

Message from Victor....

Recent Flood in Duck River, TN



"...This is the bridge just off the interstate that we drive under to get into camp. Remember, we took water samples just under this bridge. Notice the water level. This pic was taken from where we turn off of the bridge to drive down into camp. This view is looking back toward the interstate." Victor (May 9, 2010)

e-mail to Dick and Subijoy:

From: [Etnome!](#)

To: [Dick Lahn](#) ; [Subijoy](#) ;....[Rod T](#) ;

Sent: Saturday, May 08, 2010 10:24 AM

Subject: Re: Flood

Thanks Dick & Subijoy for your concern.

Yes, everyone made it out of camp safely. We were very smart and called for a rescue Sat morning. Margo went there yesterday. She said that The river completely covered the riverhouse. Everything inside is ruined. Margo lost mostly everything- truck, travel trailer, tools, and everything in the house (her basses are safe).

Most of the equipment in camp was saved but water rose a few feet inside the cabin and ruined other stuff. All in all, it seems that we will be ok at camp, but most of Margo's personal items as well as 3 of our camper's cars seem to have been lost. The Rip Rap we'd just added on the river bank didn't get washed away. Margo has pictures on her facebook page.

Holly and I are going to check out the camp today. We still have to wade thru water to get in.

Peace, vic

(from Vic's Bass/Nature Camp Website - <http://www.bassnaturecamp.com/>)

I would like to thank all of you for your Love, thoughts, & support concerning the flood. It is a blessing that all the people who were at Wooten Woods and everyone in my immediate family are safe. We won't know the condition of Wooten Woods until the water recedes, the roads are cleared, and it is safe to re-enter. Please keep your minds open, hearts pure, and good thoughts aimed toward those who weren't as fortunate as us.

We were told that the Duck River, the beautiful river on which Wooten Woods sits, rose 45 feet. That is amazing. Thirteen of us had gathered there for the start of our Music Theory Weekend when the flooding began. Holly, who was on her way to camp, remained outside at the entrance and stopped all remaining students and parents from entering. She took them to a safer place. (Thank you Holly)

Although the camp site is positioned away from the river, the water still flowed quickly down from the hills forming a powerful gushing stream through the middle of camp. The water rose quickly and a fallen tree took out our power. After a quick assessment and discussion, we decided to call the county rescue dept. to let them know where we were and that we would need help. (Thank you, Margo, for your quick insight and wisdom.)

It took a few hours, but the wonderful people of Hickman County, TN. came with boats and safely rescued all 13 of us (and 4 dogs.)

After regrouping at my house, getting food, warm clothes, and a night of rest, we continued the next day with music theory class.

Without the calm attitudes and help from Margo, the students, instructors, and administration staff, it would have been a much worse situation for all of us at Wooten Woods.

I thank U all for making this adventure a safe one. And I thank Mother Nature for reminding us, once again, who is in charge.

More updates to come.

Peace,
Victor

Duck River Site - Visit by Rivers of the World Foundation, Aug. 8, 2009

Base Map - Courtesy of Google Earth

