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Dates to Remember

August 3-12 Rocky High Camp I (ages 13 – 18)
Call 888.683.1839 or
cabar@campappanoose.org to register
August 18 FOCAS (and every third Tuesday)
August 28 Pastors' Luncheon @ Camp Appanoose,
10:30-1:00 –
RSVP cabar@campappanoose.org
August 30 Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting
September 1 GO Team (every first Tuesday of the
month, 9:00 a.m.)
September 4-13 Rocky High Camp II
September 26 SURF Club 6-9 pm
(for middle school through high school);
also 10/10, 10/24, and 11/14

October 2-3 Fall Volunteer Work Weekend
(meals and lodging provided!)
October 9-11 Fall Camp (10-14 year olds) Register
on-line, or call 888.683.1839
November 7 Fall ROUNDUP 2-4:30 p.m.
Bring a friend and come for great and
opportunity to contribute to the ministry
of Camp Appanoose. For returning
guests, we challenge you to introduce
new friends to this ministry. Dress is
casual, dinner and entertainment is
included. RSVP by calling 888.683.1839,
or by cabar@campappanoose.org



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Noah's Big Box, God's Treasure Chest

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We have been exploring the big box which Noah built, all summer, and we have found that it was actually God's treasure chest! A reminder of the value which the Creator placed on life, the ark provided refuge for eight human beings, just as Jesus Christ provides salvation to all who trust Him.



Summer 2015 has been full of camp adventures sometimes wedged between great torrents of rain, often making us thankful for the promise of the rainbow. Staff members have skillfully dodged the raindrops with campers. When that was impossible, they have embraced the fun and excitement of weather which reminds us that we are not in control.

Larger Projects Just Ahead

As we prepare to move forward in the next few years, there are several projects which await completion. It would be great to see each of those completed in 2015, freeing camp staff to focus on more extensive youth programs.

1. Equipment Building Perhaps the most urgent physical need, an equipment building would allow much better storage and maintenance of the equipment items with which this ministry has been blessed (tractors, a backhoe/trencher, several boats and program items.) As many of you know, necessary storage has taken over several areas which are much needed for a quality program. Cost for this post and frame structure comes in at \$30,000. Some completion work would require volunteer labor.

2. Barn Update This project will require volunteer labor in the fall season. A volunteer work week has been set for September 27th through October 3rd.

3. Appanoose Village Camp's RV/family camping area will take around \$10,000 for completion. An outdoor kitchen for church and family groups to use is moving along this summer. When completed, there will be thirteen RV spaces equipped with electricity, water, sewer, a picnic table and barbeque. Volunteer labor continues to be needed.

4. Pavilion Patio Landscaping, sidewalks and a patio will complete the back side of the Pavilion. This will allow for outdoor dining, better camper access to the building, and a water diversion project which should eliminate the current problem of minor flooding during heavy rains. Cost is \$12,000. No volunteer labor will be needed.

Summer Staff

We prayed, we scouted out staff leads, as we realized that in 2015 we would be starting camp with a newer and younger staff team. As has been true for many years, we have been blessed with a great staff. Three states are represented, seven colleges and universities, eleven evangelical churches, and many skills. While the young persons working at camp differ in backgrounds and talents, each is engaged in the spiritual journey, to “become conformed to the image of God’s Son” (Romans 8). It is our desire that the summer of 2015 will be a big step in the process of spiritual growth that God has for each one.

Along with serving campers for the summer, it is our goal that each staff member will be better prepared at the end of the summer to serve as parents and leaders in their churches and communities. Already, two of our summer staff members are teachers; two more are studying to be. Several have human service aspirations, or Christian ministry objectives.

We are proud of our staff!

Pastor’s/Youth Leader’s Luncheon

On Friday, August 28th, Camp Appanoose will be hosting a seminar and luncheon for pastors, congregational leaders, and youth workers. At the luncheon, we will be sharing a few perspectives in youth ministry that have been of significance in our work over the past 27 years. We will also have information about some resources under development at Camp Appanoose.

We invite pastors and congregational leaders to join us at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 28th for the seminar and luncheon at the Camp Appanoose Pavilion, 13380 430th Street, Plano, Iowa 52581. This event is provided free of charge to ministry leaders and we ask that you RSVP by Monday, August 24th: cabar@campappanoose.org or by leaving a voice message on the office telephone: 888.683.1839. We will conclude at 1:00 p.m. At the conclusion of the event, you will be invited to tour the camp facility.

Thank You Martensdale Youth!

For several years, the Martensdale Community Church youth have assisted in camp ministry in the eastern United States. This year they decided to serve closer to home, at Camp Appanoose. On the first week of June, seventeen young people along with youth pastor Daniel Moore and a team of adults arrived at camp for a week of service projects and assistance in any area they were needed.

With real servant’s hearts, our friends from Martensdale completed many projects and were a great encouragement at the beginning of the summer. Thank each of you for what you allowed God to do through you.

Needs List

- Archery Netting for indoor/outdoor use (\$520.00)
- \$2371.00 still needed toward replacement convection ovens
- Sturdy foldable risers for stage area (fold and store when not in use)
- Another 16” or larger chain saw
- Gifts of \$900 each to complete one of the eleven remaining RV sites
- Equipment Building Constructed – \$30,000 (urgent need)
- Wood chipper (Heavy duty, industrial quality)
- New or excellent condition electric range (Not a glass top)

Major Volunteer Project

Recently, Camp Appanoose received a grant to enable us to add on to our barn and greatly improve the horse program area. We have set the week of September 27th through October 3rd to complete this project with volunteer labor (October 2nd-3rd will be our regular volunteer retreat dates). We would like to encourage our friends to consider coming for all or part of that week. Meals and lodging are provided for volunteers. Please let us know when you are coming so that preparations may be made.

Working together we should be able to accomplish much!

Please Pray

- Much needed storage building
- Do pray for the on-going material needs of this ministry

PRAISE & Thanksgiving FOR:

- 27 seasons of sharing Christ with young persons in this location
- College-age, and upper high school summer staff members
- All who pray & work behind the scenes
- The nearly-complete outdoor kitchen & for laborers who have donated time and resources
- The volunteer cooking crew throughout the summer in their service to kids and adults each week

Passages...

We are saddened at the passing of our dear friend, and former camp speaker, Pastor Norman Wenig. Pastor Norm and Kathy Wenig ministered to staff and guests in Family Camp 2013. Although we miss Pastor Norm, we know that he is rejoicing in Heaven!

Our sympathies are extended to the family of Curly Richardson. Memorial gifts given in his memory were designated toward the purchase of the convection ovens and recent repairs to the walk-in freezer, ice machine and mower repair.



**Camp Appanoose
Labor Day
Garage Sale**

A bi-annual event at the Riley’s in Des Moines. Please leave items with the Riley’s in preparation for the sale – and plan to attend the sale! **All proceeds benefit this ministry.**