

February 2021 Monthly Newsletter

EMBRACING 2021!

Entering this year, I was reminded of one of the greatest leaders known to mankind. Reconstructing the social fabric of a nation after four centuries of excruciating destruction under ruthless slave masters in northeastern Africa, the task which Moses faced was daunting. Eight decades of wildly divergent life experiences, custom designed by the sovereign hand of God, prepared him for the challenge and made him the meekest man in all the earth (Numbers 12:3). Meekness, having one's personal power under control, was needed, when for forty more years he led an often obstinate tribal nation to the great future promised them. Sometimes they even wanted to return to the nostalgic morsels of pleasure which their slave existence had afforded. In the end, meekness prevailed and the formerly subservient nation Moses led was ready to launch in the land promised them.

Facing the end of his time on earth, and the entrance of his nation to the land of promise, Moses drew many years of experience to a sharp focus. His passion was educational; perhaps some would say "religious". Both are concerned with truth. In fact, nothing is more "religious" than education itself. To parents he wrote in Deuteronomy six, that a natural outcome of loving God and being passionate about truth would be the education of their children. In the first fifteen verses of that sixth chapter, three priorities in education emerge.

1. Education is redemptive at its root. Moses' instructions were set in the framework of the historic narrative of God's intervention and deliverance of a slave people. That story was never to be forgotten and it was to shape the values which were to be passed on from generation to generation. Told correctly, it would shape such basic values as the sanctity and purpose of life, the value of work and honesty, the central place of worship and holiness in human society. Their redemptive story was only a shadow of the greater story which would unfold a little over 1400 years later when a Savior would accomplish the redemption of mankind. *Education not rooted in redemptive history is not finally education at all.*
2. Education is the responsibility of parents. Without established schools, Moses clearly pointed to the responsibility of parents. If there is anything to be gained from the difficulties of education during the current pandemic, it could be the fact that for most young people there may be no greater ingredient in the transmission of truth, than human flesh. Caring parents, teachers and mentors are essential in the process. While parents carry primary responsibility for education, they may delegate that to other quality persons who will play a significant role. *One of the passions of this ministry is to develop young people who will be able to teach, train, and mentor others in this most important responsibility of life.*
3. Education must be replete with life experience. The classroom described by Moses in Deuteronomy six was life itself. It was not a separate compartment in life or a segment of the day, but it was to be every day, all day, throughout all of a young person's activities. Through life shared, parents were to take great diligence in communicating central truths of life. *This ministry has always had a great concern for the development of young people. It is a growing passion of each of us here at Camp Appanoose to soon be able to more effectively impact young people beyond the summer ministry.* We share a vision for an academy program which will extend the values of summer programs year around to young people, even those who struggle to succeed. Pray with us that the redemptive story may be clearly proclaimed this year!

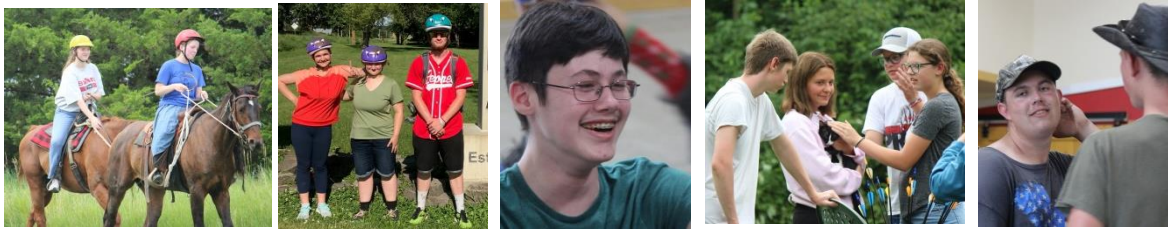
SPRING CALENDAR:

• **SURF CLUB** in 2021! After a snowy start to 2021, SURF Club for 7-12 grade students has resumed with group activities and games, food and a challenge from God’s Word. Time – 6-8:00 p.m., cost is \$5.00.



February 13, 2021
February 27, 2021
March 13, 2021
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April 10, 2021 and April 24 during:

- **SPRING CAMP** (ages 12-18) *Friday, April 23 – Sunday, April 25, 2021*



- April 16-17, 2021 – **SPRING VOLUNTEER RETREAT** for the whole family! Plan now to come stay (lodging on first come, first serve basis.) Meals provided.

SUMMER STAFF – we are pursuing young adult men and women with a passion for Jesus and a desire to serve young people in summer ministry! If you are interested, please contact us at cabar@campappanoose.org. Service dates will be June 6 – July 31 for on-grounds programs.

ITEMS MOST NEEDED - WISH LIST

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Burn Cage \$500 ✓ \$2000.00 Pond Aerator ✓ Conestoga Wagon Sleeper Renewal – 4 wagons at 4000.00 each ✓ 12 Backpacks (Rocky High Program) at a cost of \$200.00 each for a total of 2400.00 ✓ Fertilizer for pasture \$2000.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 16 Equestrian Helmets - \$960.00 (or \$60.00 each) ✓ Pond Aerator 2000.00 ✓ 20 Vest Type Life Jackets (Specified sizes) at \$60.00 each for a total of \$1200.00 ✓ Stump grinder ✓ Gifts may be sent by US mail or by PayPal at campappanoose.org ** |
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CONGRATULATIONS to James and Laura Kruger on the birth of Kenani James in mid-December. Campers will remember Laura served as camp counselor most recently with “baby” Hazel during an extra busy All Sport Camp in 2020. The Kruger family serves and volunteers in several areas in summer camp. -- Congratulations as well to Ray and LaDonna Amsden who will celebrate 70 years of marriage in February. If you wish to forward a card for this occasion, you may forward it to the PO Box on this letter.

