

The earliest humans believed in one true God who could be known personally and trusted. Remnants of that belief have surfaced in nearly every part of the little blue planet which we are privileged to call home. Even before God gave His special book, the Bible, truth was passed on orally from generation to generation. It was evident in the heavens as well as on the earth so that all of mankind was accountable before God. Unfortunately, alongside of truth, the weeds of superstition, faulty ideas, doubt and uncertainty also grew distorting the truth and distracting man's attention from the one true God who desired to be in fellowship with His creatures.

This summer we will be challenged by the examples of two men, Elijah and Elisha, who swam against the current of their times to give testimony to the truth that there is one true God who can be known and trusted.

As camp programs begin to fill, please join us in asking God to enable us to be human conductors of divine energy as we nurture camp participants in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Storm Damage – Volunteers Needed** - Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> took us to First Baptist Church in Chariton where we enjoyed a wonderful worship service and a meal prepared by the youth of the church. Not long after arriving home we were surprised by a blast of sudden straight line winds which came through the camp, tearing off shingles, destroying a roof structure, moving one of the Conestoga wagons about twenty-five feet and doing considerable damage. Following up after the storm, there are several projects which could be done by a team of volunteers. At least one side of our old chapel needs to have the shingles torn off and replaced. Also important would be the replacement of the patio roof structure at the Filling Station, snack shop. If your group would be able to take on either one of these projects, it would be much appreciated by campers and staff alike.

**A Rocky Journey** - Many of you, our supporters, know that the financial journey for Camp Appanoose has been a rocky one these past few years. While our new Pavilion is an immense blessing, it did increase our operating costs at a time when the nation's economy caused stress to many ministries, Camp Appanoose included. In the past two years, God has begun to raise up new churches and individuals supporters which have allowed us to operate in the black now for several seasons. While we continue to seek additional supporters, we are also thankful for some very generous gifts which have kept us going. By our calculations, we will need an additional \$15,000-20,000 in additional support to take us through the summer months. For twenty-six years now, we have seen God supply and we look to Him again to do the same. Pray with us that we will be prepared for God's supply and that we will faithfully use what He gives.

### **Summer KITCHEN Volunteers' Luncheon - "Kitchen CORPS BOOT CAMP" (June 14; 11:00-1:00)**

It is time for all kitchen volunteers to assemble for a short but intense time of training conducted by our "drill sergeant" Rene' so that we are ready and able to safely and efficiently feed the hungry troops who march through our food line this summer in the courteous, nutritious and delicious fashion that we aspire to be famed for. This food line is our mission field and the harvest is ripe, so come --- let us make ourselves ready!

You may be a well-seasoned chef, you may not know anything about cooking; but at the end of this 2 hours of training (and lunch and door prizes, skits, etc.) you will have acquired the skills and knowledge needed for deployment at that critical moment of need. We seek new recruits as well as calling back all who have previously served in our kitchen. So bring a friend or two or more who also aspire to be heartily used of THE LORD. You must RSVP so we can have appropriate meal rations and training materials available!

All who RSVP and attend will be entered into a drawing for a special prize. So come for the fun (and it will be fun!), come for the specialized training, come for the food; but come most of all because you are being called to come. Yes, let us serve God together heartily: with joy, love and thanksgiving! – Sergeant Rene'

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2014

Time: 10:45 AM

Location: Camp Appanoose Pavilion

RSVP to: [cabar@campappanoose.org](mailto:cabar@campappanoose.org) 888.683.1839 (please leave a message)

**Send Someone to Camp** - Do you know someone ages, 8-18, who would benefit by spending a week or two at camp this summer? Why not consider sponsoring a camper? If you can't think of someone, the camp office maintains an "Assistance Fund" for young persons who could benefit from camp and yet are unable to pay the entire fee. We always have more needs than we are able to meet, so your help will be most appreciated. Camp Fees pay around a third of actual camp costs.

#### **"Would Like" List**

- Two small refrigerators (preferably w/a small freezing compartment) for our staff bunkrooms
- An authentic looking bear costume
- Wood chipper (Heavy duty, industrial quality)
- Hand truck (Refrigerator Truck)
- Another 16" or larger chain saw
- Gifts of \$800 each to complete one of the eleven remaining RV sites
- Floor Jack

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

-seasoned and experienced mowing volunteers

(Please leave a message in the camp office if you are available to mow on a regular basis -888.683.1839 or [cabar@campappanoose.org](mailto:cabar@campappanoose.org))

-a variety of carpentry projects to finish up before campers arrive

-kitchen volunteers (*see article – page 1*)

-volunteers to help with stucco finish on the two bunkhouses

#### **Spring Camp Appanoose Garage Sale – at the Riley's – Memorial Day Weekend**

#### **Dates to Remember**

June 6	Summer Staff Training Begins
June 14	Kitchen Volunteers' Luncheon 11-1:00, Pavilion
June - August	Summer camp programs
August 4-13	Rocky High Adventure Camp (ages 13-18)
September 5-14	Rocky High Adventure Camp for Young Adults (18+)
September 13	SURF club begins again @ camp (7-12 grades)
September 19-20	Ladies Retreat @ Camp Appanoose
October 3-4	Fall Service Projects (Work Weekend for the entire family)
November 1	Fall Roundup – Camp Appanoose Pavilion

**Thank you for Pickups!** - For several years we have needed to update our pickups. It takes at least two to keep us moving forward. Over the past year, two families have each donated a good roadworthy pickup. We are so thankful for these gifts which allow us to operate more efficiently.

**Thank you for the Pavilion Staircase!** Hearing of the need to complete the outside staircase for the loft rooms and second floor chapel, a local church provided the funds needed to do so. The staircase is now in construction and should be completed soon. New decking materials will also be installed to complete that portion of the project. Thank you to our friends at the Humeston Baptist Church for your generous gift!

**Second bi-annual volunteer work weekend attendees!** Thanks to the willing hands (and backs) of several volunteers, the bunkhouses have a fresh coat of interior paint, new fascia trim, several trees have been planted and many storm damaged and dead trees have been removed. On behalf of our spring and summer campers, thank you!

**We are grateful** for all that is being accomplished here at camp in preparation for a great season of ministry. Thank you for your prayer, gifts of time and resources. We appreciate you.

