

Monthly Newsletter – March 2020

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATIONS are being received now! We look forward to serving young people here at camp this summer. Register your young person on-line at campappanoose.org or call the camp office for registration materials.

SPRING CAMP (7th-12 Grades) April 17-19!

It is warming up now. The geese and ducks are returning to the lake and the horses are getting restless. Spring Camp is coming soon! Friday, April 17 through Sunday, the 19th are the dates which have been set aside for our first camp of the season. If you will be entering the seventh grade next fall, or if you are a senior this year (and everyone in between,) then you are eligible for Spring Camp. Two days of great fun with horses and hayracks, archery and paintball and so much more eclipsed by an exciting game or two on Saturday evening of Capture the Flag, will make this a never to be forgotten kick off to the 2020 season of camps. Plan now to come and bring a friend. Special group pricing if your church or agency group exceeds four registering as one.

Register at <https://campappanoose.org/registration-and-prices>, or call the camp office 641.649.2491. Check-in will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. *Bring warm clothes, a sleeping bag and Bible (if you have one.) You will be joined with a counselor and a small group. The first meal will be at 6:45 on Friday. Questions? Please call Pastor Pat at 641.895.0294, Matt at 319-850-9047 or the camp office: 641.649.2491.*



SURF CLUB – 7-12 grade students! Meets each Saturday evening at camp, from 6-8:00. The SURF Club Ski event was in February but we still have lots of fun activities planned this spring. Come for a time of friendship and group games. Snacks are provided and as the weather warms, the Filling Station will also open so that snacks and beverages may be purchased as well. Pastor Pat will provide a brief Bible study.

AMPED at Camp – for young adults! - This spring Camp Appanoose is planning several activities for young adults. On March 14, April 11, and May 16, we will be inviting young adults who have been former campers or who simply desire fellowship with other young adults for an afternoon of service projects (outdoor if weather permits.) Camp Appanoose, in its earlier days was largely developed by young adults who sometimes gave their Saturdays to accomplishing many needed projects. Out of those shared challenges many life-long friendships were developed. If you are or know of young adults who would be interested, we urge you to come and join in an afternoon of shared projects, followed at 5 pm by a meal in the Pavilion. Additionally, young adults may stay on and join in the SURF Club activity of the evening if desired. Please RSVP to Matt at 319.850.9047 or Pat Amsden 641.8895.0295. Project details and other specifics will be posted on Facebook.

There will also be a special Rocky High Adventure trip for young adults which will take place in August. A week of backpacking in the beautiful Comanche Peak Wilderness of the Colorado Rockies will be opportunity for friendship, adventure and spiritual challenge in the Colorado high country! (More information may be found by calling the camp office 641.649.2491, or Pastor Pat.)

WELCOME GLENDA DINWIDDIE! Glenda is scheduling summer camp kitchen teams of three to four persons per week throughout the summer months. If you are interested in volunteering in food service, please contact the camp office and we will direct your information to Glenda. Currently we are seeking additional cooks during the month of July, as well as a number of days throughout the month of June. Contact us at cabar@campappanoose.org or leave a message in the camp office 641.649.2491 with your chosen week or to request more information. Glenda is filling the very-capable shoes of Bev Hanawalt, who has faithfully served in this capacity for the past five years!

SUMMER KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED – How many of your great memories involve food? Camp is no different. Help campers make memories – volunteer in the kitchen! Come, be a part of the kitchen team of 3-4 cooks/kitchen helpers each week of camp. Friendships have developed in this area through past seasons, all while serving young people with delicious and healthy meals three times each day. If you've not considered this opportunity, give us a call and consider bringing your own team of kitchen workers. Training will be provided on June 6 and necessary paperwork required by the state of Iowa can be completed at that time.

TWO URGENT NEEDS at this time have arisen which must be addressed quickly:

1. In October, the sewers backed up in both of our two all season bunkhouses. These structures are the only two which have not been connected to the central sewer and remain on one of the four original septic systems. Short term solutions would not be inexpensive. The best option, we believe, will be to connect to the main sewer lift station, providing permanent solution. One other benefit would be that the sewer trunk line would then be in place for future development. The cost of constructing this third line on our central sewer has been estimated at around \$28,000.00. However, a generous contractor in the area has offered to construct this line for \$10,500.00 and have it ready for the upcoming season if we will provide some of the volunteer labor. We are asking for \$11,000.00 to cover the construction project with a little provision for our equipment and volunteer costs. This is urgent.

2. In late January, we found that our walk-in freezer failed, also taking down the walk-in cooler. These had been checked only two days prior, and contained a considerable amount of quality meats which had been purchased for summer programs. (By buying throughout the year, we are able to offer a much higher quality of meats for camp programs at a fraction of the costs.) These units were donated to Camp Appanoose when we built the Pavilion. At that time, they were over forty year old. Again, there are temporary solutions, but we have been advised that a longer term solution would be much more dependable with the hotter summer months not far ahead. To renew these two vital pieces of equipment we will need approximately \$3500.00. This, too, is an urgent need in that not only did we lose a considerable amount of food, but we are currently unable to purchase in significant quantities due to a lack of freezer space.

MOST NEEDED

Funds for Kitchen Walk in Units
Funds and volunteers for Sewer project
Burn Cage \$700

Pond Aerator \$2000
30 gallon Air Compressors
Bridge completion \$4000.00

You Can Be on the Team

- By Praying: We are a faith-based ministry whose final dependence is on God.
- By Volunteering: Much of our work is done by volunteers who are here weekly, monthly or even occasionally. Our volunteer auxiliary, Friends of Camp Appanoose, meets on the third Thursday of each month.
- By providing financially: *Actual costs per camper are approximately \$1000 per session. Generous donors make up the difference. In 2020, Appanoose Ministries is seeking 200 donors to sponsor campers at \$1000 each. *Please consider making a generous gift to camp by US mail or PayPal online. *All gifts are tax deductible. *You may be able to give through your employer. Some employers will match your gift. Check with your employer for details.