

# Great Oaks News

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## T.R.A.I.L. Program (TRANSFORMING, RENEWING, AND IMPACTING LIVES 4 CHRIST)

The main focus of our summer camp is introducing children to a relationship with Christ. Each camp attendee hears the gospel at least twice and is given the opportunity to respond to God's call. The next step must be discipleship. Summer camp is similar to how Jesus preached to the crowds and some who heard believed, while others did not. As a staff we explored the idea of how we could use the methods of ministry Jesus used as our model. **Out of this discussion T.R.A.I.L was born.**



Christ preached to the crowds, but He focused on a smaller number (12 disciples) who heard and traveled closely where He went. With the Spirit's power and Jesus' plan, the church saw great reproduction through these men, according to the book of Acts. We are convinced that our biggest impact will be through the intentional relationships we can form with campers year-round. Intentional relationships will help G.O. create disciples of Christ and present a much more holistic approach to ministry. What exactly is a disciple? *A disciple is a self-initiating, reproducing, fully devoted follower of*

*Jesus Christ (Greg Oden "Transforming Discipleship")*

As a staff intent on creating relationships we believe our focus must be limited to small groups. In **T.R.A.I.L.**, staff members and volunteers will choose two to three kids in which to invest in for up to 3 years. Jesus himself had three disciples (Peter, James, John) that were closest to Him, who saw, did, and experienced events beyond the other nine.

How can you help? Starting in September we will be recruiting volunteers to join us in our efforts to disciple children. The more volunteers we can find, the more children we can disciple. Right now you are probably thinking, "This sounds great, but I am far too busy to participate." If that was your thought, I challenge you to ask yourself the following question, "If I made this time a priority, rather than trying to fit it into my schedule, would I have time?"

Brian Sendelbach



## Check out our new Website

New items on the website include

1. Staff Pictures
2. Trail Program Updates
3. Capital Campaign Updates
4. 2009 Summer Camp picture slide show
5. Last years Newsletters

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