this year she is Vice President. Being blessed with Spooner Woodworks, their family owned & operated woodworking business in Poway, has provided the Spooners many opportunities to contribute a variety of projects to Whispering Winds:

"We are so thankful to see our projects fill a need for the camp's staff and guests. Our love for the Whispering Winds community and our belief in the camp's mission is what continues to flame our passion and support for this ministry. Witnessing the changing of hearts for the Lord that takes place at the camp makes all the effort a joyful and fulfilling experience."

Not to us O Lord, not to us but to Your name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness. - Psalm 115:1

Our Friendly Staff

Martin Rosales
Executive Director

Nora Hamilton
Registrar

Martina Montes
Housekeeper

Don Kojis, Co-Founder
Community Relations Director

Terry Henberger
Director of Programs

Katie O'Loughlin
Marketing & Development Coordinator

Judy Burke
Controller

Debbie Marries
Camp Manager

Rosie Soto
Food Service Manager

Rick Butts
Facilities Manager

Jose Montes
Groundskeeper

Tina Thompson
Challenge Course Director

Contact any of our staff by their first name @whisperingwinds.org

Go MAD at Whispering Winds

All those entering grades 3-8 are invited to join us in going **MAD** and learning how we can be like Noah and **M**ake **A D**ifference in the world around us. Kids Camp includes a Catholic program & Mass, 4 overnights, 12 meals, and tons of fun activities – fishing, boating, and horseback riding optional!

Registration opens April 15

June 22-26
with Peekaboo & the St. Luke team

June 29-July 3
with LaLaBird & the Most Precious Blood team

July 6-10
with Little Foot, Raja & the Holy Trinity/OLG teams

Middle School Camp

NEW IN 2008!!

Calling all Middle Schoolers... If you are going into 6th, 7th, or 8th grade next year, we have the summer camp opportunity of a lifetime just for you! Make new friends and learn more about God, all at Whispering Winds! This Camp is all Middle School, all the time - be prepared to have a blast!

Registration opens April 15

July 20-23, 2008
with St. Brigid's Young Adult Ministry

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Middle School Camp	July 20-23
Single-parent Family Camp	July 25-27

SUMMER FAMILY CAMP 2008

There's No Place Like Home

Registration opens Apr. 15 - *see whisperingwinds.org*

Register before May 15 for
Early Bird Rates
- $33 per person (ages 4+) plus
- Deluxe Lodge Room - $300
- Economy Lodge Room - $225
- Tipi or your own Tent or RV - $150

Registration after May 15
- $33 per person (ages 4+) plus
- Deluxe Lodge Room - $325
- Economy Lodge Room - $250
- Tipi or your own Tent or RV - $175

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. – Joshua 24:15

Special - Just for Family Campers!

All Family Campers receive 20% off boat rentals and fishing permits at Lake Cuyamaca, usable Sunday afternoon on your way home.
Integrity Stables offers the very best in horseback riding experiences. Reserve your family's one-hour trail ride at Whispering Winds when you register for Family Camp! Cost is $50 per person. Limited space available.

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Thanks to our 2007 Guests!

103 Saints Korean Catholic Church
Ad Altare Dei Boy Scouts
American Martyrs
The Beck Family
Blessed Sacrament
Bread of Life Christian Church
Camp Emmaus
Cathedral Catholic High School
Church of the Resurrection Men's & Youth Ministries
San Diego Civic Youth Orchestra
CSULB Newman Club
Cursillo
Diocese of Orange Youth Ministry
Diocese of San Diego Youth & Young Adult Ministries
EJE Elementary School
El Nido Interfaith Shelter
Filipino Cursillo Community
Foothills Christian Marriage Ministries
Good Shephard Youth Ministry
Holy Trinity Youth Ministry
J. Serra Campus Ministry
John Paul the Great University
Julian Community Preschool
The Lancaster Family
LDS Redhawk Ward
Marian Campus Ministry
Mary, Star of the Sea Campus & Youth Ministries
Mission San Diego Youth Ministry
Neighborhood Baptist Jr. High Camp
OLP Campus Ministry
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Our Lady's School
Pomerado Christian Men & Women's Ministries
Queen of Angels Youth Ministry
REACH Student Ministries
Sacred Heart Academy & Women's Ministries
San Diego Feeling Good
San Rafael Mothers' Spirituality Group
Santa Margarita Catholic High School
Sierra Madre Campus Ministry
Spirit Ministries
St. Brigid Young Adult Ministry
St. Charles
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
St. Francis Youth Ministry
St. Gabriel Youth Ministry
St. Gregory the Great Staff
St. James Youth Ministry
St. John Middle School
St. John Neumann Youth Ministry
St. Jude Academy
St. Kieran Academy
St. Killian Youth Ministry
St. Leo Youth Ministry
St. Martin of Tours Youth Ministry
St. Mary Youth Ministry
St. Michael Youth Ministry
St. Rose of Lima
St. Stephen Youth Ministry
St. Therese of Carmel Youth Ministry
St. Therese Youth Ministry
St. Thomas Youth Ministry
St. Timothy Volunteer Work Party
St. Vincent de Paul
Sts. Simon and Jude Family Ministries
Sweetwater Union High School District
The Talia Sisters
Talleres de Oracion y Vida
UCSD School of Medicine & Chi Gamma Phi
University of San Diego:
Choir, InterVarsity, Leadership EDLD162, Office of the Controller, Orientation Adventure, Office of Residential Life, & Ultimate Greek Adventure
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Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

The Perfect Place for Your Group

Ask us about holding your retreat at Whispering Winds! Contact our Main Office at (619) 464-1479 for more information, brochures, and availability.
Para información en español llame (619) 916-9559.

2008 Rates

Deluxe Lodges:
- $135 per room per night (up to 4 guests)
- $31 per additional guest per night

WW Village Bunkhouse:
- $31 per guest per night

Food Service: $7 per guest per meal
Day Use: $10 per guest

NEW OFF-SEASON RATES

5pm Monday – 8am Friday, Labor Day – Memorial Day

Deluxe Lodges:
- $115 per room per night (up to 4 guests)
- $25 per additional guest per night

WW Village Bunkhouse:
- $25 per guest per night

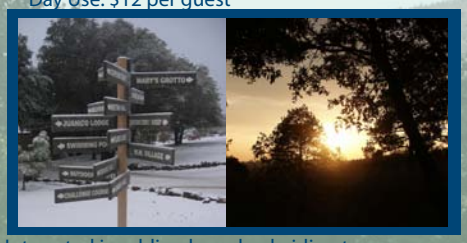
Food Service: $6 per guest per meal

2009 Rates - *2009 dates now available*

Deluxe Lodges:
- $138 per room per night (up to 4 guests)
- $32 per additional guest per night

WW Village Bunkhouse:
- $32 per guest per night

Food Service: $7.25 per guest per meal
Day Use: $12 per guest



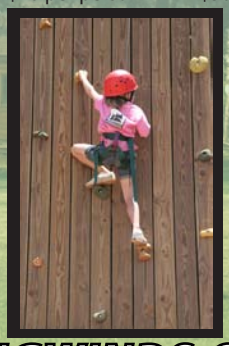
Interested in adding horseback riding to your retreat? Integrity Stables offers the very best in riding experiences. Contact Jennifer Smith to schedule your group's trail ride at Whispering Winds.
Advanced booking required - (760) 484-2929

Challenge Course

*Zip through the mountains on four 450-foot zip lines, now with newly installed hydraulic dismounts! WW is one of ten courses in the US and the **only** course west of CO to have this top of the line technology!*

Schedule your Challenge Course experience by May 1, 2008 for 20% off of 2008 rates!

Discounted Rates	*2008 Rates*	*Session*
$20 per person	$25 per person	3 hours
$40 per person	$50 per person	6 hours



Conquer "Goliath" - our three-sided 30-foot Climbing Tower. Complete with two inclines, a positive slope to aid beginners and a negative slope for an extra challenge, this is one thing you don't want your group to miss!

Also available: 12-element Low Challenge Course - great for team building!

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