

## Treasures...

Walking along one of our short trails here on the campground one crisp fall day, I noticed an apple tree twenty or so feet tall, edging its way out of a wooded bank of much taller trees. Covered with deep red colored apples, it was a little surprising that it had grown for enough years to reach this measure of maturity and yet had gone unnoticed. Having been quite aware of most of the trees planted, I couldn't help but wonder how this somewhat domestic apple tree had come to grow in a place it had not been purposely planted. It just appeared as an unexpected treasure of the woods.

One of the reasons I enjoy hiking is that, if a person is perceptive, there are always treasures to be discovered. A unique rock, a raccoon in a hollowed out tree, another bearing abundant fruit or nuts, a pair of trumpeter swans on a pond, or even some long lost relic of a generation past, all unexpected treasure waiting to be discovered.

Every year brings new treasures to camp: young persons whose hidden talents are discovered, or whose personalities emerge in the unique camp setting, others whose spiritual birth and growth become a great encouragement to all. We never know how God will bless us in a given year. This summer we built special friendships with a group of Christ followers from Minnesota whose recent roots took them back to the African nation of Kenya. It is always a special treasure to meet persons from another walk of life who share spiritual roots in Jesus Christ.

Many persons who read this newsletter are treasured by this ministry. A prayer, a word of encouragement, financial or material sacrifice, whatever it may be — you are a treasure to each of us who serve here in this ministry.

On the first of November we invite our many friends to join us for a night of testimonies and celebration of the camp ministry. Fall Roundup gives us a chance to tell our story and to share some of the vision for the future as we enjoy a meal in the Pavilion and the program which follows. Just as in the west, fall was a time for rounding up a rancher's livestock, here at Camp Appanoose our fall Roundup is our time to round up friends and potential supporters of the ministry. The Roundup provides opportunity to share the blessings of God's special work and encourage others to join in and share the treasures with which they have been blessed.

Please take the opportunity to bring persons to this event who will consider becoming a ministry supporter. Perhaps you or your guest is a treasure waiting to be discovered!



# Congratulations due within our camping family!

Styles Stadtlander and Amy Sanders will be married at the Westkirk Presbyterian Church in Clive, Iowa on October 11th. Both Styles and Amy have served on camp staff, not only in the summer, but often during off season events as well. Styles is a graduate of Simpson College and Amy recently graduated from Des Moines Area Community College. vMike Hoy and Kelsey Brown, who both served on the 2014 summer staff, became engaged on September 23rd. Mike is a graduate of Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois and is working at camp this fall. Kelsey is a junior at Greenville College. They hope to marry sometime in 2015.v In September, former staff member, Gigi Green married Dan Passick in Des Moines. Gigi was one of our first summer staff members, sharing the vision for how God could use camp in the lives of young people and contributing to the three essentials for the camp experience; belonging, participation and challenge. Gigi is also the composer of the Camp Appanoose song!

**Camp Appanoose is the Lord's camp  
And all that we have is His.  
May every day that we're here, Lord,  
Remind us all of this.**

**Bless us each day here at Camp Appanoose;  
Help us to live for You.  
Teach us to love one another,  
Just as You told us to.**

**Thank you for friends that we've made here,  
Memories that we'll never lose.  
Bring us all back once again, Lord,  
Here to Camp Appanoose.**

**Thank you, God, for Camp Appanoose!**

## Fall Roundup Fundraiser



**Quilt**

**U.S. Silver  
bullion coins**

**November 1, 2014; 5:30-7:30 p.m.** will be an evening of music, a presentation of the camp story and vision, testimonies, music, and a complimentary meal. This is an evening geared to supporters, volunteers, friends, and future friends of this youth ministry. Come early -- 4:30 p.m. for hors d'oeuvres and a horse-drawn hayride/tour of grounds.

Following the Fall Roundup is a live auction for guests to enjoy and for the proceeds to benefit this ministry. Once again a Mexico stay in Alkumal, Mexico will be auctioned with all proceeds going to the ministry of Camp Appanoose. Other auction items include a hand crafted birdhouse (very popular in the past), a handcrafted baby quilt, and Camp Appanoose week of summer camp. Items will be on display for guests to view before the event. There will be a reserve bid on each auction item.



**Halltree**

Re-purposed 5-panel door,  
lock and key hangers

**Hand-built  
Birdhouse**

# Mission Statement

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

## 2015 - 3rd Annual Women's Retreat

understands the pain that comes from a broken home and she knows what it means to fight for freedom from the past.



Sheri Rose

The theme for September 18-20th third annual women's retreat is "Princess Warrior" based on I Timothy 6:12. Ladies, mark your calendars now! This promises to be a sell out!

### About Sheri Rose

Sheri Rose is a woman who can relate to almost any woman's battle. This former Mrs. United States grew up in a dysfunctional home and was a severely overweight teen. As a young woman, she battled depression and an eating disorder. She

In spite of an English teacher telling her she was "born to lose" and a learning disorder—dyslexia—Sheri Rose has (in God's strength) become a best-selling author with more than One Million books sold. Her latest book won the 2010 *Retailer's Choice Non-Fiction Book of the Year*.

Sheri Rose has been speaking at churches and women's retreats for 20 years. She has a very refreshing way of bringing the Word of God to life. Her speaking style is humorous, heartwarming and inspires her audience to make life count for eternity. She loves speaking at women's retreats of any size and currently is on the *Women of Joy Tour* with: Kay Arthur, Karen Kingsbury, Lysa TerKeurst, Shaunti Feldhahn, Thelma Wells, and artists Chris Tomlin, Michael W. Smith, Casting Crowns and Brandon Heath.

## 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. You could consider a week of camp for a birthday or Christmas gift. (Please give us a call in the camp office and we will help you put together a package of camp store items and a certificate to wrap up for gifting!)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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| October 10-12  | Fall Camp for 10-14 year olds.                        |
| October 11, 25 | SURF club (grades 7-12)                               |
| October 21     | FOCAS   |
| November 1     | Roundup Event<br>(see invitation in this newsletter!) |
| November 4     | GO Team   |
| November 8     | SURF club   |
| November 18    | FOCAS   |
| December 2     | GO Team   |
| December 26-27 | Youth Lock-In   |
| January 6      | GO Team   |
| January 15     | Last day of early brochure pricing                    |
| January 20     | FOCAS   |

## Outdoor Kitchen—Appanoose Village

Frequently we receive requests from church and family groups for a place to hold family camps and reunions. Currently the camp has around a dozen full hookups for RVs in an area we call Appanoose Village. In addition there are about that many more electric only hookups, a large central fire ring, a modern showerhouse, and an outdoor kitchen complete with a commercial range (under construction). Appanoose Village will be useable in the spring. We are in need of around \$9000 to complete this facility. Perhaps you or someone you know would be willing to help financially toward the completion of Appanoose Village. Or, it could be that your group would like to schedule an event for spring, summer, or fall of 2015!

## "Would Like" List

- ▲ A small refrigerator (preferably w/a small freezing compartment) for a staff bunkroom
- ▲ An authentic looking bear costume
- ▲ Wood chipper (Heavy duty, industrial quality)
- ▲ Hand truck (Refrigerator Truck)
- ▲ Another 16" or larger chain saw
- ▲ \$9000 to complete Appanoose Village Kitchen
- ▲ Gifts of \$800 each to complete one of the eleven remaining RV sites
- ▲ Floor Jack
- ▲ \$11,000 needed to complete the dining room patio and walkways on the backside of the Pavilion, along with important landscaping improvements.



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## Autumn @ Beautiful Camp Appanoose

One of our favorite times of the year, the fall season, continues to be a busy time at camp. While facilities are repaired and made ready for winter, we all enjoy cooler temperatures, the brilliant colors of nature and an anticipation of many special fall events. This season has included a women's retreat (which turned out to be our largest event ever,) the opportunity to host a family camp for a Kenyan church, Fall Camp which includes both first time and a number of returning campers, Saturday night SURF (Students United in Real Faith) Clubs, and many other activities and projects.

## Sympathy

We wish to extend sympathy to the family of June Fox. June lost her sister Elnora last month, after losing her husband Fred several months earlier. Elnora had also been a friend of Camp Appanoose, both in financial support and in sponsoring campers.

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