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Ready For Spring

After a long cold winter, we are all so ready for spring! Frozen pipes have been repaired and are now flowing again. With the snow gone, grass will soon be growing, making our horses happy. The ducks are on the pond and signs of a new season are slowly emerging from a drab late winter landscape.

We are thankful for faithful friends who help us keep going in these busy, but not highly visible winter months. Each time it snowed, Tom, or Dave, or Ray had the drives cleared within hours. Office files, equipment storage areas, and our shop had all become quite cluttered after some years of intensive development.

SURF Club

SURF (Students United in Real Faith) will begin again in April. SURF is an opportunity to enjoy the great benefits of camp throughout the year. We welcome any young person in the seventh through the twelfth grades. Youth groups are welcome as well. Each SURF club features a favorite camp activity followed by a spiritual challenge. There is a \$5.00 cover fee for each activity. (Paintball \$10.00) Snacks may be purchased at the camp Filling Station.

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| April 5 – Game Night | May 3 – Horseback Riding |
| April 19 – Capture the Flag | May 17 – Paintball (\$10) |

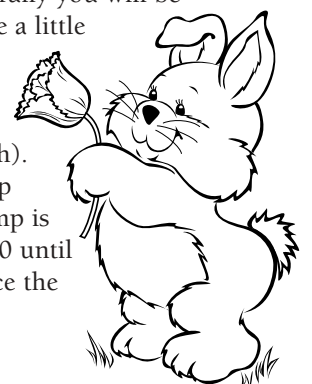
Bring your friends, even your youth group for these special activities.

Vern, Rene, Kathy, and Ray all had a part in helping us de-clutter and re-organize. Volunteers, those who support, and pray, are all invaluable partners in the work. May God bless you as you invest in young persons.

Our theme this summer, “One God, Two Men, One Mission,” taken from the accounts of Elijah and Elisha, points our summer guests to the truth of the one God who is really there and who speaks to us and also listens when we call to him. We want our campers to be assured that they can know God through His Son, Jesus Christ, and in knowing Him they can know a life of purpose for eternity.

Spring Camp – April 11-13

Welcome back to camp! After a **cold** winter break, we are ready to get back to camping. Hopefully you will be ready as well. Spring camp will have a little Jamaican flavor this year which should get you all warmed up for some great camp experiences in 2014. (Sorry, no bobsledding though). For a lot of fun in the spring, sign up now and save 20 bucks! Spring Camp is for 12 – 18 year olds. Cost - \$100.00 until 4/6, \$120.00 after that date. (*Notice the date change)



Camp Appanoose Volunteer Retreat

Another great opportunity is coming up for service and fellowship at camp. On April 25-26, camp will be hosting our third volunteer retreat for the entire family.

Many projects require attention. Several are listed below:

- ▲ Round pen and fencing repairs. We hope to re-construct our round pen and repair several broken spots in the pasture fences
- ▲ Tree removal and replacement. Bring chain saws and heavy gloves.
- ▲ The Sugar Creek Ranch Bunkhouse has had problems with frozen water pipes. We hope to remodel the area around the water entrance to better protect it.
- ▲ The Homesteader Bunkhouses have been reroofed. They both are ready for a finish coat of stucco as well as gutter repairs and interior paint.
- ▲ Two sides of the Hospitality Houses are in need of repairing along with some minor repairs.
- ▲ A number of spring cleaning and grounds enhancement projects in preparation for a busy summer season



Last spring, the Homesteader Bunkhouses were re-roofed by some able volunteers! Both bunkhouses are now ready for a finish coat of stucco as well as gutter repairs and interior paint.

Put one or both of these dates on your calendar. Bring your family, ABF, Sunday School or fellowship group along. For those spending the night on Friday, we will have a hayrack ride by the lake. Please RSVP to cabar@campappanoose.org, or call 888.683.1839 so that project materials can be assembled and the (volunteer) cooks will be ready for you!

Camper Assistance

Most of you know that Camp Appanoose offers camps at approximately one third of actual costs. We do this because our mission is to introduce the next generation to Jesus Christ, and we have a passion to love and motivate young persons who need additional assistance. If you choose to give to the camper assistance fund, your gifts will go entirely to closing the gap between fees and a young person's ability to pay.

New Buckskinner Week



For those fourth through sixth graders who find that Buckskinner camp is scheduled a little too early on the calendar we now have a second Buckskinner Week in late July. Consider **Buckskinner II, July 27th** – August 2nd. (**Buckskinner I** – June 22-28)

Pickups Provided

We wish to thank two families, Dave and Connie Hendricks and to Steve and Cindy Hock, for donating a pickup in the past year. We are in good shape now for the many errands that keep us on the road! (It takes two pickups to keep camp operational.)



Also New This Year

Rocky High Adventure Camp will be offered a second time, in September for young adults. Beginning at Camp Appanoose, September 5, Rocky High (for young adults) will feature camping experiences in some of the most breathtaking wilderness areas on the North American continent. This is an opportunity for a great time of challenge and relationship building in a small group setting. Inquire at Camp Appanoose or with Pastor Pat at 641-895-0295.

Items Most Needed:

- ▲ Appanoose Village (RV & Tent camping area) - concrete pad, picnic table/BBQ area: 9600.00 total – consider sponsoring one or more sites @ \$800 each
- ▲ Patio area behind the Pavilion, walks, water control and landscaping \$11,500
- ▲ 40X60 storage space for equipment – approximately \$40,000
- ▲ Replacing a leaking roof on the office structure (Hospitality House) with metal roofing and structural repairs– approximately \$9000
- ▲ Monthly partners to provide on-going operational expenses

All donations to Camp Appanoose are tax deductible.

Dates to Remember

- April 5, 19 Surf Club – (also, May 3 and May 17)
- April 8 Go Team Meeting 9:00 a.m., (also May 13)
- April 11-13 Spring Camp – (ages 10-16)
- April 15 FOCAS
- April 15 Pastor's Luncheon – 12:00
- April 25-26 Spring Service Projects (Work Weekend for the entire family)
- May 20 FOCAS
- June 6 Summer Staff Training Begins (LTC)
- June 15 Summer Programs begin
- And, looking ahead to fall:**
- September 19-20 Ladies Fall Retreat
- November 1 Fall Roundup