

KID'S KALENDAR

All right—summer is over, you're headed back to school, many of you are involved in a sport of some kind and—Gil's Hills CB Clubs are starting up again.

It was good to see many of you this summer at camp as your "survived" the challenges, the hikes and the great outdoors.

The following is your CB Club schedule for September:

- September 13th—Ambassadors
Boys ages 7 to 11
- September 18th—Angel Flowers
Girls ages 10 to 12
- September 20th—Crusaders
Boys ages 12 to 16
- September 27th—YAKer's
Girls ages 7 to 9

Son-Flowers, we haven't forgotten you. A Saturday event is being planned

Please, if you are in a sports program send me your game schedule. I'd love to come and watch you play.

As Always,
Ken

Gil's Hills Ministries is a faith ministry totally dependent on God using people like you. Your love gifts are greatly appreciated. You are a blessing to this ministry! Gil's Hills does not receive any federal, state, or local grants. Capital Improvement grants are applied for on an "as needed" basis.

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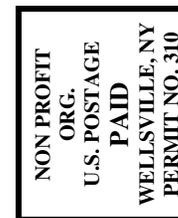
Gil's Hills Ministries

Reaching hurting kids and changing troubled lives by communicating the gospel of Jesus Christ through Friendship, Counseling and Service.

"whoever gives one of the little ones even a cup of water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward"

Matthew 10:42

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FROM BETWEEN THE HILLS

Greetings from all of us between the hills at Gil's Hills!

We could actually call this past summer, "The Fast & The Furious". Camps and other things just seemed to blow by us so fast.

Before I report on the camps though, let me say that the fund raiser we had on June 30th was quite an experience. It was much more than I expected as we had vendors from all over the area participating in raising funds for Gil's Hills. The amount raised was very good but what excited me most was the fact that we were promoting the ministry. So many folks, although being from this area, had never heard about Gil's Hills. A BIG thank you goes out to everyone that helped make that day a huge success.

Now, camps! What can I say? The Lord truly blessed as we were able to see boys and girls from around Allegany County enjoy good summer fun. SURVIVOR—J.O.Y. went very well with no major problems. The kids learned about how they could survive with Jesus, Others and You, which, of course, means surviving with a personal relationship with Christ.

Don't Be Afraid To Dream— "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. " Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams." **Genesis 37:19-20.**

So many of us who live a "dream life" are often the same people who were once laughed at for having a dream.

This verse tells us how Joseph's brothers felt about him for having a dream. They mocked him and later despised him for being a dreamer. It seemed at first that his dreams would be cut short but God had the final say.

If you're familiar with Joseph's story, you know that his brothers sold him into slavery. But, that wasn't the end of the road for Joseph. Even though he had a number of unfortunate events he was not kept from reaching his destiny. Joseph's dreams came true in the end.

If you're a dreamer, the reality is that not everyone is going to support your dreams. Your dreams may be scoffed at or even laughed at. If you're like Joseph, you may be even hated. The important thing is that you hold fast to your dreams and trust God for the outcome.

Gil Parker had a dream of creating a haven for children and youth to come to and enjoy themselves in a Christian atmosphere. Yes, there were those that laughed at him and scoffed at him but he followed his dream. In 1989 God placed Gil's dream on my heart and my family and I picked up our stakes in Georgia and moved to Wellsville. Gil handed the baton over to me. I gladly accepted the challenge and followed in the footsteps of Gil's dream. I too was laughed at and made fun of, but that's okay. I have experienced, first hand, the blessings of following God.

If God has placed a dream in your heart, go after it. Don't let the opinions of others shape your future. Focus on God's promises and block out the scoffers. If God has truly given you a dream you can rest assured that nothing can stop it from coming to life.

Thank you for being a part of Gil's God inspired dream and don't forget—

God Loves You and We Do Too!

Ken

LET THE RECORD SPEAK

Statistical Data Thru August 2012

| | |
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| Total # Of Kids: | Girls: 66 |
| | <u>Boys: 41</u> |
| | 107 |

Services Provided

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| Camp: | 89 |
| Caring Friends For Kids: | 1,720 |
| Carpentry: | 82 |
| Case Management: | 53 |
| C.B. Clubs: | 215 |
| Counseling: | 38 |
| Crafts: | 499 |
| Meals : | 1,144 |
| <u>Transportation:</u> | <u>452</u> |

Total Services Provided: 4,292

Financial Data Thru August 2012

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| Expenses: | \$62,093.80 |
| Income: | <u>\$58,804.93</u> |
| | - 3,288.87 |

Thank you so much for your part in keeping Gil's Hills on the go.

June, July and August were very lean months.

As you can see from the Financial Data, a special gift at this time would be gratefully appreciated.