



Camp Alexander Mack

Welcome to Sunny Camp Mack

Camp Mack is a Sanctuary where People Connect with God

I had the privilege of being a camper this past week. Carleta, I, and our two grandkids went to Grand Camp. What a great experience that was. I was able to enjoy the natural beauty of this site and put away for the moment some of my responsibilities for maintaining that beauty. We sat on Wedding hill for our vesper services morning and evening. In the morning it was cool and sort of misty. The lake was perfectly smooth one morning with the fish jumping out of the water for bugs at times. I was sitting there with my family that I loved and with a wonderful group of people who loved God and this camp as much as we do. You just knew God was providing that moment just for us to worship him. On another evening we were at the softball field and Jessica was leading our kids in some very active games. The kids were screaming and running and having a wonderful time. We grandparents were sitting on the sidelines getting ready for the ice cream that followed! It was so good to be a part of a community that could laugh and play together. I was at the swimming area one morning and talking to a "Grand Camper" who had been to camp here at Camp Mack as kid. She had a life changing experience here at camp years ago and just wanted her grandkids to have a similar experience. I think that feeling was present with all grandparents. It was so good for me to be a camper again. Sometimes those of us who work here can get so bogged down in the day to day issues we face that we can lose track of the feeling of God's presence here. After all, Camp Mack is a Sanctuary where people connect with God!

Galen Jay

Camp Mack Wish List

Scholarship Funds- \$5000+

Internet Upgrades- \$25,000

Good Shepherd Window Repairs \$30,000

400 Club to pay off John Kline Welcome Center- \$78,836

Masons to help with repairs to rocks in our buildings structures

Your prayers and encouragement as we minister to others.

What is Cookin' from the Kitchen

With the arrival of August things begin to change here at Camp Mack. The focus of food service is not so much the craziness of feeding 900 or more meals a day to the planning and preparation of weddings and other events for 250 to 300 guests.

With this change in the style of food preparation and presentation many details also change. You will notice that we are no longer serving meals on our plastic plates; we change over to serving meals on our china. You will also notice that the tables now have centerpieces on them. These are just a few of the many small seemingly insignificant changes that occur as we change focus from summer camp season to fall retreat season.

There is one thing that does not change with the seasons here at Camp Mack. That is our need for volunteers. We still need to carry on with our baking and food preparation. We still need help serving those large banquets and receptions. We still need help, we still need you. Our cookie crew stays active all year round. We still need help setting up for those banquets and weddings. Won't you please purpose in your heart to continue your support of Camp Mack by volunteering?

We have a wedding of 250 coming up on August 27th and are in need of 10 servers and 4 kitchen helpers and the hours would be 4:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Watch our website and our other social media pages for postings of upcoming events which are opportunities for you to volunteer.

Tony Keck, Food Service Manager

Be Our Guest

Lemonade anyone?

We are in an unusual place as I write this article at Camp Mack. There are two weeks at the end of July with no summer campers. We do have a family reunion in and a church retreat but it seems real strange for our summer staff to leave in July. It does give us the opportunity for the first time ever to have a booth at the Elkhart County Fair. We were fortunate to get in this year and hope to allow thousands of persons to get to know us better. We hope that people can become aware that we are not just a Summer Camp. We will give people an awareness of our retreats, day group opportunities and our banquet facilities and maybe get started booking our Christmas banquets. We are giving away prizes of our Get-a-way-days which should, also we hope, peak persons interest in those opportunities as well. As one person wrote in an email recently "I see you are making lemonade out of your lemons." It is certainly our desire to show off the ministry of Camp Mack to thousands that may not be aware of this "Sanctuary where People Connect with God". Romans 8:28 says "and we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love him, are called according to his purpose."

Mike Kauffman, Guest Services



Nature Nut News



Can anyone identify the egg case below that was found in the prairie? Better yet, how many of you as children (or adults) ever brought one of these into your home and woke up to a lovely surprise? I know I did when I was a child. If you have never seen one of these, this beauty belongs to the graceful and sophisticated looking Praying Mantis, a carnivore with a big appetite. The surprise comes in when you find a couple hundred mini Mantises in your living room.

Jessie Kreider, Program Director





Summer Camp 2016



Upcoming Events at Camp Mack:

Upcoming Get-A-Way Days

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***Please sign up for Get-a-Way Days in 1-2 weeks in advance. We have had to cancel a couple of events when we have had no registrations and then find out we had numerous people interested in an event. Thank you!**

August 20 Sailing 101- Learn how to rig and sail a Sunfish and spend the day sailing on Lake Waubee

August 21 Prairie Flower Walk- Explore 5 acres of native prairie at Camp Mack with a couple nature nerds.

September 10 Sailing 201- Sail on Lake Michigan on a 34' O'Day

September 10 Pallet Crafts- Deconstruct wooden pallets into craft projects

September 10 Mixed Medium Painting- Build a textured layered mixed medium painting

Camp Mack Calendar

August 12-14	Colony Family Camp	October 1	Camp Mack Festival
August 20	Golf Outing	October 8-9	Father Son Retreat
September 2-5	Labor Day Family Camp	October 10-13	Seasoned Citizen's Retreat



Colony Camp

Colony Camp is a great opportunity to experience summer fun before heading back to school. Enjoyed planned group activities along with boating and swimming, or simply relax and spend quality time with you family and friends. Bring your RV, tent or use on of the cabins. Bring your own food and bedding. \$84 per family. August 12-14, 6p Friday to 1p Sunday.

Golf Outing

Join us and your golf buddies for a day of fun with a purpose at McCormick Creek Golf Course in Nappanee. The golf outing is Camp Mack scramble style with door prizes, photo opportunities and lots of great food. The fundraiser provides support at camp for camperships and special projects. \$75 per player. Saturday, August 20.



Labor Day Family Camp

This popular camp offers something for the entire family! Swimming, boating, crafts and community worship are available along with age-appropriate classes and discussion groups. \$86 per family (\$96 after 7/15). Additional fees for lodging and meals.

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 three new committee members to fill the Facility and Demos & Displays Chair positions. We meet five times a year and the festival is the first Saturday in October. We are also ready to collect any auction items you may have to donate. 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.



A Quiet Place



I'm one that can be easily distracted. Sometimes I head into a room with a task in mind, only to see something else that needs done; later I realize I never got back to my original job.

It's easy to become distracted and unfocused. One thing I realize is that if I don't have my time to just "be", I really lose my focus on what's important. I know my daily faith-walk with God must be paramount. But I can become so industrious that I displace my way of centering.

I'm reminded of Luke 10:38-42, where Mary recognized the need to just be with Jesus and learn at his feet. Certainly tasks at hand, like the food her sister was preparing, were necessary. I don't believe Jesus was criticizing Martha for preparing the meal; daily duties simply have to happen. However, it is significant for all of us to realize we also need time to rejuvenate and revive our spirits – reconnecting with the One who created us.

One of the best ways I've found to reconnect and rejuvenate my spirit is to spend some time at *A Quiet Place Prayer Center*. I know I benefit from more "be" time, so even in writing this piece I'm reminding myself of the importance of scheduling a day away. Also for me, participating in spiritual direction provides food for thought and guidance for my faith journey. I appreciate Norma Miller's insightfulness as a spiritual director; somehow my personal journaling is more focused because of thought-provoking questions she provides. So I'm looking forward to some time with her at this lakeside setting next week. Perhaps these are ideas you'd like to consider – and they will allow a bit more "be" time for you.

Another idea would be to consider being a part of one of the *Creating Community* groups that are currently forming for this upcoming fall. These groups are a great way to develop profound relationships and to grow.

Along with this, I'm quite excited for the one day retreat led by Dr. Marlene Kropf on Wednesday, October 5. I know from past experience that my spiritual life is bolstered by the insights of this wise woman.

Take time now to make plans for time away....to just "be".

Yvonne Riege

PS - Oh, and now it's time to head back to the kitchen to finish that task I started earlier.

We invite you to check out our new website at www.aquietplaceprayercenter.org to see some new **GROWTH** opportunities.

There are 4 different Creating Community groups to choose from that start in September and go through May.

We are also taking reservations for the day retreat, On the Threshold, with Marlene Kropf on Wednesday, October 5 that will be held at Camp Mack.

You can register on the website or contact Norma Miller, Director at njmiller567@gmail.com.

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