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Monthly Newsletter - September /October 2019

I LOVE CAMP!

I love Camp Appanoose because: "I feel like a whole 'nother' person than before; everything was amazing", "It is my favorite part of the summer," "I meet new friends and I always have a blast," "It praises the Lord God while still being fun", "It is an experience. . . and I hope I can come back next year," It is a good place to learn", I learned so much about how to follow God correctly. . . my group became like siblings!", "Loved riding horses. . .", "made a ton of new friends", "the whole camp program is awesome", "I got to learn so much, and be out of doors", "Great BTT(Bible Talk Times). . .great counselors. . .builds my faith in Christ Jesus my Rock and my Redeemer", "free rent and food", " got to learn about Jesus", "I really, really love it", "I learned a lot about things I need to apply to my life. . . ", "I got closer to God and got more in to the Bible . . . ," "it's a good Christ centered camp, the staff are funny and nice", "I loved everything". Just a little sampling from comments made by 10-14 year old campers may give a clue to the value of the summer of 2019! A wonderful staff, all from lowa this summer, and good attendance caused us to evaluate 2019 camps as some of the best on record!



"Journey by the Numbers" our 2019 theme, led us through the life journey of King Josiah in the Old Testament and gave us many points of connection to the journey on which each of us find ourselves. Josiah's great quest, to seek after God, and then his discovery of the Word of God, resonated with many of the young people who attended this summer. Along with small group Bible studies and the larger group Bible Talk Times, every young person who attended was challenged to see the fingerprints of God, the Creator on His creation. For many, these were eye opening encounters with the infinite, yet personal God and His Son, Jesus Christ!

COMING UP

- FALL CAMP Just around the corner is another awesome opportunity! Fall Camp is coming up, October 11-13. For a little less than 48 hours, we will be able to enjoy most classic camp activities while being challenged spiritually. Held in the invigorating month of October, open to 12-16 year old guys and girls. Register on-line www.campappanoose.org or call the camp office. Check-in on October 12 at 4:00-5:00 p.m. Bring a first time camper (paying full price) with you and receive \$20.00 rebate at check-in!
- > SURF CLUB Last year SURF CLUB got off to a slow start but quickly picked up momentum. This year we are looking forward an earlier start with lots of camp activities and a good opportunity for spiritual growth.
- FALL VOLUNTEER RETREAT Friday, October 4 (beginning at 9:00 a.m.) and Saturday, October 5. This is always a fun time for the entire family. Projects are available for all ability levels. Lodging on a first-come, first-serve basis. Meals are provided.
- FOCAS (Friends of Camp Appanoose in Service) every third Tuesday of the month, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers complete a variety of projects. Lunch is provided. Call or email for more information: cabar@campappanoose.org, 641.649.2491.
- ➤ SAVE THIS DATE! It's a Birthday Party! FALL ROUNDUP November 2, 2019; 4:00 6:30 p.m. come celebrate the camp's 30th birthday and hear testimony from summer staff members and others committed to this ministry. The event is casual and includes a meal, a camp tour, an auction, and testimonies by former summer staff and music. The event is free. RSVP's requested by calling the

camp office 641.649.2491 or by email <u>pat.amsden@campappanoose.org</u>. This is your opportunity to provide generous financial support for the youth of this generation. Camp Appanoose is a 501(c) 3 organization and is supported by concerned individuals, churches and organizations.

CAMP APPANOOSE HAS A NEW ADDRESS! Well, not a new address, we're still here, but all correspondence is now directed to: Camp Appanoose, Box 37, Plano, Iowa 52581. Please make note of this change!

NEW AND NEW TO US - Several great donations have been (and will be) a great blessing to this ministry:

- A new John Deere tractor was recently gifted to the ministry. Replacing three antique tractors, each with significant maintenance needs, this new piece of equipment comes complete with a loader, a bale stabber, a blade, and a brush mower. What a giant step forward! Friends of the ministry have also stepped in and offered to paint and bring up to date the old Allis tractor which has served us well. It will serve as a backup tractor for hayrides and other things. We will need further gifts to cover the material cost of the Allis restoration.
- Also donated was a new post hole auger which has been long needed here at camp.
- Not new, but much appreciated, through a generous gift, the ministry was able to acquire an older Woodchuck Chipper. As we continue to lose so many ash and pine trees, the new (to us) chipper will allow us to make mulch out of these dying trees.

ROCKY HIGH ADVENTURE CAMP - Beginning at well over 10,000 feet elevation this year, backpackers were rigorously challenged as they hiked the Medicine Bow trail of Colorado northern Rahwah Wilderness, enjoying camping at times above tree line. Tundra, alpine meadows and crystal clear lakes were gems along the trail. On the final day backpackers were able to explore a century old mountain work camp. Located several miles from the nearest road or marked trail, the old camp, constructed with local logs, had no road access and was operated with horses. Bible studies along the way examined the Apostle Paul's instruction to his surrogate son, Timothy. A great time was enjoyed by all. Next year Camp Appanoose, a licensed outfitter, will be offering two trips in the Rahwa/Comanche Peak Wildernesses.

MOST WANTED LIST:

- Stump grinder
- \$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)



MOST GRATEFUL

For a great summer with increased camper registrations! - For the summer staff of committed young adults - Financial supporters of this ministry - Volunteers in grounds and maintenance, camper registration, the kitchen, program and so much more - To our Heavenly Father, the Sustainer of this ministry!



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