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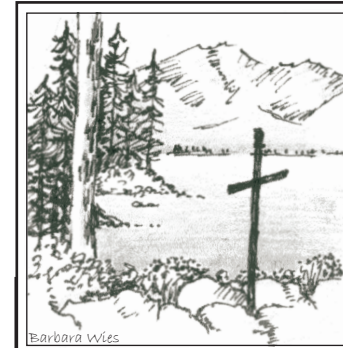
## Resident Director Jason shares...

I am going to start off with a bear story. As the cooler months began at Tahoe, the Great Basin Outdoor School kicked off its Fall session at Galilee in September. On their first morning in camp during breakfast, a few youngsters heard my dog, Dodger, barking very loudly. Pretty soon all the campers inside the dining room had gathered outside. There at the base of a pine tree, they found Dodger "on guard" barking and gazing upward. They saw a bear clinging to a branch high up in the pine tree. Most of the students were oh-ing and ah-ing with excitement to see a bear just out in nature. This is the kind of camping adventure that creates wonderful story-telling and life-long memories and identifies people as Galileans.

Galilee had an excellent summer season this year both for conferencing and for the eight Galilee-sponsored youth and family summer camps. I thank our summer staff, counselors and Summer Youth Camp Director Adam Dawkins for their leadership. It was advantageous to the campers as well as to me to have many of the staff returning for another season of Camp Galilee. On the conference side, we are always glad to have Camp Sundowner and L.A. Dance Camp in the Sierra's at Galilee and we welcomed a new group, the Healthy Communities Coalition, a teen youth group. Led by Alicia Hoffman, this group participates in drug awareness and prevention programs. They have booked dates in October for a tobacco awareness program. This summer we built new wood picnic tables for a much better outdoor dining experience. Everyone loved them. They've also enjoyed the round, umbrella tables and chairs that were donated and were located just outside the Jenkins Hall (dining hall). It is a treat for me to see so many of the summer campers return year after year as I watch them mature into young adults. It is great to have them say, "See you next year, Jason."

Our property improvements continue to impress those individuals who have not visited Galilee in many years. We continue to work hard to improve the facilities for the comfort and safety of our campers and conferees and to increase our bed capacity in response to the needs of larger conferencing groups. At last our highway signs have been installed by NDOT. They are big green signs that announce "Galilee" and have an arrow pointing toward us. People say it is so much easier to find us now. I hope that you, your family, your business or your organization will also find us in the near future to experience Galilee in any season. Galilee at Tahoe is wonderful at any time of the year!

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## Vision

The Galilee Episcopal Camp and Conference Center is a community with a reputation for a safe, aesthetic and spiritual environment to promote renewal, education, healing and fellowship.

## Mission

To create a welcoming environment and professionally managed camp and conference center that honors each person and provides a spiritual place for renewal, celebration and learning.

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News & Notes from Galilee Episcopal Camp & Conference Center

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## Galilee Keeps Moving Forward

The excitement continues at Galilee! After another unique summer camp season and successful conferencing year, we are pleased to give you an overview of how Galilee continues to move forward. The six summer youth camps were full of fun and the two family camps moved in a new direction. Family Camp I was designed for children of inmates and was funded through donations and grants. In addition to the family groups attending Family Camp II, a contingent of young men from St. Jude's Ranch participated in the week. Their attendance was made possible by St. Christopher's parish. We were privileged to have two prominent Family Camp Leaders guide these sessions, the Bishop Charles Duvall (Ret.) and The Rev. Philip Whitehead both from Columbia, South Carolina. By reaching out to these populations, Galilee pursues its mission "to honor each person and provide a spiritual place for renewal, celebration and learning."

In the Spring/Summer 2005 issue of *The Galilean*, the Galilee Board of Trustees announced a plan to relocate the camp store from Delamar to Hunting Lodge. That goal has been accomplished with no negative financial impact on sales. Volunteers took Delamar down to the studs and then completely remodeled the inside. Everything is new including three sets of bunk beds, casual furniture and a modern bathroom. Not only does this cabin look great but it also adds six more beds, or said another way, is an increased revenue source!

Other 2005 goals set by the Trustees were to install the north and south boundary fences and to put a new roof and replace the five skylights in the long-standing-vacant Frensdorff House. Replacing the roof was essential to protect the house from further deterioration. These projects were funded by a \$27,417 grant from the Galilee Foundation. In September, Board members and staff sealed the house from the elements, completed the installation of new cedar siding on the front and rear of the house and stained the siding. The interior has received an extensive cleaning in preparation to finishing the interior. This project will include insulation, wallboard, flooring, balustrades, furnace, appliances and the connection of utilities. To expand the use of the house, the Board would like to install a 270-degree redwood deck on the exterior. Finishing the interior and building the deck will require approximately \$30,000. The Board has received two \$5,000 donations toward the Frensdorff project and is seeking a match for those donations.

The Bishop's House continues to be upgraded. This summer a central heating system, a new gas water heater and new lower level windows were installed. These improvements will make year-round rentals of this rustic house, with an incredible view of the lake, much more comfortable for guests to enjoy. Why don't you arrange a week or weekend this winter with your family or friends and find out just how delightful a stay at Galilee can be? The three-story house sleeps up to 15 people in the five bedrooms. The Board's investment of over \$8,000 was deemed an excellent decision because increasing the comfort level in the house should result in more bed night usage and, therefore, increased revenue from that house.

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