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crossroads farm

Down On The Farm

The Quarterly Newsletter of Crossroads Farm

CRF Defying Gravity Airshow



The heads began snapping around as the first of the fighters flew into Hillsdale Municipal Airport about an hour before the brunch began. Soon the tarmac was crowded with classic fighter planes from the second world war and the people who wanted to see them. A corsair, a wildcat and a pod of T-6's arrived

to save rural students the way they flew to defend against the Luftwaffe and Imperial Airforce seventy three years ago.

Each of the thirteen planes as well as the pilots, friends of Al's Aerial Spraying, who flew them were a gracious gift to rural youth and

the city of Hillsdale from the fliers themselves. There could not have been a more generous gift.

The day began with a brunch, which highlighted Crossroads Farm's

ministry and its students. Over 220 friends of the farm filled the hanger for brunch and a brief update of the year. Students gave their testimonies and our host for the day, Jay Laffoon from Celebrate Your Marriage, asked the guests to get involved in this valuable ministry.

Immediately following the brunch, 1500 spectators packed the observation area for the first airshow in Hillsdale County history. 1940's era music blasted as our MCs announced and joked about the stunts and formations. In a perfectly cloudless afternoon, Missing Man formation provided a moving moment as Taps peeled out over the crowd. An incredible day for Hillsdale County and for rural teens. 🌄



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The take of one 7th grader -Devlin

"Hiawatha was awesome. I had so much fun all week at camp. It was way better than I thought it would be and I can't wait to go again. While at camp I made a couple decisions to be better at reading my



Bible more and being a better Christian. I need to remember that when I do something wrong that I can ask God to forgive me and he will and



that I need to forgive myself too. Octoball was the cheese, that was my favorite thing to play."

While it's fun to get quotes and hear from students, it more fun to realize that life changing decisions happen every day~keep praying for our students and for the many decisions and memories that began at Hiawatha Youth Camp this past summer on a week in July. 📷



Leadteam

The Mind of a Servant Leader, year three in the A.R.M.S (attitude, relationship, mind, skills) of a Servant Leader Rural Youth Training curriculum, written by Doug Routledge. This was the training focus of our entire school year and launching pad of training 2013/14 at the Essenhaus in Middlebury, IN. 39 leadteam members (adult volunteers, coaches, and student leaders, crew), took prayerful and enthusiastic advantage of this weekend, Sept. 6-8 📷




From the CRF FB Timeline

“My son, ‘Johnny A.’, comes to Crossroads on Tuesdays and he LOVES it!! I think that this is an awesome program that you have!! I just wanted to say thank you for being such a positive and upbeat program for the teenagers!!! =)”

-Parent

“Due to my excitement from tonight, prepare for every use of punctuation.

I just really love friends, and praying, and talking about God, and iron man shirts, and beautiful superhero men, and singing happy birthday, and games, and laughing, and cake, and hugs, and squeels, and worship and and and and and.... I don't know what else! Crossroads rocks my socks.”


-”Susie Q”, student 

For the ongoing work in the
lives of rural youth, special
gifts were given:

In memory of

Berna Baker and *Emily Hard*

Proverbs 29:18

On September 27-28, 2013, our CRF board of directors gathered at the Essenhaus for a time of prayer, planning, and vision casting. Guest speaker, Vince Turner, powerfully left us with a spiritual challenge to hold our corner for students and be one of the faithful (Mark 2). Two new board candidates were introduced. Our godly directorship is so excited to serve Jesus Christ through Crossroads Farm and unveil some exciting developments you can be a part of soon! Ask God to grant these men and women wisdom. 

YAHOOOS:

👉 Leadteam training retreat
Sept. 6-8

👉 Beginning of school year
programming

👉 43 adult volunteers and student leaders!

👉 Great CRF Board of Directors
Retreat Sept. 27 and 28

👉 Corn Maze up, ready and in use!



Prayer Closet

TAKE IT TO JESUS:

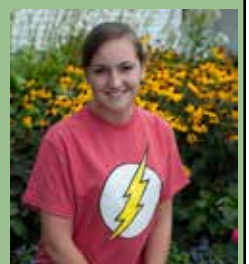
👉 Murder Mystery Outreach Oct 18
and 19

👉 Our Coaches as they build relationships with students

👉 That our student numbers continue to grow

👉 Rich Carpenter in his final 50% climb to full time
missionary at CRF

👉 Doug's wisdom in our partnership with RCI
churches



Laser Armed Troups Invade CRF

On Sunday and Tuesday in the middle of the week, a couple of hundred combatants descended on Crossroads Farm for our annual Kick off event. Our friends from Mobile Laser Kombat provided the fun in what has become an expectation... Laser tag! Although the rain moved us indoors at North Reading Baptist Church for high school night, we returned to the Farm on Tuesday for more battle! Laughter, screams and the occasional, (continued below)



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Loving The Rural Teenager



“Medic! Medic! Man Down! Man Down!” were heard all night above the din of the pumping music.

This year the students are being challenged to “Think About It!” Doug gave a brief appeal for the kids to pursue the truth about God as if it were a “life and death” situation. You and I already know that it is. Will you please pray with us as we reach out with the good news of Jesus Christ to our mission field? 