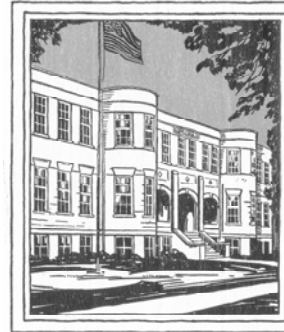


CHAMBERLAIN-HUNT ACADEMY

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New Life for Lost Land

When Chamberlain-Hunt Academy reacquired seventy acres adjoining its campus, the Academy obtained a chance to recapture something lost for decades. Once part of a larger tract, the land allowed early twentieth century CHA Cadets to enjoy forests, rifle ranges, fishing and even an occasional rabbit hunt. The land was a source of many boyhood memories, accomplishments and tall tales, providing young men a healthy outlet for their energies and an incentive to earn privileges.

As changing times and changing values took their toll, however, the Academy's fortunes declined. By the 1990's, it lost all its lands except the main campus. In 1998, the Board of French Camp Ministries, which operates French Camp Academy about 150 miles north on the Natchez Trace, saved CHA from closing its doors. Older values combined with new lifeblood to revive the Academy. The return of seventy acres of its old rabbit hunting land came as part of this energetic rebirth.

It was quickly apparent, however, that this piece of land was not the wooded haven it once was. Much of the forest had been logged out, allowing privet and kudzu to overrun the property while developments encroached from several sides. The fishing ponds were not included in the reacquisition, and the acreage clearly was no longer suitable for hunting.

The Academy's president, A. Shane Blanton, was not discouraged. He envisioned a new way to achieve the property's old purpose. With much planning and labor, he carved the rough landscape into the base for a new Wilderness Program. After clearing out the kudzu and privet, the gaps in the forest were filled with military-style obstacle courses, leadership training tools and ropes courses. A kudzu patch became a fortified arena for paintball games, and high berms were erected to enclose a new shooting range. A Wilderness headquarters with a 50 man barracks now overlooks a new 4.5 acre pond stocked with wide-mouth bass, bluegill and red ear bream, and channel cats. Grass grows in open areas and multipurpose trails of crushed limestone interconnect everything.

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From the editor:

This is the first issue of a new monthly newsletter, prepared for parents of Cadets, alumni and others interested in CHA's educational ministry.

If you have any questions about anything in this issue, please direct them to MAJ Jack West, Director of Advancement. You may contact MAJ West by phone at 601-437-8855, or you may e-mail him at jackwest@chamberlain-hunt.com

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Chamberlain-Hunt Academy has big plans to celebrate the *Quasqicentennial* all year long. We invite, no, **encourage** you join us in as many events as you are able. Two major events in the autumn that you will not want to miss are...

- The Founders' Day Convocation in October is **the** event of the autumn semester. The Convocation will be held at Oakland Chapel on the Alcorn State University campus. The beautifully restored Chapel dates from Oakland College days and stands next to Dr. Jeremiah Chamberlain's house, twenty paces from the spot on which Dr. Chamberlain was murdered. Following the Convocation honoring Dr. Chamberlain and the founders of Chamberlain-Hunt Academy, the Corps of Cadets and others will move to the Chamberlain gravesite for a wreath-laying ceremony. Then, everyone is invited to CHA for dinner on the grounds and a tour. It will be a grand occasion! Watch for further details of this event later in September.
- The Veterans' Day program is to be held on Thursday, 11 November, at CHA. On this day we honor US veterans with a Pass in Review, flag ceremony and keynote address. We shall offer campus tours and lunch following the program. More details will be available in October.

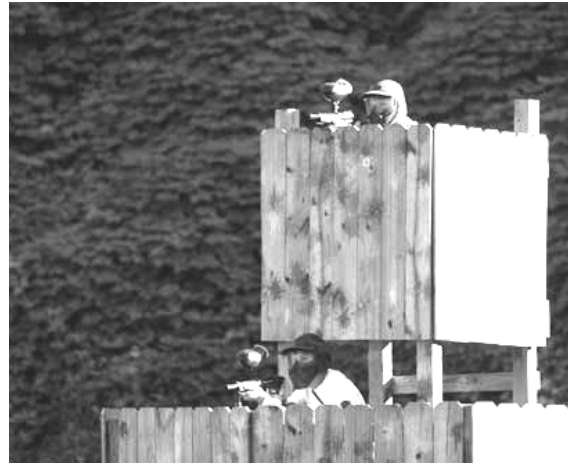
If you have any questions about these events, please call **601-437-8855** or e-mail alumni@chamberlain-hunt.com. We look forward to seeing you!

QUASQICENTENNIAL

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Creative stewardship transformed Chamberlain-Hunt Academy's lost rabbit hunting land into every boy's dream and has already been the site of many glorious paintball battles and boarding school legends. Not only have the fun and incentive returned, but also the new Wilderness Program ensures that the land will continue to serve as a tool to groom boys into young men for many years to come.

- Chandler Whitney
MAJ, CHA



CLIMBING TO NEW HEIGHTS



Chamberlain-Hunt began its 125th year with a tremendous new blessing: the Wilderness Program. Its design, philosophy and approach to education and discipline are essential to its success and are directly connected to the overall growth, development and success of CHA's ministry.

Beyond enjoyment (which is a key goal), CHA's Wilderness provides substantial opportunities for hard work, discipline and spiritual growth. Every Wilderness activity is a training event (even the recovery and clean up portions), and every training event is an opportunity to pursue our mission. The core goals reflected in the CHA

Wilderness Program Objectives are **CLIMB**:

1. Christ-centered Training – Though we do not artificially transform a training event into a biblical object lesson, we do seize every appropriate opportunity to demonstrate to Cadets biblical virtues and the pleasure that the Lord Jesus derives from our teamwork, collective responsibility and faithful stewardship and enjoyment of God's creation.
2. Leadership – Cadets learn about leadership, not just theoretically but *practically* (e.g., goal setting, time management, mission planning, decision-making strategy and procedures, "war-gaming," adjusting plans, etc.).

3. Individual and Collective Responsibility – The success of our program requires individual *and* collective responsibility. This goal includes learning godly communication and social skills, proper conflict resolution, compassion for others, loyalty, functioning in a group setting (often under stressful circumstances and situations) and responsibility to the group.

4. Motivation and Initiative – The Wilderness is an environment where leaders surface through motivating other members of the group, taking initiative and stepping outside the "comfort zone" to try new--sometimes daunting--things.

5. Biblical Sense of Self – Cadets will leave with a greater awareness of who they are and what their capabilities are, more confident and more aware of their limits, opportunities and abilities, and with a new sense of integrity, honesty, personal responsibility and accountability.

Opportunities for CHA to minister through the Wilderness Program exist throughout the year, beginning with Basic Training. All new Cadets completed a 4-5 day Basic Training cycle in the Wilderness, where we instructed them on military etiquette, protocol, customs, courtesies and discipline; familiarized them with the Academy's standards and policies (defined primarily in the Cadet Handbook); introduced them to the military system of unit hierarchy and chain of command; and prepared them for successful integration into the Corps of Cadets. We consider Basic Training critical to a Cadet's successful completion of CHA's program as it summarily encapsulates and exposes the Cadet to the expectations and requirements that we place on him while he is at CHA.

With the benefit of the Wilderness--as it enables Cadets to experience new and rewarding challenges while continuing to emphasize, in new and exciting ways, the mission of "Knowledge and Wisdom in Submission to God"--CHA anticipates its *Quasigicentennial* to be one of the most exciting and successful years in the Academy's history.

- Robert D. Stinson
LTC, CHA
Commandant



"BASIC TRAINING 03 - 04"

A fine group of young men went through the third Basic Training of 2004 during the week before classes began in August. At their first formation as New Cadets--fresh from the Wilderness--several received special awards from the Commandant. [From left to right] Cadet **Adam Littleton** (Jr. High) and Cadet **Sean Clayton** (Overall) received The Iron Man Award for earning the highest average on the Army Physical Fitness Test. Cadets **Keith Hesselink**, **Brett Pugh** and **Chance Davis** received CHA Achievement Ribbons for being selected as Basic Training 03-04 Honor Graduates. Cadet **Joseph Stevens** received the CHA Commendation Ribbon for being selected as Distinguished Honor Graduate for Basic Training 03-04. Congratulations to these men!



CHA ALUMNI

We count as "CHA Alumni" not only those who graduated from the Academy but also those who attended here--*everyone* who has been a member of the CHA Corps of Cadets. Those of you who receive the *FCA/CHA Today* newspaper will have read articles from Hank Baley (a cadet during the '41-'42 academic year). He has graciously shared with us memories of his time as a Cadet living in Guthrie Hall.

Undoubtedly others of you who were members of the Cadet Corps for any length of time have tales to tell (we would love to hear them!) or photos to share (we would love to see them!).

Please e-mail them to alumni@chamberlain-hunt.com or send them by regular mail to

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Even better: Come visit the campus and share them with us *in person!*