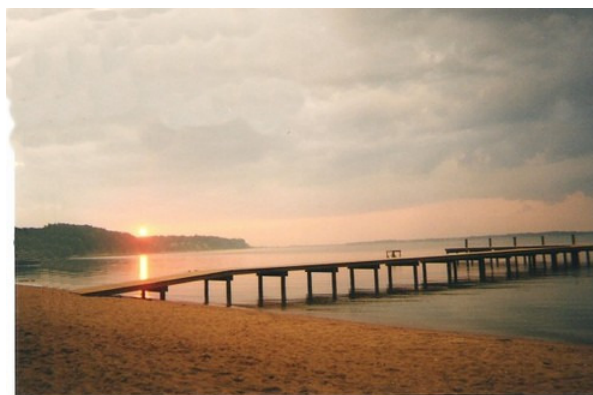


Chanco Chatter

News from Chanco on the James



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

January, 2010

Dear Sarah Scott,

Are you planning a retreat or meeting for your group? We have lodging available at Chanco on the James. These days are available but are filling up fast so call today!



February 12-14, 2010 - 8 rooms and D Conference available

February 26-27, 2010 - 16 rooms (all rooms in A and B buildings) and D Conference available

March 5 - 7, 2010 - Manor House, Watson Lodge and conference rooms-39 rooms available

May 21-23, 2010 - Manor House, Watson Lodge and conference rooms-39 rooms available

Discounts available for diocesan groups and youth. Contact Stacey at hospitality@chanco.org to schedule your event at Chanco on the James.

2009 was good....2010 will be even better at Chanco on the James!

Good News! The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia has rallied and Chanco on the James has ended the year with positive numbers for the second year in a row!

While 2009 has been a tough year for many in Southern Virginia, Chanco continues to succeed. We have seen a significant drop in retreat and conference usage due to the effect of the economy on the parishes; however, Chanco's camper numbers hit an all-time high in 2009. Chanco's increase in campers is a sign of the strength of the mission and ministry of Chanco on the James.

What is making the difference? Chanco's parish representatives and board of directors have worked tirelessly to spread the word about Chanco's camp and conference programs and combined with other marketing efforts and the skills and efficiency of the staff, we are reaching more and more people. Our success is also due to the support of the parishes in the diocese, Cursillo, youth, clergy and parents of our campers. Everyone in the diocese should be proud of their work and support!

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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).

Chanco is setting specific goals for 2010 and beyond. What will 2010 bring Chanco on the James?

- The [start] construction of year-round facilities for youth, plans for a new chapel, expansion of the dining hall and rebuilding the motel-like rooms hopefully will begin in 2010.
- New youth programs for both camp and conference attendees.
- Participation in the "Adopt a Spot" program to improve Chanco's grounds and facilities.
- A strong financial plan that includes paying off debts, emphasis on fund-raising efforts and continued realistic budgeting.
- "Chanco Parish Representative" program where 50 percent of our active parishes have a Chanco Representative.
- Stronger than ever camp program including our chaplain, a new out-trip, and improved ropes course.

What is our 2010 goal? Our goal is to have 80 percent of our parishes in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia utilize Chanco on the James in some way. Help us achieve it!

Chanco's board of directors thanks everyone in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia and other friends, for support in 2009. Keep it up!

Camp dates for 2010

It is time to register for Camp Chanco 2010! Our online registration will be ready on February 1 but if you to register now, you can do so by downloading our camp registration form [here](#) and mailing or emailing it to Jim Sitzler, our camp director at director@chanco.org

Register before February 1 to receive 2009 rates on residential camp.

Visit us online at www.campchanco.org or contact Jim Sitzler, Camp Director at director@chanco.org today for a camper application.



Letter from the camp director

Dear friends:

Chanco on the James is gearing up for another exciting camp season! This year we have made a couple of new changes and additions that will provide your son or daughter with a better camp experience!

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.](#)

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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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Our staff

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Stacey Richards
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Camp Director
Jim Sitzler
Director@chanco.org

In 2010 we are adding a second multi-age session to the summer. If you have children of different ages who want to attend camp together you now have an additional session from which to choose.

We have added an out-trip, "Ultimate Adventure" which provides a combination of exciting activities for those extreme adventurers.

For your teenaged campers, don't forget about Jr/Sr High! In the past two years this session has doubled in attendance. This theme based week provides a meaningful (and fun!) experience for your older camper.

Chanco will have a number of returning staff this year. From our counselors and program staff to our chaplain, medical personnel, and administration, everyone is excited to be a part of another great year.

The "Change for Chanco" fundraising program will go towards a whole new climbing wall in our ropes course area!

You may notice that we increased our rates slightly for residential camp and significantly for out-trips this year. While our rates have remained the same for several years, it was necessary to adjust to meet the rising costs of food and utilities. We are also asking for a \$25 capital improvement fee per family. This fee will be applied directly to building and grounds projects as well as creating the basis to help expand and grow camp facilities. In addition, we have many ways to help you reduce the cost of camp including family discounts, referring friends, hosting a "camp party", becoming one of our "Chanco Parish Representatives" and others. Please go to our website at www.chanco.org to learn more. Our camp dates and sessions for 2010 are as follows:

Date & Age	Session Name	2010 rates
June 27th-July 2nd Ages: 8-10	Resident Camp Session 1	\$410.00
Ages: 12-15	Sail-Camp Out-Trip	\$410.00
July 4th - July 16 Ages: 8-16	Resident Camp: Session 2	\$720.00
Ages: 13-16	Land Adventure: Out-Trip \$925.00	\$925.00
July 18 - July 30th Ages: 11-15	Resident Camp: Session 3	\$720.00
Ages: 14-17	Sea Adventure Out-Trip \$925.00	\$925.00
August 1st - August 13 Ages: 8-16	Resident Camp: Session 4	\$720.00
Ages: 15-18	Ultimate Adventure: Out-Trip \$925.00	\$925.00
Aug. 15th- Aug. 20th Ages: 13-18	Junior/Senior High: in camp \$275.00	\$275.00

Chanco on the James is an ACA accredited camp and a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia.

Space is limited and we suggest early sign-up to secure your child's spot - do it today!

Sincerely,

Jim Sitzler, Camp Director

Camp counselors now being recruited!

Properties Manager
Robbie Matthews

Development & Marketing

Talley Sale Banazek
talley@banazek.com

President, Chanco on the James, Sarah Scott Thomas
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Treasurer, Chanco on the James, Art Spooner
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Chanco on the James is an outdoor ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia.

The highly sought-after camp counselor employment opportunities for the summer of 2010 have been posted to our website. Only the best need apply....

www.campchanco.org

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