



July-August 2019

ANOTHER CAMP SEASON is underway! "Journey By The Numbers," our 2019 theme, takes campers on a journey through the life of King Josiah, a young man who became king of his nation at age eight. As his life story is constructed, campers will realize that Josiah's journey was not without challenges, but the greatest and the highest challenge was to know God and give his royal energies to honoring Him as God.

Having completed Leadership Training Camp in early June, we are so thankful for the summer staff God has given us. All from the eastern half of Iowa, several are in college or recently graduated, several still in high school, but all share a common desire to extend the love of Christ to each young summer guest and to give them the best week of their year. What a great privilege it is to be God's ambassador in the lives of young persons.

A WORD FROM OUR CAMPERS! *"The counselors are really nice" - "I*

caught a butterfly!" - "I love cabin checks!" - "I learned

that God is our shepherd," - "I learned that God will always

be there"

I love Camp Appanoose because: *"it talks about God and Jesus and we*

play fun games and the food's great and I like it" - "of all

the fun activities and all of my new friends that I made" -

"It's awesome!" - "It helps people learn about God and its fun

and you can buy snacks" - "The counselors were very kind" -

"of being around my friends and making new friends" - "You get

to do stuff you never did before"

I learned: *"that God comes running to you when you walk His way"*

- *"new songs" - "that you should never steal from another*

person" - "to trust God in everything"



YOUTH SERVICE WEEK - For a number of years the Martensdale Community Church has taken their youth on an early summer mission service trip to help a Bible camp prepare for the season. Several years ago, they chose Camp Appanoose to be their project focus. Not only do they come with a team of anxious volunteers, but they often fund the projects through a special coffee house event which they offer for the adults of the church. This year, along with a number of cleaning and repair projects, they began construction of a bridge across Battle Creek; they constructed a set of monkey bars; and then rebuilt the stairs on one of the entry doors. They also purchased and donated an institutional quality table tennis set which can also divide into two game tables. The camp ministry has been most blessed!

On Friday, after projects are completed, there is always time for some horseback riding and a few rounds of paintball. Under the direction of associate pastor, Daniel Moore, and about a half dozen adult volunteers, the group is led in times of Bible study and discipleship, coinciding with their projects of service.

ROCKY HIGH IN AUGUST - With camps now underway, it is hard to realize how quickly the summer flies by! There is still time to register for one of the Rocky High Camps. Two trips are planned this year for July 29th through August 7th. Both trips will follow the same trail plans but will function separately.

Rocky High I, July 29 – August 7, is for young persons, grades 7-12, who are ready for an adventure in the mountains. Approximately forty miles of backpacking in one of the most scenic places in North America, hikers will explore over half of the Rawah, a Colorado wilderness area where moose, elk, big horn sheep are among an abundance of wildlife. Crystal clear mountain streams, pristine lakes, rugged peaks all combine to make Rocky High an unforgettable adventure.

Rocky High II will follow a similar route on the same dates. Designed for young adults (18 and up), the second group will provide opportunity for developing friendships and shared experiences which could last a lifetime.

MOST WANTED LIST:

- Stump grinder
- Industrial grade wood chipper (one is available used for \$3000.00)
- \$5000.00 to upgrade recreational equipment supplies
- Overhead door and opener for equipment building - \$2500.00
- Pond aerator for improved water quality in swimming area \$2000.00
- Camper Sponsorships (mail to Box 37 at the address above, or PayPal on-line)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Rocky High Camps – for 14 and up; Rocky High for Young Adults. July 29-August 7. Register on line at www.campappanoose.org.
- Go Team resumes every first Tuesday, beginning August 13, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- FOCAS resumes every 3rd Tuesday, beginning August 30, 9:00 a.m. (lunch is provided) Please RSVP the camp office.
- 3rd Quarter board meeting – Saturday, August 24, 9:00 a.m.
- SURF CLUB is back! For 7-12 grade students, beginning Saturday, September 21 6:00-9:00, \$5.00.
- Family Volunteer Retreat at Camp Appanoose – Friday-Saturday, October 4-5
- Fall Camp for 10-14 year olds is back! Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 13.
- Roundup and 30th Birthday celebration at camp! November 2

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