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February / March 2023 Newsletter

**"YOUR OWNER'S MAUNUAL" IN 2023!** Like an artist, whose signature authenticates his or her masterpiece, so our Creator has left His signature on every cell of our bodies. This summer each student attending camp will be challenged to look into their "Owner's Manual" to get a word from the Designer, examine His specs, do a little trouble shooting, find solutions, and understand the scope of the Designer's plan. All of this stems from the narrative of Genesis 1-11. We can't wait for summer!

Each participant at camp will have opportunity to craft a chuck glider, a simple non powered airplane which will take off in the air with a simple thrust. Gliders may be upgraded even up to a radio controlled plane. Costs for the initial kits are included in 2023 camp fees. Upgrades, such as motors and even a radio may be purchased through the camp store. Price lists as well as other camp store specialties will be sent out in a flier with each registration.

It has been a few years since Camp Appanoose has offered an actual aviation camp, and it may be another year or two before it is again available. We are anxious to launch some great model planes, as we look up into the skies here at camp.

Speaking of the sky, a generous donor to this ministry recently gifted the camp with a state of the art computerized telescope, equipped to assist in locating stars and planets. This will be a wonderful addition to our creation science programs. Our Discovery Center, in the longer term developmental plans for the camp, will include an attached lookout tower for viewing the night sky. Scripture reminds us that the heaven speak forth God's glory while showing us the handiwork of the Creator.

**YOUNG ADULT FRIENDSHP NIGHT** – for young adults who have been campers or staff, and some who have not. Fellowship, potluck, spiritual encouragement. March 18 will be the next Friendship Night.

**2023 SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS!** The summer camp brochure and posters are now available. Check <u>www.campappanoose.org</u> to download a copy of the brochure or call the camp office and we will mail you a copy!

**SURF CLUB** – Meeting, at this time, twice per month. Saturday night outreach and discipleship for teens in the area. Check Facebook for updates, or call the camp office.



**FOCAS** is a fellowship of volunteers and concerned individuals who meet to plan, pray together for ministry needs and

(if time permits) complete a project. Lunch is provided for those who can stay through the day. GO Team and FOCAS meet on the first <u>Thursday</u> of each month.

## UPCOMING CAMP DATES:

- Spring Volunteer Retreat for the entire family April 21-22, 2023
- Spring Camp April 29 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- FOCAS Dates February 3, and March 3, April 6, May 4
- SURF Club 2023 March 11, 25; April 8, 29.

**FEELING STRONG?** Camp has a very heavy upright piano which needs to be moved from our downstairs dining room, to our upstairs recreation room.

**MAKE ANOTHER OFFER AND/OR TAKE IT AWAY!** Several items which are not of use at this time are taking up needed storage space. Make an offer. We are anxious to see the following items in a new home! If interested, call our Program Director, Marshall Sandlin, 563-258-2247

- 2 wrestling mats (They are heavy)
- 1 Pepsi cola vending machine (also heavy)
- 1 really cool, very small, sailboat (Trailer also available)

## **MOST WANTED ITEMS**

- Large wet/dry shop Vac (16-20 gallons).
- Set of four tires each for two of our vehicles, one vehicle averaging 3000 miles per month! \$1600.00
- Ansel system update \$1200.00 Provided! Thank you.
- Replacement pumps (2) for the waste water lift station. Approximately \$25,000.00. Critical need. (Consider making a challenge gift).
- Target Sport equipment (upgrade and addition to worn out equipment) \$11,500.00
- Backpacks Twelve at a cost of \$275.00 each or \$3,300.00 for all twelve.
- Sewer line extension to the bunkhouses \$28,000.00.
- Financial Gifts may be sent by US mail to: Appanoose Ministries, Box 37, Plano, IA 52581



## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY –

Consider serving as a volunteer in the camp kitchen for a week this summer. Meals play an important role in a camper's day and volunteers provide a vital ministry to kids, staff and guests. Call the camp office if you need more information or wish to reserve a week of service. Lodging, fellowship, and training are provided. Background screening of all staff and volunteers is required.

**ADJACENT PROPERTY -** Many of our friends know that the present camp property is adjacent to a property which is an important key to future development. Besides acreage, the property includes a pond (of which we have had limited use in the past), a potential staff housing unit (convertible to a duplex), a large shop building with space for the ministry's maintenance needs as well as youth development programs currently on the drawing board. As of this writing, one of our directors is living in a 10x50 mobile home which is difficult to heat (only 58° a few mornings ago) and much too small. The ministry has never owned its own shop. Need for this property is urgent. The present owner has listed the property for \$400,000.00. Another \$78-80,000.00 will be needed to adapt the property to the immediate needs of this ministry.

Thank you so much for the support so many of you faithfully give to this ministry. As we move forward, it is with great care for the long term health of the Lord's work here at Camp Appanoose. We are looking at long term plans for ministry development, the growth as well as the succession of the leadership team, and the material resources which will facilitate strong and uninterrupted service to young people for the kingdom of Christ.

Serving at Camp, Pastor Pat, 641-895-0295

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