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Camp Alexander Mack



Welcome to Sunny Camp Mack

Quinter-Miller Auditorium

As many of you know we poured concrete for a floor in Quinter-Miller Auditorium this past fall. We had received an estate gift from the Bigler family last winter of \$75,000. The Board decided to put \$20,000 away in an Endowment and to spend the rest on the floor of QM. The cost of the floor came in just a little over \$55,000. As many of you will remember the floor was covered with sawdust for some time and then gravel was put over that. Both of these surfaces were a little tough on our kids who suffered with asthma. Maybe six to eight years ago we had the opportunity to purchase some used carpet that had come out of the coliseum in Fort Wayne. We put rolls of it down each spring and rolled it up each fall. This really helped the dust problem, but since the carpet was not fastened down it would develop wrinkles in it and became a trip hazard. The carpet had become stained and about worn out when the Bigler gift came to us. This seems to me to be a God thing! Anyway, we have a beautiful concrete floor. The upper half is flat and the lower half slopes toward the stage. Lynn and his crew of volunteers are building a wood railing in the middle between the two sections. We placed several conduits in the concrete to facilitate bringing sound, video, and electric back to the railing. We also placed two larger conduits to the back of the auditorium for whatever in the future. We still have some work to do inside the auditorium. We have several doors that need to be refitted and Church of God is going to do some work on the stage this spring. It feels very good to take good care of this building. First, it is an amazing piece of architecture. Every time I sit in there I wonder how did they get all those rocks up in place. I also remember how much this building contributes to the "Sanctuary" experience here at camp. From the acapella singing of our Dunkard Brethren friends to the Christian rock music of some of our summer camps this building is "...a Sanctuary where people connect with God." I am thankful for all those saints that went before us who built it and those since who have taken such good care of it. It continues to serve us well.

Galen Jay, Executive Director

Be Our Guest

Emails and Website

We have had many people asking about multiple emails coming each time we send out the newsletter and so to just explain the reason in this article might be helpful. Our database is set up in such a way that as you enter yourself and children through online registration you have the ability to enter an email for yourself and then if you put your email on for your child now you will get two emails. If you have multiple children then you will get more and if you forgot your login from last year and start a new one, you have the potential for even more emails. If you were in our system as a donor and then come to a program you will get an email for each of these if your email was entered.

A solution is in the process so that you will only receive one email per email address but it is likely several months away. In the meantime as you begin registering your child for camp and you register for get-a-way days, etc. this year there are several ways to not add to the number of emails you are getting.

- Please use your previous login if you are registering online
- If your child is not using your email, there is not a need to put your email on their registration
- Make sure your address is always entered the same such as always spell out Street or always abbreviated St. or Road and Rd. with each member of your family.

Thank you for your patience as we work toward correcting this issue. We are also just a short time away from launching our new website. You will notice that many dates and verbiage are not current on our old site. We will be using the same address that we have always had at www.campmack.org. If you do register online from the old site, the correct dates and prices are on the online registration. You can check the current dates on the old site on the main tab of the Summer Camp page save the date card. We hope you enjoy the new look and added information to the new website. Mike Kauffman, Guest Services

Camp Mack Festival

Would you like to help raise funds for our campership fund? Do you have some new ideas to bring to the festival? Do you love Camp Mack? If you answered YES to any of these questions then you may be a good addition to the Camp Mack Festival Committee. We are looking for four new committee members to fill the Banking, Facility and Demos & Displays Chair positions. We meet five times a year and the festival is the first Saturday in October. If you have any questions about the chair position job descriptions or about the festival please contact Lauren Carrick at lauren@campmack.org or 574-658-4831.



What is Cookin' from the Kitchen—Cookie Crew News

Last month I shared that the “Cookie Crew” here at Camp Mack was going through some changes with our Seasoned Saints who volunteer to do all of our baking here at Camp Mack. Some of them were unsure if they would be returning this year and others were cutting back on the hours that they would be able to share with us this year.

Other opportunities to volunteer come throughout the year here at Camp Mack. Many times events like the upcoming Annual Dinner are also times where we need help setting up the dining room. In the past the Women’s fellowship from Maple Grove Church of the Brethren have helped us out with this kind of task. Another way that volunteers help us out are by doing dishes or by helping with tasks like our salad bar prep. Even helping to serve some of our large banquets.

In the past as I have needed help and put the call out for volunteers many have shared with me that they enjoy helping and commented that there needed to be a better way to let people know of our need. Primarily I have posted the call or need for volunteers on my social media site – Facebook. Many times this has also been shared on the Camp Mack Facebook page.

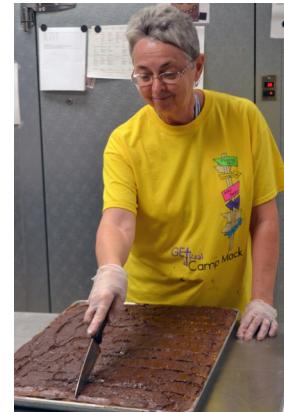
Well we have been listening and we now have a Facebook Group page just for the purpose of letting people know of our need for volunteers, The Group is “Camp Mack Kitchen Cookie Crew” volunteers. This is a public page and is open for all to see. If you have volunteered in the past you will automatically be invited to join the page and will receive all of the posts that are made to the page. So when invited to join the group please do and share it with all of your friends. Help us get the word out when there are opportunities for service here in the kitchen at Camp Mack.

On the lighter side here is a little Hobbit trivia, how many meals do Hobbits enjoy daily? According to Pippin, Hobbits enjoy 7 meals each day.

- 7:00am – Breakfast
- 9:00am – Second Breakfast
- 11:00 am – Elevenses
- 1:00 pm – Luncheon
- 4:00 pm – Afternoon Tea
- 6:00 pm – Dinner
- 8:00 pm – Supper

Elevenses is apparently an actual thing in the UK and Ireland. It's described as being like afternoon tea, but in the morning. A little less savory than brunch, served at 11:00 with coffee or tea. As for the Middle Earth elevenses, we can assume that the food served is similar. But it is one of the seven daily Hobbit meals. Pippin lists all of these meals when he realizes that Aragorn would not be stopping for second breakfast.

Tony Keck Food Service Manager



Nature Nut News



Together the Courage to Show Up is the theme for Day 1 of our summer curriculum Fearless Faith. It is the story of Abram from Genesis 12. Abram is called out of a place of familiarity and comfort to travel to a different land and is blessed by God when he shows up. How does that connect with summer camp? We realize the campers and parents sometimes have anxieties about camp. Some of the questions they may ask themselves are: Will I be accepted by others? Will I know anyone or make friends? Will I get homesick? How will I go a week without my cell phone or tablet? I want to challenge you. It takes courage to take the first step and sign up for a week at camp. Just do it. I also want to challenge those who have spent time at Camp Mack. What blessings did you receive by attending camp? Please share those stories with other and maybe even volunteer to counsel a camp where a camper is taking the courage to show up at camp this summer. Early registration ends March 21! I can't wait to see the registrations start rolling in.

Jessie Kreider, Program Director



Program Wish List

CRAFTS: Camp Mack is blessed to have a great craft program for campers and guests to be able to be creative. Crafts are not just a summer activity. We use many of the supplies for retreats and events such as CMF, Mother Daughter, Father Son and Build-a-Drum. Below are supplies we use the most.

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| -Glitter | -Colored Pencils |
| -Acrylic Craft Paint | -Small Paint Brushes |
| -4 qt round Crock Pots | -Wood burners |
| -Tie Dye Supplies | -Candles, wax, broken crayons for candles |
| -Lanyard Lacing | -Beads |
| -Elmer's Glue | -Craft supplies/kits you no longer use |



Indiana Camp Board

It is already March. The board has been very busy with looking for an Executive Director, revisiting the Master Plan, and just discussing different issues and projects for the camp.

In Romans 1:20 the scripture says, “There are things about him that people cannot see . . . But since the beginning of the world those things have been made easy to understand by what God has made.”

Do you realize that nature is God’s first missionary? Where there is no Bible, there are sparkling stars. Where there are no preachers, there are spring times. If a person has nothing but nature, then nature is enough to reveal something about God. As Paul says, “God’s law is not something alien, imposed on us from without, but woven into the very fabric of our creation.”

Take a look around Camp Mack when you are there. Just sit down and look at God’s creation. When I look around I see God as a loving God because he gave us so many things at camp that remind me of Him. I hear Him in the wind, the sound of the water as it is lapping up against the shore, the birds singing, and leaves rustling from the wind.

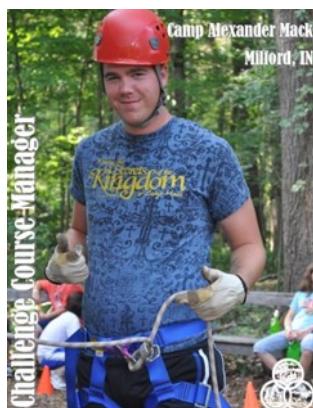
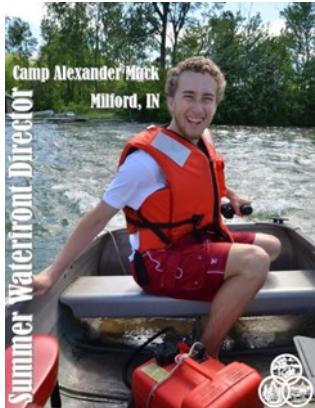
Camp Mack is a wonderful place for you to enjoy with your family, friends, and with God. Think about making arrangements to come for a day or a weekend just to enjoy God’s first missionary.

Blessings, Sue Freel, Indiana Camp Board Chairman

Summer Staff

Applications are available and we are starting to set up interviews for 2016 Summer Staff. Summer Staff is the hardest job you will ever love. Summer staff works in the areas of kitchen, facility, housekeeping, lifeguarding, climbing tower, nature, night hikes, low ropes and more. Make lifelong friends, grow in leadership, gain new skills, get trained in new areas, and grow memories that you will share the rest of your life. Apply today for Summer Staff 2016!

We will also be hiring a Challenge Course Manager, Waterfront Director and Camp Photographer for the summer. Contact Jessie Kreider at jessk@campmack.org for more information on these positions.



Upcoming Events at Camp Mack:

Camp Mack Calendar

March 5	Team Leader Training	April 5-6	Pastors Sabbath
March 11	Annual Dinner	April 9	Prairie Restoration
March 14-16	Volunteer Work Days	April 9	Volunteer Work Day
March 19-20	Mother Daughter Retreat	April 15-17	CIT Training
		April 21-24	Quilt Retreat
April 4-6	Volunteer Work Days	May 1	5K Run/Walk

Annual Dinner

This annual fundraiser provides funds for special projects and operations support at Camp Mack. Come enjoy an evening with delicious food, entertainment, and hear the stories of our guests. A donation of \$25 per person (open seating) or \$300 for a table of six, \$350 for a table of seven or \$400 for a table of eight (reserved seating). Friday, March 11. Appetizers begin at 6:15p, dinner begins at 7p.



Volunteer Work Days

Work with Camp Mack's staff as we do jobs around the site. We have planned work tasks for all skill levels and ages. Come for a few hours or all three days. Meals and lodging are available. No charge for this event. March 14-16, April 4-6 and April 6. Call the Camp Mack office for reservations.



Mother Daughter Retreat

"Seasons of the Heart." Winter, spring, summer or fall... Mothers and daughters will celebrate the seasons through craft projects, a Frozen themed tea time, Bible studies and time spent with each other. March 19-20. \$163 per mother and daughter pair, \$72 for each additional person.

Pastors Sabbath

Please encourage your Church of the Brethren pastor to attend this event. Carl and Roxane Hill from Nigeria Crisis Response will be the speakers and will share three sessions on "How to get a grasp on your Bible," "Accepting the gift of God's grace," and "Our Nigeria Crisis Response." April 5-6. This event is free of charge. Food and lodging provided.



Prairie Restoration

Join us in the recovery of five acres of native prairie in the Wilderness area. Great progress has happened in past years in the control of Autumn Olive and Sumac in this area and the flowers and prairie grasses are beautiful during the summer. April 9, 9a- 3p. Lunch is provided and there is no charge for this event.

CIT (Counselor In Training) Training

Learn to be a camp counselor by attending this training weekend. The weekend will give you training in games, cookouts, Bible studies, child development, problem solving and more and end the weekend by leading worship at a local church. April 15-17, \$50, ages 15 and older. CIT application required.



Spring Quilt Retreat

This is a time for quilters of all ages to gather at Camp Mack and share their love of quilting. Bring your sewing machine, UFO's and quilting supplies. April 21-24. \$120 per quilter arriving Friday evening, \$134 for those arriving Friday morning and \$166 for those arriving Thursday evening. Fee includes housing and meals.

5K Run/Walk

Lace up your sneakers, grab your friends, and participate in the 3rd Annual 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run. This is an event for the entire family to participate together. Race shirts guaranteed for early registrations only. \$20 for 5K, \$10 for Kids' Fun Run or \$75 per family (early registration only). Registrations after April 18, add \$5 late fee



Upcoming Get-A-Way Days

- Apr 2 Flintknapping- Gain new skills in shaping stone into useful tools.
- Apr 2 Genealogy and Family History- Gain new tools in researching your family history.
- Apr 2 Container Gardening- Vegetable and herb gardening for every space.
- Apr 2 Youth Ministry Workshop- Day for youth leaders to explore the partnership between camp and the local churches.
- Apr 30 Nature Photography- Enjoy the spring wildflowers at camp as you improve your nature photography skills and begin your artist journal.
- Apr 30 Scrapbooking- One day crop for beginner scrappers and those with limited scrapping time. Lots of supplies for your use.
- Apr 30 Archery (LEADER NEEDED- Please contact camp if interested)- Great day for the beginner archer to focus on basic techniques and play games like tic tac toe.



REMINDER:
Register for summer camp by March 20 to avoid the late fees.

Samplers	June 9-11	Youth Camp	July 3-9
Beginners	June 12-14	Culinary	July 5-9
Archery	June 12-16	Seekers	July 10-15
Eco Adventure	June 12-17	Splash Camp	July 10-15
Grand Camp	June 16-18	Sailing	July 10-15
Dune Challenge	June 19-25	Followers	July 10-15
Seekers	June 26-July 1	Creative Arts	July 10-15
Finders	June 26-July 1	Grand Camp	July 31-Aug 2
Survivor	June 26-July 2	Dadirri	July 31- Aug 6
Samplers	July 3-5		
Seekers	July 3-8		
Finders	July 3-8		
Pedal & Paddle	July 3-9		

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." II Timothy 1:7 NLT

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