

# TALL OAKS NEWSLETTER

January 2017



Thanks to the Youth Leadership Council, Tall Oaks has installed and updated the sound and visual systems in the LLC.

A new HD projector, surround sound, modern cables in the meeting space and a large video monitor with speakers in the fireplace room allows us to serve the needs of our groups.

What we think, we become. - Buddha



## 2016 Remembered

2016 was a year of remembrance for so many reasons, it started with the loss of our close friend Roberta Christenson. Tall Oaks welcomed new staff in key places and got to know our groups better and developed some great partnerships. Though a weak financial first quarter we did have a wonderful summer with all camps growing in number. We moved from two CYF camps down to one with positive results. Fall kept us quite busy hosting schools for Outdoor Education and some new groups to enjoy the facility. We rebuilt the challenge course and updated the facilities and even had a group paint the pool house. The Gala was a success this year with nearly \$40,000 to help continue our ministry. 2016 was a challenging year, one I won't forget, one to build on for sure, we move forward with excitement in 2017.

## Looking forward to 2017

Moving forward we see great things on the horizon, winter and spring look to be busier, staff is settled in, we have a much better grasp on the task at hand. Summer will be even more busy than 2016, and fall will keep us hopping. We have upgraded Milagro cottage, will paint Campbell and Koinonia, build new paths for hiking and horseback rides. With the increase in bookings and a more stable staff setting 2017 should be solid fiscally. We will host the Gala again in the fall and will introduce CamPaloza on May 6<sup>th</sup> here at Tall Oaks. This fundraiser should help with online continuing giving which will increase our Empowerment fund and allow us to continually upgrade our cottages and service.

## Chi Rho Mid-Winter Feb. 24 & 25

Friday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. To Saturday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Cost \$65

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17

**Tall Oaks can now accept donations by credit card, a small monthly give helps with large long term goals. Contact us for more details. A small amount goes a long way to meet our goals of serving others.**



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