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Grateful for:

We Thank God for you and your gifts to this ministry that God has laid on your heart.

Save The Date

July — On grounds, summer camps, check www.CampAppanoose.org to register on-line!

July 31-Aug 10 — **Rocky High Camps** – Register on line, or call the camp office for registration materials

September 1-4 — **Family Camp**

September 1-2 — **Garage Sale at the Riley's** (all sales benefit Camp Appanoose)

September 9 and 23 — **SURF Club** begins

October 6-7 — **Volunteer Retreat** – projects for the whole family! Lodging and meals provided

October 13-14 — **Fall Camp** for ages 10-14, Register on-line or call the camp office

October 17 — **FOCAS**, Friends of Camp Appanoose in Service; Lunch provided

October 14 and 28 — **SURF Club**

November 4 — **Fall Roundup** – an opportunity to support the ministry of Camp Appanoose, and introduce new persons to the ministry.

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Thank you for remembering Camp Appanoose in your will.



Residents At Camp

She sat on eight eggs for nearly a month as her mate fiercely guarded the nest. Finally, the big day came when all eight goslings hatched and then within hours, made their way from their small island home to the larger pond. What a sight, eight little geese and two adults; the parents always alert, always in control, totally focused on one goal: the safety and successful maturation of their young ones.

I have watched these fascinating creatures for a month now as my office is not a hundred feet from the edge of that pond. In the past few weeks, that little family of ten has taken to resting on the patio outside of my window. What a sight!

While we would be most careful to never call our While we would be most careful to never call our summer staff geese, much less individually “a goose,” I could not help but notice some parallels with the young staff who come alongside campers each summer to mentor, guide, and give significance to their week.

Staff at Camp Appanoose begin the summer with two weeks of training. During those two weeks the first of which (Leadership Training camp I) is what we often call camp craft, or all that is needed to prepare for a summer of ministry. Included in that session is camp and activity philosophy, first aid, Bible study leadership, along with tools for effectively communicating the gospel and spiritual truth. The second

week (Leadership Training Camp II) also called TRGR is focused on building strong Biblical foundations. Over a period of three years a developed curriculum thoroughly explores six major areas of Scriptural teaching. As a youth ministry, this is our opportunity to invest in the lives of young leaders. Any mature teen or young adult is welcome to attend TRGR, the second week.

Back to the point! Watching the family of geese, I remembered that the concerns of the goose and the gander were similar in some ways to the concerns of summer staff. First, they are to be always alert to the safety and well-being of the campers for whom they are responsible. Second, this ministry is committed to youth development, spiritual growth in particular, and the goal ultimately is to see young persons mature in Christ.

So many centuries ago, one of the world's greatest leaders speaking to parents said in Deuteronomy 6, that their teaching must be “as they rise up, as they lie down, and throughout the day” (our paraphrase.) Camp gives so many teachable moments, as staff engages campers throughout the day. Pray with us that God will greatly use camp this summer in young lives.



First Impression

Parents and often grandparents, bringing campers often are introduced to all that Camp Appanoose has to offer as they go through the registration process. For some time now our guest services area (camp store, registration area, and infirmary) has been in need of a facelift. Recently a grant was received toward that project. This past winter camp staff and volunteers proceeded with the upgrade, somewhat due to a plumbing problem which arose. To date, \$5000 has been given toward the \$12,000 goal to complete these upgrades. When completed, there will be a new restroom accessible to persons with limited mobility, and a baby changing station. An all new infirmary will be available to better

serve those campers who may not feel well and need to rest for a few hours. The registration/ camp store area will have a cleaner, updated look and function, enhancing the camper/guest experience. Approximately \$7000 is needed to complete these improvements.

Adventure Camps This Summer!

We get excited about the upcoming Adventure Camps! Hiking through alpine forests and along rushing mountain streams, among automobile sized boulder fields is exhilarating enough. Carefully trekking through fragile tundra, and then scrambling to the top of a peak where a breathtaking view awaits, is probably enough to qualify as an adventure. But, when you add in the opportunity to share challenges in a small group where everyone has a part in carrying the load, setting up camp, cooking meals, seeing some of North America's largest game animals in their natural habitat, and facing the excitement of what nature has in store for each new day, that adventure moves up a notch. Adventure Camps are designed to be unforgettable experiences shared in a small group and led by qualified staff. Four opportunities are available this year depending upon demand:

For the session beginning on July 31:

- ▲ **Rocky High I** – A six day backpacking trip in the Comanche Peak Wilderness with new adventures every day, for youth, ages 13-18.
- ▲ **Rocky High II** – A six day backpacking trip for young adults along the Continental Divide in the Medicine Bow – Routt National Forest.
- ▲ **Rocky High On Horseback** – a six day horse camping trip in the Medicine Bow range for 13-18 year olds.

For the session beginning September 8:

- ▲ **Rocky High III** – A back country trip for youth, families, with the home schooled student in view.

Several Other Projects

Overhead door on our new equipment building. Due to the difficulties presented by winter ice and snow, we would like to install an overhead door and opener at a cost of \$2500.00

Urgent – Tires needed on one of the camp's vehicles as well as the skid steer at a total cost of \$1400.00

Communication Tower – To better facilitate both internet reception and communication around the camp operational area, a new tower is needed at the cost of around \$1800.00.

Bible teaching and exploration are integrated parts of all adventure camps. Camp Appanoose meets or exceeds all necessary outfitting requirements and maintains back country permits through the US Forest Service.

- ▲ **Genesis Family Camp – September 1-4** Bring your entire family to camp! Take this great opportunity to strengthen relationships as you participate in a wide variety of camp activities as a family. Horseback riding, hayracks, swimming, canoes, kayaks, sailing, water tubing and target sports to name a few. Excellent workshops in family dynamics. Evening spiritual challenge for the entire family.

Family pricing package is as follows:

Adults \$150.00, Youth (9-18) \$50.00, Children (0-8) \$25.00 each for immediate family members (same household).

Again this year, free lodging on a first come first serve basis:

Conestoga wagon sleeps 8

Coyote Bunk House and Prairie Dog Bunkhouse each sleep 10

Full hook up RV sites. Call 641.649.2491 to reserve your lodging preference.



Mission Statement

Introducing Jesus Christ to a new generation and challenging youth for productive service in our world.

About The Faithful Hand Of God

You probably remember the story. Peter stepped out of the boat to boldly do the impossible, walking on water at the invitation of the Lord Himself. He heard the wind and saw the waves. Attention to Christ faded as he looked at his circumstances, and began to sink. Sometimes we have been like him here at camp. God invites us to move ahead and as a toddler we begin to walk not noticing items over which we may trip and fall. When we encounter those obstacles we doubt and we fear, forgetting that the God who calls us knows our way and when He has tried us, He will complete His work in us. That struggle, in dealing with the unexpected, is a part of the stretching which builds strong faith. If we never leave our comfort zone, as predictable yet dull as it may be, we will never know the joy which God has for us.

This year we have taken a bold step here at camp, in effect doubling the size of our year around staff. What a great blessing these new staff members have already been. We are looking for God to do some really great things in young people's lives. As you probably know, the added expense of more staff along with our regular financial challenges has pushed us to the limits. We look to God as our provider as we look to you, our friends, through whom He provides. Please pray with us, and give sacrificially as you are able. The financial gauge is running very close to empty. We are anxious to see God's faithful hand!

Items Most Needed

- ▲ 50 replacement trees (for the 1st stage of replacement of Emerald Ash Borer diseased trees)
- ▲ On-going monthly supporters

