



# CAROLINE FURNACE

## Lutheran Camp & Retreat Center

WOW! What a year 2015 turned out to be at Caroline Furnace. Executive Director Reuben Todd marked his second anniversary at CFLC on February 1, 2016. He continues to be the catalyst for improvements and ministry growth. Have you traveled to camp lately or spent time at our retreat facility at Buttonwood Lodge on the Signal Knob Farm?

The road into camp has enjoyed a considerable upgrade and has been re-graded, the Farm House at camp has gotten a facelift, Buttonwood Lodge has had an interior make-over, newer vehicles provide reliable transportation, failing equipment in the kitchen has been replaced with new equipment and - best of all: Reuben hired the best food service manager/host/chef on the East Coast! Campers, parents, and volunteer workers rave about the great quality of food provided by Chef Aaron Adams, our newest member on staff.

This June Caroline Furnace celebrates 59 years of outdoor ministry amidst God's creation along Passage Creek in Fort Valley. The late Rev. Moyer's dream continues to thrive as the camper and facility rental numbers have improved over the last two years and we look forward to another banner year in 2016. Most importantly, the quality of the camp programs and immersion in the outdoor experience has inspired two more Caroline Furnace alumni to follow their call into Seminary. We give glory to God that Caroline Furnace has developed and nurtured thousands of Christian leaders in our society amidst an ever-changing world and technology saturation in our lives. We encourage everyone to come and see the unique power of God's love, opened hearts, and joyful culture celebrated here on a daily basis. All are welcome.

For 2016, we're excited about renewed facilities, thanks to record volunteer attendance at work weekends and other service events to care for our property. We lift up the amazing staff and volunteers who care for our guests, work with our campers, and share their faith. We are buoyed by the stories shared by retreat groups of how their time at Caroline Furnace has enriched and impacted their lives for the better. The enthusiasm of our campers is contagious as we watch them grow in their relationship with Jesus and experience our intentional Christian community.

As we continue to reach out, seeking others in our community we may serve, we are blessed by each opportunity that not only comes our way but that we create in order to share this unique ministry with others. All of us at Caroline Furnace give thanks for the partnerships with each of the Synods and ask for your continued blessing and support for this important and relevant mission; ***"To provide unforgettable faith, education, and renewal experiences in God's creation for all God's people."*** We hope you will visit us at [CarolineFurnace.org](http://CarolineFurnace.org) and learn more. There is a place for you at Caroline Furnace! Join us!