

Summer 2010

A decade into the new millennium and our twenty-second year of camp ministry; great economic challenges throughout the world and yes, here at camp as well; abnormal rainfall bringing Lake Rathbun to near record levels and ironically, not allowing water activities in the lake due to floating debris and flooded access points; our highest attendance ever, (reminding us of another year--1993, when attendance doubled in spite of two months of nearly daily rainfall); what a summer!

"Camp Is Awesome"

A few comments taken from many positive evaluations, perhaps illuminates some of what energizes us here at camp. "I had fun at Camp Appanoose; I learned a lot about God and Jesus; I will pray for you one day of each week; The hayrack ride was far out; Camp is awesome; there are tons of things to

Hanging in our office is a little sign, borrowed from a sister camp which states, "Big Job, Few People, Short Time, Huge Obstacles and Amazing Results." As we prepared for the summer camp season this year, the words of that little sign could well have described Camp Appanoose. With funds extremely tight and staff, at times, quite stretched, we sensed that God was preparing to do a great work. Certainly we have seen amazing results.

do; You get to understand the Bible more and learn a lot about Jesus; I made a lot of good friends; I like sleepin' outside; This was a year I will never forget!" It was a year that all of us here at camp will cherish in our memories.

What's Next

In September, as life returns to some version of normal, we have a few brief weeks to regroup and prepare for our important fall program.

SURF CLUB begins on September 18th with an afternoon of camp activities and a seminar give by Russ Miller of Creation, Evolution, and Science Seminars. SURF Club activities will continue throughout the year with the weekly Hangtime Bible Study and activity program on Saturday evenings. Much is planned for this year. SURF Club extends the ministry of Camp Appanoose throughout the year.

Appanoose Friends Retreat – Sept. 21-25, 2010

For some time now we have had requests for an adult camp. This fall, Camp Appanoose is hosting the first Appanoose Friends retreat which will feature three days of activities, spiritual encouragement and fellowship for senior adults. Beginning on Tuesday evening, participants will be invited to enjoy the campground while lodging in the Camp's full-hookup RV area, or in a Camp Appanoose bunkhouse (space permitting). Camp lodging will be available on a donation basis. Reservations for this event are \$60.00 per person (meals included). Free will offerings will be taken for retreat costs and the ministry of Camp Appanoose.

Additional lodging is available nearby in several venues including the Whispering Breezes Cabins (www.whispering.breeses.com/641-897-3417) and the nearby

Honey Creek Resort (www.honeycreekresort.com/877.677.3344).

The retreat will begin on Tuesday evening with a gospel concert by Shane and Natalie Brown. The concert is open to the public and free of charge. (Guests will have opportunity to purchase music CDs.) Several workshops will be offered each morning on subjects relevant to senior adults. Afternoons will be left unstructured so that participants may enjoy the many fall recreational and cultural opportunities in the beautiful hills of southern Iowa. After dinner each evening, a time of praise and worship will take place followed by our guest speaker, Russ Miller from Creation, Evolution and Science Ministries. Mr. Miller will be presenting material from his Creation Science seminars.

Participants may wish to remain at camp or in the area to attend the annual Centerville Pancake Day celebration on Saturday. Breakfast on Saturday will be the final meal served at camp.

Fall Gala – Our fall fundraising dinner and silent auction will be held Saturday evening, November 6, beginning at 5:30. This is a special event where guests may see images from Camp Appanoose youth ministries, testimonies from donors, staff members, and campers and contribute financially to this ministry. Special music and a silent auction will provide additional interest and fun for the evening. You are invited to come, share a meal with us and partner with us in this ministry with a generous monthly pledge! Reservations to attend or to provide donated auction items made be made by email: cabar@lisco.com, or by phoning the camp office.

Rocky High Adventure Camp

This great camp was full this year as participants again had opportunity to experience some of the most beautiful country on God's little blue marble! Camp Appanoose now has an outfitters permit with the US Forest Service and under the very capable leadership of our own summer staff member, Rachel; groups are able to have a quality experience in the high country. A senior at the University of Iowa, she is developing a concept of wilderness therapy for young persons. Bible studies this year were taken from First and Second Timothy and were designed to draw campers into the Scriptures personally as well as to benefit from group interaction. Each day concludes with a campfire message. At least one camper suggested we make Rocky High Camp twice as long in the future, and one of our staff members this year had the experience of seeing snow for the first time! Sadrac, an English teacher from Nicaragua, now from Ames, had a great time learning the fine art of making snowballs!

If you have an interest in this camp program for 2011, we encourage you to register early to insure a place in camp.



Mission Statement

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

Urgent Need!

On the last day of August, our large walk-in deep freeze finished functioning. We are most thankful that our summer program was completed, and although there was a considerable loss of food, it was not as serious as it could have been a few months earlier. While repair estimates have not been completed, we know that a replacement will be costly, perhaps toward one thousand dollars.



Did You Know?

- Three of our summer staff members are former campers?
- Camp Appanoose is now a Red Cross Emergency Shelter?
- SURF Club will begin again in the fall for area teens
- The beautiful new fireside room (Chapel) was used for a final campfire at the conclusion of one camp week while an intense rainstorm raged overhead?
- The Rocky High Adventure Camp was full?
- FOCAS (Friends of Camp Appanoose) volunteers continue to meet each third Tuesday throughout the year. There is an added benefit during camp as friends of the ministry see, first hand, the young persons who benefit.
- The camp website is being recreated and updated to better communicate with campers, parents and guests.
- Nearly 100 volunteers come and go throughout the summer months to help make camping programs enjoyable, educational and safe
- Friends of the camp have installed a transmission in the 1990 Ford pickup
- The horse herd continues to increase (thanks to several donors and friends of the camp)
- That you can impact a young person for life by providing a week of summer camp?

Items Most Wanted List:

- ▲ Carpet for the new chapel and adjacent rooms. (\$3000.00)
- ▲ \$300.00 for floor hockey equipment for the new gym
- ▲ Ice skates, in line skates or roller skates
- ▲ \$200.00 per camper for paint ball equipment (Our goal is equipment for 30 campers (\$6000.00))
- ▲ Baseball backstop for the new athletic field
- ▲ \$9.00 per chair for up to 30 stackable chairs for the outdoor chapel
- ▲ Volunteers to finish any of several fencing projects (Posts are in place and wire is stretched.)
- ▲ 30x40 storage building for tractors and equipment
- ▲ Full Sized, Roadworthy pickup truck
- ▲ Two new queen size mattresses (60" X 80")

"LA SEMANA DE ADVENTURA CON DIOS,"

A great group of 10-14 year old young persons accompanied by Pastor Noe and Keira, experienced a week at Camp Appanoose! Lots of camp fun provided a great setting for sharing the good news of Christ with our young Hispanic friends and neighbors.



New Chapel

For many years, Bible Talk Time (BTT) was held in our little Lakeview Chapel. Sometimes crowded, but always interesting, campers and staff alike have so many memories of the dramatically illustrated Bible themes, missionary adventure stories, fun music, heartfelt praise and camp traditions which took place in that little building. Many can remember life changing decisions which were made under that little A-framed roof. For several years now we have moved BTT from the Lakeview Chapel to the Hayshed, complete with visiting chickens and goats, to the large but crowded living room of Pastor Pat's house, to the partially finished new camp activity center, to the outdoor "comfort" of the Big Sky Theater, to the present camp dining room and now, this year to our permanent home, our new fireside chapel. What a joy it was to finally be in our new facility!

With a large fireplace, comfortable seating, DVD projection, power point for both music and teaching, quality instruments including the new (to us) grand piano, we felt that God had given us facility to match the significance of what actually takes place in that space. We are thankful for so many persons who gave, volunteered, and prayed along the way. Special to our memory is our beloved friend, Roger Maurer, now with the Lord. Roger and Donna provided the final block of funds to complete the new chapel, library, and game loft. In Roger's memory we plan to display a picture of him beneath a recently donated airplane propeller. Roger and Donna, both pilots, have been faithful volunteers and supporters of Camp Appanoose.

Great Summer Staff

Three former campers, four returning staff from previous years, added a sense of perspective to camp programs. In addition to several recent high school graduates, staff came to us from schools as diverse as the Moody Bible Institute in Seattle, Lee University in North Carolina, DMACC in Iowa, Evangel University in Missouri, and the University of Iowa. The composite of their past experiences and training added a

richness to the summer team. Summer, for staff, begins with Leadership Training Camp (LTC), an eight day program which challenges staff with an intensive look at a Biblical world understanding, camp skills, group leadership, first aid, and much more. Qualifications for staff include a growing walk with Christ, a humble servant's spirit, a love for people, energy and enthusiasm, and a passion to make Christ known. Background checks, which include personal references, verify the qualities of each staff person.

You May Have A Part!

Financial needs continue to challenge our ministry. As you are so aware, monthly expenditures including utilities, fuel, payroll, insurance and maintenance expenses total just over 10,000.00 monthly.

As camp fees are kept to a minimum in order to service more young people in programs and summer camps, fees contribute less than _ of the overall budget. Although every effort is made to steward the resources of this ministry frugally, Camp Appanoose is experiencing increasing costs in every aspect of operations, facility and programming expense. This ministry has always relied on God's provision through the generosity of concerned individuals, service organizations and churches. Churches and individuals who provide monthly and quarterly support are critical to the ongoing work of this ministry to the youth of our nation.

If you have not done so lately, we challenge you to contribute generously in the envelope provided. (All donations are tax deductible.) To gain a first-hand picture of the work of this ministry, please consider attending the Fall Gala on November 6.

