

## Whispering Winds is Making a Difference... We Invite YOU to Help

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## Upcoming Events

- Diocesan Confirmation Retreat - Dec. 10-12, 2010
- 2011 Day of Fasting & Prayer - Jan. 4, 2011
- Diocesan Confirmation Retreat - Mar. 4-6, 2011
- 29th Dinner Dance & Gala - Apr. 16, 2011
- WWWA Women's Retreat - Apr. 29 - May 1, 2011
- Summer Programs - Summer 2011



### Save the Date: 29th Annual Dinner Dance & Gala

Whispering Winds' 29th Annual Dinner Dance & Gala will be held at Loews Coronado Resort on **Saturday, April 16, 2011.**

Join us in honoring 2011 Persons of the Year, Glenn and Susann Wilhite. Glenn and Susann are parishioners at Our Lady of Grace in El Cajon, where they are a part of the RCIA team. They are huge supporters of the camp, as well as being very active members of the Cursillo community. Glenn and Susann each have sat on the Whispering Winds Board of Directors, and Glenn chaired the Founders Hall Committee. **Whispering Winds is blessed to be a part of the Wilhite family, and we invite you to join us in celebrating them!**



# WHISPERING WINDS Taking CHURCH OUTSIDE

WHISPERING WINDS CATHOLIC CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

Summer/ Fall 2010



## The Heart of Whispering Winds

*Martin Rosales, Executive Director*

One of my closest friends and I often talk about the faith experiences we had while growing up. She quickly taps into great stories from Summer Camp. She refers to the fun things she did as a kid every summer and how she looked forward to it year after year. She remembers her excitement and anticipation as the bus, filled with the kids from her church, pulled into "Camp Piney Wood."

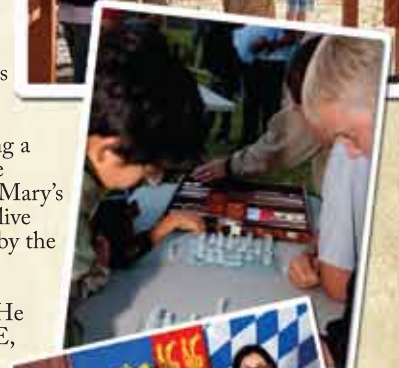
It was common for many in her church to block out a week where everyone, including the pastor, packed up and went to camp. She has frequently commented that those childhood mountain top experiences tremendously impacted the strong faith that sustains her today.

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At Whispering Winds, I am encouraged by being witness to the fact that we are providing a similar faith experience in our community. For me, one of the highlights is when I see the expression on people's faces as they gather in anticipation of celebrating the Eucharist at Mary's Grotto. It is there I see the beauty of a faith developed inside the church building come alive on the mountain. There is nothing like singing "How Great Thou Art" while surrounded by the beauty God has created.

As you read the testimonies found in our Programs Section, let's praise God for the way He has powerfully touched lives at Whispering Winds! By TAKING CHURCH OUTSIDE, we have an exciting opportunity to come along with and support parish ministry. Whispering Winds builds on the ongoing work that begins within those settings.

Our Founding Families had a vision. They believed, and they stepped out in faith. Their foresight and actions enable us to inject faith into the camping experience and to provide an opportunity for each camper to have a personal encounter with God through nature and shared experiences with others.



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## 2011 Calendar is Now Open!

To make your group's reservation for 2011, call the Whispering Winds office at **(619) 464-1479**

**What's new in 2011? Founders Hall!**

**Founders Hall** provides meeting space for up to 250, with heat/AC, a fire place, audio/visual set up, and a coffee station.

The Prayer Chapel, seating up to 50, is available to all guests and can be used for Mass, Adoration, or personal prayer.

*Schedule your visit today!*

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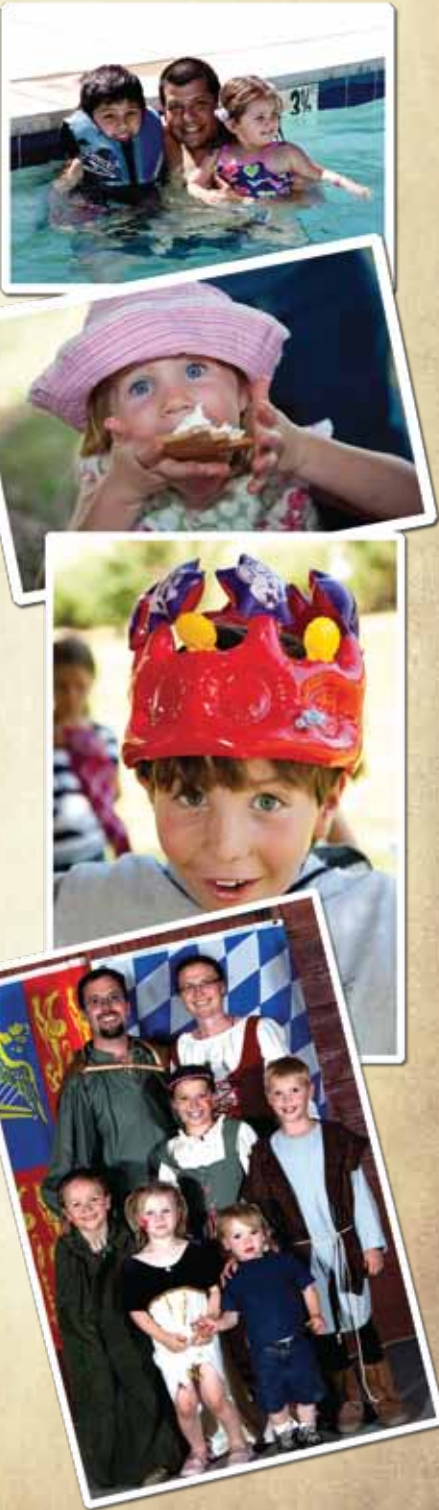




Founder Hall & Prayer Chapel "Available for your use beginning January 1, 2011"

# What Our Campers Had to Say...

- The whole family enjoyed the time away in the natural outdoors, spending quality time together - just us, God and nature.
- It gave our family time to relax and get closer to the Lord! Our CCAs (Phil) and (Haley) were outstanding and we cannot say enough about them!
- We sensed God's presence during the speakers' sessions and how as a couple, we connected in a spiritual way with the Lord. We experienced a sense of strengthened/renewed commitment to work through our marital issues because we have faith and trust in the Lord. Another moment was when our eldest shared an unsolicited comment, "This is a cool camp and I'd want to come back".
- I sensed God's presence listening to the wind in the middle of the quiet night. It was amazing to hear it first in the distance and then slowly moving to the campsite. Very powerful!
- We have been to family camp six summers now. We are a family of 5 (kids 8, 10, 13). This was our best experience. The Program was very well organized. The children's and tween programs were excellent! We were thrilled to hear our kids discuss the Armor of God. The CCA's that ran the games at the Faire made it great. Martin is so genuine, so spiritual. Paula is a gift. Her commitment and enthusiasm are truly inspirational. We are full of love for our faith and for Whispering Winds!
- We had SUCH a wonderful time this weekend! It was rest-filled, nature-filled, spirit-filled and all worth every bit of the financial and time sacrifice. Our young children "love camping" now and even put their sleeping bags in the living room today because "they don't want to stop camping." We were sad to leave, too. Thank you for this ministry you provide, and we look forward to supporting you both financially and in future attendance for years to come!
- The Whispering Winds Family Camp we attended July 9-11 was unbelievable. We felt safe allowing our children to be free to explore throughout the campground and they loved every activity they participated in. The camp schedule was perfect: we sincerely appreciated the time we shared as a family, as a couple and the time for our kids to bond with other kids.
- The entire camp leadership team was outstanding. It was evident they'd worked extremely hard for countless hours preparing and planning many details.
- Loved hearing our children discuss what they learned in the age 11-13 group. Our 8 year old loved his program. My husband and I LOVED the evening adult program. After a fantastic day with the kids, it was nice to have quiet meditation singing with Martin and praying with Paula. Whispering Winds has become a pillar in our family.
- I sensed God's presence when my tweenie son came back from the program Saturday night and whispered in my ear that he felt God with him!!!! WAY TOO COOL
- God is present everywhere at Whispering Winds. We feel him in every activity and in every exchange. I personally loved when Paula had us give up a cheer to God after the mass. I imagined God looking upon his children and loving the applause. God has touched each of our children in so many loving ways each time we attend camp.
- I don't remember God not being present during the weekend. WW is such holy ground - simply being there brings peace and presence. The most happy, spirit-filled time was during the Faire. There was a moment when we both stopped, watched our kids running free and playing with new friends and agreed, "This is happiness." Those moments are rare down the mountain.
- Whispering Winds and Family Camp are Heaven on Earth! Thank You Jesus!!!
- Adult speakers were wonderful and shared such personal stories from the heart, not a dry eye.
- One of the highlights was the opportunity to have a weekend with our fellow parishioners outside of the usual Sunday worship.
- I felt freedom as a parent to not worry about my children.
- I will always remember the look on my daughter's face from the top of the climbing wall after she struggled to achieve the goal. It was with God's help that she achieved, but it was important to me that she realized that she can do whatever she undertakes with hard work and to not give up.



**A Summer Fit for a King**  
*Terry Henberger, Director of Programs*  
*"To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven" - Matthew 13:11*

This summer we welcomed royalty to the mountain to focus on our worth as sons and daughters of our almighty King Jesus. The camp was transformed into a kingdom with a castle, medieval banquet table, shields, swords and flags! The Renaissance Faire during Family and Kids Camps was a highlight for all. Along with tattoos, face painting and stick horse races, we had the chance to learn how to juggle and joust!

Paula Bott wrote and directed all four of our weekend Family Camps. She is an inspirational and talented writer and speaker - thank you, Paula, for giving so much of yourself for God's Glory!

Our programs for every age group featured speakers, an archery bible lesson, banner and jester crafts and evening teen programs with praise music.

A royal feast was served on Saturday nights and silverware was not included. All families were entertained watching dad tear through a big turkey leg!

Our Child Care Assistants (CCAs) were an amazing group of teens who enhanced each weekend. Thank you, Laurie Mikolaycik, for your dedication towards a very successful CCAs program! Any parishes interested in hosting a Family Camp in the future, please email us at [office@whisperingwinds.org](mailto:office@whisperingwinds.org).

Thank you Jane Alfano, Rebecca Krawczak, and Kevin Roberts for taking charge of Kids Camps and encouraging each camper to stay "fit" by keeping their spiritual strengths in shape! Kids learned about faith, righteousness, truth, sprit and salvation through Armor of God activities. Of course, swimming, zip-lining, and horseback riding are always a popular component of camp! Our crafty kids produced mini medieval banners, crowns and stained-glass candle holders to take home as a memento of a fantastic week.

I enjoyed living in God's kingdom this summer with campers, volunteers and staff and serving Him with you!



**The Lord's Work**  
*Don Kojis, Co-Founder*

As we look back on the close of another summer, I am humbled to witness the fruition of the dream Jerry Tisi and I had more than thirty years ago. The movement of the Lord on the mountain comes through many dedicated vessels. My heartfelt gratitude to all involved with the ministry of Whispering Winds: staff, board of directors, donors, and volunteers. You are the Whispering Winds family; you propagate the Lord's work.

**Celebrating 20 years of Cursillo at Whispering Winds**  
*Dr. J. Patrick O'Brien, Cursillo Secretariat Lay Director*

For twenty years, Cursillo has been camping at Whispering Winds. The camp has both inhaled and exhaled in those twenty years. We had growth and build-up and then loss and grief. Humans, buildings and trees have all seen cycles go up and down. Many Cursillistas, both living and dead, are remembered and honored for giving talent, time and treasure over the years in building Whispering Winds Catholic Camp. Today, when I walk around Whispering Winds, I see a testament to Christian perseverance. I see holy ground where the Cursillo method works with the Holy Spirit. Holy ground under an open sky and away from the crowds in a well-managed camp.

In every season, I have seen men, women, and children feel the Holy Spirit at Whispering Winds. I hope to see many more. May the breath of God in the Whispering Winds bless us all.



**You Can be an Ambassador Too**  
*Paulette Deniston*

We are blessed to count twenty-seven Parish Ambassadors for Whispering Winds, each of whom is working to promote our camp within their parish! Our goal is to have at least one ambassador at every parish, ninety-nine total! These ambassadors are Whispering Winds "super salesmen." They are strong advocates of the camp, interested in exposing fellow parishioners to Whispering Winds and encouraging participation in events and activities. Promotion ideas include group meetings, email blasts, bulletin announcements, and phone campaigns. Ambassadors at two parishes have already held wine and cheese receptions, inviting fellow parishioners to their homes for an informal get-together, sharing camp experiences and getting general updates on Whispering Winds. The response from these receptions has been fantastic! Most of us enjoy the opportunity to catch up with other family campers, Cursillistas, and camp volunteers - our once or twice a year exposure to the camp is just not enough!

Call or email Frank & Paulette Deniston at 619-857-5443 / [development@whisperingwinds.org](mailto:development@whisperingwinds.org) with your questions or to become an ambassador.



**WW Women's Auxiliary - Women United in Faith**  
*Marie Cizek, WWWW President*

As women united by faith and by a common interest in Whispering Winds, we begin another year of prayer, fellowship, and support of the ministry of Whispering Winds. Our theme this year comes from Psalm 90:17 "let the favor of the Lord rest upon us; and establish the work of our hands..." As the women of the WWWW prepare to contribute to the growth and development of Whispering Winds, we ask you to join us in prayer each day at 10AM and 7PM for all of Whispering Winds' ministries. Please consider joining the WWWW for our annual Advent Retreat on November 29 (men, women, and teens welcome). It will be an evening of music, prayer, and spiritual preparation for Christmas.