

September October 2021 Monthly Newsletter

BACK TO SCHOOL DAYS

Saying “goodbye” to my youngest son at the Des Moines airport, a couple weeks ago, as he left for his freshman year at The Master’s University (TMA) in Santa Clarita, California, I was struck by the pervasive nature of change in our lives. We may fear change, shrink from it, attempt to avoid it, or even perhaps look forward to it. One thing is sure --it will come. If we allow it, change presents new opportunities to live out the faith walk resulting in growth.

The beautiful drive from the Des Moines airport and through a modern downtown gradually morphed into the decaying neighborhoods of my younger years. The rather quaint brick building where school began for me, now partially demolished is part of a rescue mission, which, ironically in another location gave birth to an earlier phase of what we now call Camp Appanoose. Another elementary school where I attended is now at a third building on its inner city site, each of the first two having been demolished. The three churches which were such an important part of my younger years have now moved and/or changed names.

Neighborhoods comprising the part of town familiar to me will never be the same. Churches which once tethered those neighborhoods through a commitment to Biblical values, and outreach to young people, have in many cases abdicated those neighborhoods for friendlier, safer locales. School busing and redistricting has forever erased the uniqueness of diversity and ethnicity.

With change comes new opportunity. Perhaps never in the history of this nation have the challenges which accompany change presented more opportunity for the power of the good news of Jesus Christ to be seen through His ambassadors. Completing the thirty third season of summer ministries here at Camp Appanoose, we are again reminded that while the world around us is changing, the needs of the human heart and the “good news” solution, which is offered by God, will never change.

SURF CLUB Fall 2021 Dates! (for teens)

SC21 features an activity each Saturday evening date listed below, followed by Bible Talk Time. The Filling Station will be open, so bring cash for snacks. Place these dates on your calendar and plan to bring a friend!



- October 9th, 23rd 6:00 until 9:00 P.M. – join Fall Campers for the evening
- October 23rd, 3:00-9:00 p.m. We will leave promptly at 3:10 for a special fall outing. (\$10.00 charge which includes travel, activities and a cookout.)
- November 13th and 27th will run from 6:00 until 8:00 (following Daylight Savings time.)
- December 11th annual Christmas party and dinner



Want to see these photos in color? Visit the camp website for past newsletters and information.

FALL VOLUNTEER RETREAT - October 1-2 – as you are just receiving this newsletter, please consider coming for Friday (we will begin projects at 9:00 a.m.) and staying over through Saturday. Meals are provided and lodging is available on a first come first serve basis. This is an opportunity for the entire family to complete some needed projects including (painting, cleaning, brush and tree work, some carpentry work, fencing.)

FALL CAMP – October 8-10 – Register your 12-18 year old on-line now!

Special price for Fall Camp is 95.00 per camper (a \$25.00 savings!)

Check-in at 5:00 p.m. Fall Camp will begin with a well-known Camp Appanoose meal. Lots of camp activities packed into two days. Exciting challenges, friendships and spiritual growth opportunities.

Register your 12-18 year old on-line now! SURF Club will join Fall Camp on Saturday night for Capture the Flag and a cookout on Purple Martin Lake.

FALL ROUNDUP – November 6, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Make plans now to be here on the first Saturday night of November! This is the annual “friend raising event,” where guests and friends of Appanoose Ministries share a meal, hear testimonies of the importance of Camp Appanoose in the lives of kids, an auction and opportunities to support the on-going ministry here. Invitations will be in the mail soon, or give us a call to let us know you are coming.

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ADVENTURE CAMPS - Just days after leaving the mountains in August of 2020, the Cameron Peak fire broke out. Over the next four months nearly three hundred square miles of national forest were burned, destroying many large areas in which Camp Appanoose had conducted wilderness camps for the past seventeen years. In planning wilderness adventure camps, camp staff searched for areas of significant natural interest and beauty where a 30 to 40 mile trip may be planned and where paths do not cross roads or powerlines. As temporary outfitters, we then attempt to purchase outfitting units from the USFS. An established relationship with the forest service is most beneficial.

This year, a ranger who often assists in our planning called to alert us to a flooding issue. As we consider our future options in terms of wilderness resource availability, we will attempt to build on the experience and relationships developed over many years which are most valuable to the success of these camps. “*Are you for real?*” was the key question this summer as those who attended Adventure Camp dug into the “Sermon on the Mount” in Matthew 5-7. Even with rain, flooding, hail, and some wonderful weather as well, each agreed that Adventure Camp was a great experience.

In 2022 Camp Appanoose hopes to offer Adventure Camps for teens, for young adults, possibly for families, and on horseback as well.

ITEMS MOST NEEDED - WISH LIST

- ✓ Conestoga wagon Sleeper Renewal – 4 wagons at \$4500.00 each.
 - ✓ 12 Backpacks (Rocky High Program) at a cost of \$200.00 each for a total of \$2400.00
 - ✓ 1500.00 for update on summer camp recreational equipment
 - ✓ 5,200.00 replace 24 Conestoga wheels
 - ✓ Windows for Sugar Creek Ranch Cabin
- Gifts may be sent by US mail to
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