

# BUFFALO CREEK BOYS SCHOOL



## Back in school...

The end of a beautiful summer finds us celebrating the start of another wonderful and blessed school year here at Buffalo Creek Boys School.

The Lord was busy this past summer, bringing to the classroom here on Grey Fox Farm two more students, Brendan and Ben, who join Thaddeus on the continued journey of a young man's education. We are thankful to them for their bravery as they set out on this new adventure!

Though school has only been in for a few short weeks, much has already been accomplished! Activities included harvesting and refining flax, canoeing, caving, and rope swinging on the Maury River, and of course, academic excellence and focus. The days have seemed short, but the memories made continue to lay a strong foundation.

We thank all of you for your continued support as this young ministry continues to grow, and we are thankful for the Lord's continual providence and direction in all things.



*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily tangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."*

*-Hebrews 12:1-2*



## Kick-off Week

*A time of outdoor challenges while building relationships and camaraderie...*

The first morning of our week found us digging for clay out on the Broadview Ranch, followed by a well-deserved swimming expedition and inevitable mud fight.

The second day was spent at the Wilderness Camp in Goshen. The young men of the school began learning the art and science of orienteering using only a compass, map, and pace count. After building a dam, the day was finished tubing the rapids of Goshen Pass.

On the final day of kickoff week, we braved the St. Mary's Wilderness, role playing numerous "mock" injuries that required teamwork and leadership initiative. Eventually we discovered the beautiful St. Mary's Swimming Hole, enjoying the mountain streams and close fellowship that only the outdoors can bring.



## Academic Excellence

In just a few short weeks, the desire to learn has become contagious, as was evident by the students' desire to come to school on Labor Day! While students continue to explore arithmetic, logic, biology, and the arts of language, the students also branch out into useful and interesting interdisciplinary activities, such as building a canoe – a test and experiment in measurement and engineering. Additionally, they have the opportunity to work with pottery and diverse techniques in clay design and construction, and will see that through to firing the kiln in October, and displaying their art at the annual "Christmas at the Cabin" sale on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.



## Note from Mr. Brent

Hello! My name is Brent Krohn, and I am honored and humbled to be a part of Buffalo Creek Boys School here in Lexington, Virginia. I spent most of my life growing up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, enjoying brutal winter seasons and beautiful summers. I was always blessed to be brought up in Christian, private education, and in June of 2011, found myself commissioning into the Active Duty Army as an Infantry Officer, in which I spent six and a half years. It was during this time in my life where I believe the Lord planted within me the desire to mentor and help young men in today's world. I was continually surrounded by men with rough backgrounds, the true ragamuffins of the world. I saw what can and will happen when men are brought up without strong male role models in their lives, and without an education system allowing those men to embrace that masculinity.

In February of 2018, I exited Active Duty and worked in Colorado Springs, Colorado for another 6 months or so. During this time, the Lord would not leave me alone!

I continued to hear that still, quiet voice, reminding me of this wonderful school and the ministry it has, however small that may be at the time. My family and I packed everything up and moved to Lexington.

The Lord has truly worked wonders in my life, and I am amazed at the grace He continues to show to my family. He never ceases to challenge, and I pray for the grace and humility to contribute to this beautiful ministry that "Mr. Lee" and "Ms. Rebecca" have started.

I believe that the challenge is set, and the calling of the Holy Spirit is clearer than ever for this school. I pray that the Lord continues to shine his Grace and Strength on this community, and allow this wonderful ministry to provide what this world so desperately needs – an education system founded not only for Christ-centered, academic excellence, but with a further purpose of helping boys become Godly men and seize the leadership role they are divinely called to take.

Thank you! What an adventure...

