

## GENEVA HILLS HOSTS SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE

*Event provides information about summer day and overnight camps for kids*

**LANCASTER, Ohio** – Families seeking summer camp options for children are welcome to attend an open house at Geneva Hills on March 16, 2012 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the camp grounds – located at 1380 Blue Valley Road, Lancaster, OH 43130 at the gateway to the scenic Hocking Hills. The open house will be held at the Welcome Center.

“This is the opportunity for parents and their children to come and explore the opportunity to attend camp this summer at Geneva Hills,” said John Greenwood, Program Director. “We really offer something for every child – whether they are looking for a week-long overnight camp for older kids or a day camp for younger children.”

The event will include tours of the grounds, meet-and-greets with camp staff and counselors and registration with an early bird discount of up to \$35 off.

Camps are open to children who have completed Kindergarten through those who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Camping activities include hiking, swimming, exploring nature, lakefront adventures, ropes and ground initiatives courses, meals, crafts, campfires and much, much more.

Numerous studies indicate that the summer camp experience has many educational and social benefits, such as:

- **Continuing learning experiences once school is out:** Over the summer, children can lose up to the equivalent to 2.6 months of what they've learned during the school year. By keeping kids' brains active, alert and acquiring knowledge, camp offers the chance to stem summer learning loss.
- **Letting children learn in Nature's Classroom:** Lessons learned in textbooks can be reinforced and extended by experiential learning in a natural setting—as can kids' awareness of the environment and conservation. It's more than just getting kids outdoors, it also provides them with focused peer group and the co-operative learning opportunities.
- **Learning from peers and play:** Both experiences with peers and play are powerful ways to acquire knowledge and camp offers ample chances for each. Camp provides a stimulating community of peers, who often learn more effectively from each other than from adults.

For more information, call 740-746-8439 or email [info@genevahills.com](mailto:info@genevahills.com).

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### *About Geneva Hills*

*Geneva Hills is a non-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization located in Lancaster, OH. Geneva Hills was founded in 1959 as a children's summer camp ministry, and is now a camp, conference, retreat, and outdoor education facility. The mission of Geneva Hills is to provide a place for God to reach those who are seeking Him through educational programs, summer camps and engaging activities. Geneva Hills also hosts non-religious programs, such as its Resident Outdoor Education (ROE) for public schools. More information is available at [www.genevahills.com](http://www.genevahills.com) or by calling (740)746-8439.*