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Jeffrey Beaver

MEET OUR STUDENTS

"Hey! Who are you all? What are your names? So how far of a drive did you have to here?" If you find yourself at Faith Mission Home and happen to bump into an outgoing man by the name of Jeffrey Beaver, chances are, these are some of the first things you will hear from him.

Jeff is a longtime fixture at Faith Mission, having been here for over 50 years, and part of the "Oakridge boys" for around thirty of those. As mentioned previously, Jeff is a very outgoing man who loves meeting new people and making conversation about anything under the sun. He finds much enjoyment in the simple routines of each day, whether it is class time in the morning, doing laundry, cleaning eggs, or walking the dog. He is also very timely, and does an excellent job of keeping the other cottage boys, (and staff at times), on schedule. If any of the chores, or anything else for that matter, does not happen on time, it is quite likely that there will be some clearing of the throat, and a few conspicuous glances at his ever-present wristwatch. Jeff does not let his time consciousness get in the way of having a good time. He loves a good joke, and can often be heard emitting a hearty laugh and his classic "O yes, boys!"

"Beaver", as he is frequently called, is a kind-hearted individual who is sensitive to others and their feelings. Because of this, he has developed a unique way of communicating things in an indirect way so as not to come across as too harsh or bold. A favorite example of mine: Jeff and somebody else were working in close proximity to each other, and more or less getting in the way of each other. Jeff had a solution. "If I'm in your way, you should just move."

Jeff has an excellent ear for music and can carry a tune exceptionally well. His love for singing is made apparent by his ability to quickly pick up on new songs. He can often be heard humming or singing along when there is music of any kind. His favorite song is "Hallelujah Square", which he traditionally sings on Program Trip every year. I am always moved upon hearing this man sing of a day when we will all have new bodies and new minds, and be made completely whole. What a day that will be!

Deidrich Kanagy / Oakridge Cottage / Wytheville, VA

EVENTS



ADMISSIONS

Lowell Hege - July 7



FAREWELLS

Anna Bowman, Justin Eicher - July 11
Heidi Weaver, Sonya Hobbs - August 1
Janelle Wenger, Kaley Miller - August 15



CORN DAY

July 22



WEDDINGS

Joshua Swartzentruber & Krista Beachy - July 25
Lelan Ehst & Kylie Martin - August 16



FALL PROGRAM TRIP

August 28-September 1

GROUP SPOTLIGHT



A-BOYS WITH KENDRIC KING

JEFF LACOVARA. GEORGE FRAME. NATHAN MILLER. JEFFERY SHIRK

STUDENT QUOTE:

"How's my day going?" ~Jolan Mast

SNAPSHOTS



VISIT OUR ETSY SHOP

Parents Appreciation Weekend

Parents Appreciation Weekend is a much-anticipated weekend, probably one of the more fun "off-schedule" times at FMH. It provides a chance for each of us staff to open the door for our parents and give them a peek into our lives here in a VS unit. Many new connections are made, and old friendships renewed, as parents and staff enjoy a weekend of fellowship and fun. Thank you to each of you parents who came and showed your support and interest in our work here.

The weekend kicked off with a snack and introductions in the event barn on Friday night. The parents introduced their children and we heard some stories about our friends that months of living and working together had not disclosed. After the introductions ended, people dispersed into chatting, laughing groups that continued through the late hours of the night and, in a few cases, into the early morning. Curfew for Friday night was controlled by when your parents left, so the later you could get them to stay the better.

Saturday morning began with coffee and pastries at 7:30 for the early risers, leading up to a brunch at 9:00. Following brunch, there was a devotional by Japheth Stauffer and then several interviews of former staff couples about their time here. Once brunch had settled, the traditional Fathers vs. Daughters softball game was played, in which the fathers came out victors. Then all those who were interested joined in for another lively game. Between 3:30 and 4:30 in the afternoon, all the staff dorms on campus were open for the parents and staff to wander through and see where their children live. Saturday ended with a banquet in the barn featuring amazing food, door prizes and live entertainment, including a barbershop quartet, a men's group, and a special singing group. The final portion of the evening was spent in a question and answer session in which all those who answered yes to a particular question got up and sang a song. This particular section of the evening caused much laughter and hopefully not too much embarrassment. Afterward parents and staff again gathered around for more conversations and stories until the need for sleep drove them to bed.

Sunday morning everyone was invited to the Children's Chapel and then the regular service. The weekend closed with more good food and fellowship over Sunday lunch, and everyone returned to their duties with many good memories and more friends.

Benjamin Showalter/ D-Childcare / Eagle Rock, VA



Christmas vacation is planned for December 20th-January 3rd. This is a time when our students get to go home to see their families. If you would like to host one or several students in your home for part or all of Christmas vacation, we'd love to hear from you. Thank you for considering this opportunity!

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