

## Đoàn TNNT at Camp Silverwood XXVI April 2008



More than 70 troopers signed up for the trip, plus the Huynh Truong, Tro Ta and Phu Huynh to make up about 80 strong participants for the Camp this early spring time at Silverwood Lake.



*Walking past the Eucharist tent during prayer's gathering*

The weather in Orange County was unusually warm in the 90's made this camp heaven for its weather. The temperature of the camp was cool in the 70's during the day and cold in the 40's and even lower at night. The night time temperature seemed like colder than the norm, the night fall was unusually chilly and even froze one's toes while hanging out in the evening, especially sleeping in the tent. The scenery around the camp was refreshing in the bright sun hanging across the deep blue sky of spring time. Outings for families could not be better, instead the troops together went out to the camp to experience the theme "Bonding" of this camp XXVI.



*Beautiful springtime at the TNTT Camp XXVI*

Thanks to some Phu huynh responding to the calls and came up to the camp to help out, mostly in the areas of cooking and serving to relieve the inrush during meal times; as the numbers of Tro Ta had remained the same and became overwhelmed with the services and needs in the camp year after year, and marginalized the welfare of the troops.



*Praying at the Eucharistic tent under the cold night*



Fr Long was very supportive and brave without exception to come up to the camp at night in the cold and slept overnight preparing for the early morning Mass. The Sunday Mass filled the troops with the divine spirit in the natural settings of the beautiful springtime nearby the lake. The homily from the shepherd was motivational and practical for the young ages.



*Morning assembly under the flags*

The camp left memorable times for the first timers, as well as the experienced, as highlighted by the camp motto “**Bonding**” for the XXVI meeting. Troopers rediscovered apostle’s journey in the Act 2:42 as the word “**Fellowship**” came into their mind in the present settings of the camp.

*Team cooking competition*



*“Look Ma, we can cook!”*

*“Please come to see our gourmet and yummy dishes. We wish you were here with us.”*



*“My chef buddies in the team kitchen”*



*“Ma! Standard camp foods were just as good when hot foods were not available.”*



*A few shared the team spirit below about the camp experience*

Tr. Bob:

First off, I would like to say, "Thank you" from the bottom of my heart to all those who came and made this camp a very, very successful. The kids had fun and bonded with each other like true family that we are. I know that everyone here is really tired and really sacrifice a lot through out the past weekend. I only hope that if I had made anyone unhappy or upset PLEASE forgive me, I was stressful at some point and my flu have come back to haunt

me. I truly honest want to say that I am very happy the way all of us work together and that everyone did there part well.



*Tr Bob, the Hanukah, "Ready, get set .....GO!"*



*Go! GO.....GO .....GO!!!*

I want to specially thank you to the followings for a wonderful sacrifice you made at our Doan Camp: (I know that did more then listed but that is all I can remember, so please forgive me)

**Cha Long:** For always supporting us on all of our activities, thank you for prayers and a wonderful mass. Our love for you is unconditional. This Thieu Nhi will always support you as you did for us.

**Tro Ta Chanh:** Without you we all will starve. We want to thank you for your unconditionally love for us and "Your Pho is the BEST"

**Tro Ta Dien:** Even though you were busy, you still have time to come and help us with Chu Chanh.

**Tro Ta Son va Yen:** For your prayers and your spiritual guidance, as well as your caring for us and the kids.

**Tr. Kim:** For being my right hand person and taken care of things that I wasn't able to. Like transportation, thank le and food.

**Tr. Michael:** For taken care of registrations, group dividing and great security.

**Tr. Thuan:** For planning out a great camp and being my right hand man when it come to getting things ready.

**Tr. Giang:** For planning out and contacting the kids to put on a successful and entertaining Lua Thieng.

**Tr. Joe Pham:** For doing the crafoning and put on a great show with Tr. Dianna during Lua Thieng and teaching them songs.

**Tr. Dianna:** For Truc, taken care of the kids on the bus, and put on a great show with Tr. Joe P during Lua Thieng and teaching them songs

**Tr. Annemarie:** For a spiritual Dung Hoa Kinh Duc Me and taken care of Thanh Le, as well help us how to pray together

**Tr. Brian:** For Truc and doing everything that I ask him to do. (great legs BTW)

**Tr. Joe Nguyen:** For taken care of the Food with Tr. Vy and Tr. Kim, fire, setting up early, and food competition

**Tr. Vy:** For taken care of food with Tr. Kim and Tr. Joe N, cooking competition.

**Tr. David:** For a thought-out and adventurous HTDT, the kids loved it and well thought out.

**Tr. Douglas:** For Truc and taking care of the Gate and other things that I ask you to do.

**Tr. Chris:** For going up early with me to set up, the game, and help me when I ask you to.

**Tr. Trung:** For doing all the labor work like setting up things, cleaning up and your humor.

**Tr. Pauline:** For Truc and teach the kids Kinh Ruoc Le Thieng Lieng.

**Tr. Vuong:** For a fun game and meaningful suoi (The letters from parents is a great idea and truly you put alot of effort into it)

**Tr. Trieu:** For taking great pictures and helping out throughout 3 days. Eventhough you were busy you still came back for us.

**Tr. Vu:** For helping me with the bang reo and other things that I asked for at camp.

**Tr. Long:** For Truc even though you weren't assign and coming up to help us.

**Tr. Huong:** For returning to Thieu Nhi and helping us with the camp with anything that anyone is asked.

**Tr. Bella:** For taken care of First Aid and Crafonding Activity

**Tr. Ben:** For helping around when others ask you to help.

**Tr. Patty:** For helping Tr. Bella with crafonding.

**Tr. Caroline:** Even though you couldn't make it with us because of unexpected event, for taken care of the Money.



Once again thank you to those who came out and made this a very successful camp. I already got emails for kids that this camp is one of the BEST camp they been on. So if I somehow didn't put your name PLEASE let know. I know that some of you have done a lot more then what I listed above, but that is all I can remember in my memories.



*Helping out by Phu Huynh & Tro Ta*

The people that really made this camp safe and keep our stomach full is cac Tro Ta, every year each and everyone of you are busy but yet your still come back and lend us a very helpful hand. This Doan has one of the Best Tro Ta's will and ever have. Please continue to guide us and you are our Fathers and Mothers. Cam on Cac Co Chu Tro Ta.

Thank you again, it took me a while to write this but it's still not enough how thankful I am to have you apart of my life.

*Tr. Phanxico Xavier Pham Dinh Hieu*  
*"Love for Christ"*

Wow Bobby! that was such a long email! It was a very successful camp overall! Thank you everyone for lending a helping hand and doing your job and some. We all made it another memorable camp for the kids! I know everyone was and is VERY EXHAUSTED after this camp, but seeing the happiness in the kids eyes it's all worth while. The Holy Spirit truly worked through us this weekend. Keep it up guys!

*Love,*  
*Kim*

awwww, that was a very meaningful email Bob! Thank you everyone for making the camp possible! Everyone worked together like a big family and i got to see that all throughout camp. You guys are the best!

*Huong Le*



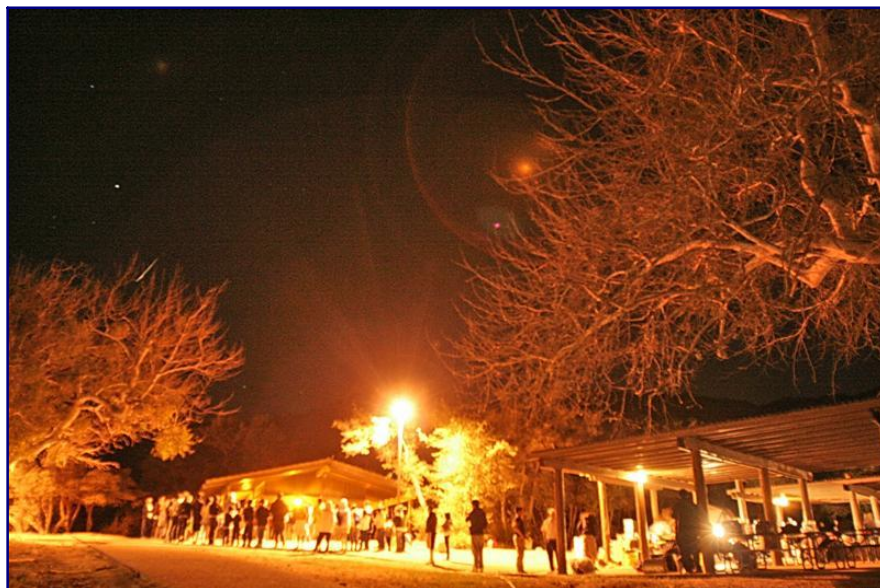
*The mighty Brian with the micro*

Thank you **Tr. Bob** if it wasn't for you and your time then there would be no schedule to work around with. Thank you for your support on whatever we do and even if it was off schedule, you some how managed to make it back on schedule. Also I would also add to this thank you to **Tr. Bob** because he taught the kids how to set up tents and they were able to successfully set up the tents in a short amount of time so the EARLY 2 MAN TEAM did not have to do anything except for clear the grounds HEHE.... AND **Tr. Bob**, you forgot one TRUONG that was crucial to your sleep... **Tr. Phil** if it wasn't for him and his warm blankets, you would have froze to death on Saturday morning, and also he was keeping me warm too. He also helped out with everything that we asked him to help with.

That's all I can think of right now.

*-Tr. Brian*

*Night assembly*





*Greetings from TNTT Camp XXVI of 2008*



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