

Chanco Chatter

News from Chanco on the James



The Camp and Retreat Center for the
Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia

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Dear Sarah Scott,

Welcome to the first edition of Chanco Chatter, the monthly enews for Chanco on the James. This enews is designed to keep you informed on the happenings at Chanco on the James, the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia's camp and conference center. Adult retreats and youth programs, including Camp Chanco, are just some of what goes on at this beautiful place on the James River in Southern Virginia. We are building the mailing list for this publication so if you would like to continue to receive this, www.chanco.org (either Chanco or Chanco on the James) will take you there or go to www.diosova.org and subscribe to enews... choose Chanco!

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Camp Chanco reaches 500+

Camp Chanco, the camp program at Chanco on the James broke records for first and second sessions with more than 145 campers in each session. Third session is growing rapidly so if you haven't registered for camp, fourth session or Jr/Sr High is your best bet. This year, parents are enjoying our "pictures of the day" on the website (www.campchanco.org) where they can get a glimpse of what the youth are doing while at camp. The website also features a brief bio of our senior camp staff, online registration and "bunk notes" where parents can email their campers during the camp session. Do you know someone who would enjoy a week or two at Camp Chanco this summer? Download these flyers and post in your church or share with your friends today. [Jr/Sr High at Camp Chanco](#), [4th Session at Camp Chanco](#)

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Chanco Wish List - 2009

Are you interested in helping Chanco with something specific from our wish list? We are in need of small items (such as new alarm clocks) as well as some larger items (such as a large screen TV for Watson Lodge). Contact Sarah Scott Thomas, at ssstomas1@verizon.net or 804-539-4162 for more information. All donations are welcome. Thank you for your support!

[Click here to see our wish list.](#)

Quick Links

[Register for Camp Now](#)



Former camper Col. Dave Belote leads President Obama on a tour of Nellis Air Force Base.

NELLIS SOLAR POWER SYSTEM TOUR, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV. President Obama toured the photovoltaic array at Nellis Air Force Base last month seeing first-hand how solar energy is being used to generate clean electricity supplies - including 25% of the base's total power. Camp Chanco's own Col.

Howard D. Belote, the Commander of the 99th Air Base Wing, led the President and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid on the tour.

Colonel Howard D. (Dave) Belote is Commander, 99th Air Base Wing, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada and a former camper of Camp Chanco. To learn more about this event, [click here for the story published in Bullseye](#). To learn more about Col. Belote, [click here](#).

We are very proud of you Dave! Hey, did you get a chance to tell the President about Chanco? We would love to host a staff retreat and I bet his kids would love camp!

board retreat **Chanco Board of Directors puts in a little sweat equity...**

The members of the board of directors for Chanco on the James left the property after their board retreat this spring tired but with a great deal of satisfaction. The annual retreat brought members of the board together to discuss and plan the future for the camp and retreat center in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia. It was a time to review the mission and vision of the organization and to determine what the group would do to continue to serve that mission and how we were to continue to work towards the vision.

Chanco's board of directors meet monthly, either by whole board or executive committee, to review the organization's strategic plan, review the financial status of Chanco, and report on the marketing, development, personnel and property status. Bringing together the expertise from each board member with open is among the strategies that support growth to serve the people of the diocese.

During this board retreat however, a little sweat equity was added and with shovels in their hands, the board worked together for Chanco. Using the donation by the Rev. Richard and Susan Watson, landscaping was added to the Watson house including trees, shrubs, other perennials and annuals.

"It was amazing how much we could accomplish by working together," said Chairman of the Board of Directors Sarah Scott Thomas. "And it wasn't just that," she continued, "meeting, eating, sitting at the campfire and then physically working really seemed to take individuals with a single love (of Chanco) and turn us into a team with a mission."

Chanco's Board of Directors includes a dedicated group of individuals from around the diocese who donate their time and expertise to make Chanco a relaxed, comfortable environment that promotes spiritual, personal and professional growth. Chanco strives to be a place to rest, rejuvenate and reconnect with God and nature.

If you want to be a member of this dynamic board, please fill out our nomination form and tell us about yourself. Board membership is a three-year term and begins each February. [Click here for a nomination form.](#)



Chanco alumni will gather again for a fall reunion.

Can you believe it is already time to register for our annual Alumni Reunion? This year's event promises to be another incredible weekend of old and new memories, friendship and fun. Mark your calendars for September 11 - 13 and plan to

attend. We have cut the room and food rates so there is no excuse for not making it this year!

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Board of Directors

Chanco's Board of Directors are a dedicated group of volunteers who work together to make Chanco a place to rest, rejuvenate and reconnect with God and nature. Board members represent all the convocations of the diocese.

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Conference rooms will be \$80 for the weekend, a chalet will be \$25 for the weekend, and you may still camp for free with your own tent. Food packages will be \$25 per person (ages 5 and up) and will include Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as Sunday breakfast. A schedule of events will be posted in the near future on the website, so keep your eye on www.chancoonce.com!

Please download the reunion [registration form](#) (it is a PDF file), fill it in and then email it to ccaareunion@gmail.com. You may make your \$25 nonrefundable deposit online with Paypal or you may send a check to CCAA c/o Tater Roberson, 5124 Lobaugh Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23464.

Now what are you waiting for? Send in your registration form now! See you at Chanco.

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