



Camp Alexander Mack

Welcome to Sunny Camp Mack

Thanks!

I want to take a little time today and thank the “Camp family” for all you do for this ministry we all call Camp Mack. Last week we were able to write a check to the Lake City bank for \$16,000. This is above our regular payment on our mortgage on the JKWC. We could do that because of your generous giving last month to the “400” club. We started 2015 with a loan balance of \$411,000 and in April the ICB began the 400 Club with the intent of finding 400 people who would give \$1000 each to eliminate the loan. Today that balance is \$78,836. In a little over a years’ time we have reduced the debt a by \$332,164. Now that is progress and time for a little happy dance on all our parts!

The other thanks I want to lift up today are your wonderful response to our need for volunteers. We have three full weeks of Brethren camps and we were short some counselors. We now have two of the three weeks filled with counselors. We also had a very nice response of volunteers for the kitchen and the facility/housekeeping crews. We had over ten volunteers at different times last week. During the Brethren weeks we put such a load on our staff because of all the programing we do. Our days start at 6:00 AM in the kitchen and end as late as 10:30 PM with night hikes. This makes for some long days and tired staff. When we have volunteers help, we can give a break to some of our staff. This is a big lift. Thanks for your help and keep it coming!

I want to close with thanks to our great summer staff. We have eight summer staff and two summer supervisors this year. Of the ten, six are returning summer staff and all of them have come up through Brethren summer camps. They believe in the mission of Camp Mack, “a sanctuary where people connect with God”, and are working hard at making that happen.

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

1 male and 1 female committed counselors for the week of July 10th

Masons to help with repairs to rocks in our buildings structures

Your prayers and encouragement as we minister to others this summer season.

What is Cookin' from the Kitchen

Each month as I try to decide on the topic of my newsletter article it seems that I usually end up asking for volunteer help for our "Cookie Crew". Well this month is no different. This is the baking schedule for July. Won't you please consider how you could help us keep all of our campers happy in this small way?

Who can volunteer? Well most anyone. Make it a Mother – Daughter day. Grandmas and Grandpa's can make a day with the Grandkids. Maybe you and a friend, spouse or even someone from your youth group or Sunday school class. What a great way for adults to demonstrate giving back to a worthy cause. Another way to make memories of Camp Mack that will last a lifetime. We even give you lunch.

So far this season we have not had a meal without our "Cookie Crew Cookies." Thank You for all of your support. With just a few weeks to go for the camp season won't you please consider sharing some of your time baking cookies with us?

Thank You. Tony Keck
Food Service Manager

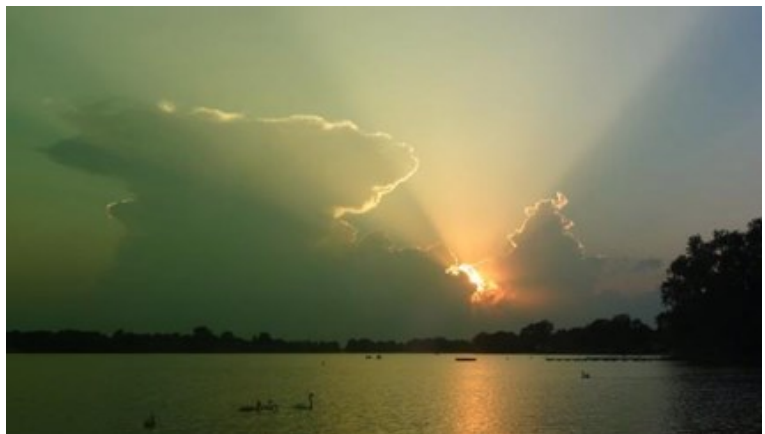
| DAY | DATE | HOURS | Number of volunteers needed. |
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| Monday | July 11 th | 8am – Noon | 1. |
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| Wednesday | July 13 th | 8am – Noon | 1. |
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| Friday | July 15 th | 8am – Noon | 1. |
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| Monday | July 18 th | 8am – Noon | 1. |
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| Wednesday | July 20 th | 8am – Noon | 1. |
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| Friday | July 22 nd | 8am – Noon | 1. |
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| Monday | July 25 th | 8am – Noon | 1. |
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| Wednesday | July 27 th | 8am – Noon | 1. |
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| Friday | July 29 th | 8am – Noon | 1. |
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| Monday | August 1 st | 8am – Noon | 1. |
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| Wednesday | August 3 rd | 8am – Noon | 1. |
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| Friday | August 5 th | 8am – Noon | 1. |
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Nature Nut News



Lord, I will praise you in the storm. This picture was taken as the sun set after the 1st of three severe thunderstorms this past week. I never cease to be amazed by the power of a storm and then the sheer beauty after the storm. The winds blew and inches of rain fell and minutes later the sun was shining brilliantly. It reminds me on the past couple weeks. I was so excited that our camper numbers are up and terrified that we didn't have enough counselors to serve them. We thank you and praise God that counselors came through to run this week as we serve 300 campers and counselors. It is such a blessing to watch the campers play, grow in self-confidence, try new things, make new friends, and most importantly grow in a closer relationship with God. We still need 8 counselors to fill our remaining 2 weeks of Brethren summer camps. Lives are changed at camp. Please contact us and sign up today.

Jessie Kreider, Program Director



1 Female Counselor for
Followers Camp July 10-15

1 Male Counselor for Seekers
Camp July 10-15

1 Male Counselor for Splash
Camp July 10-15

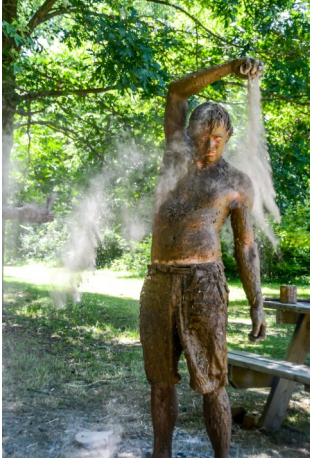
Be Our Guest

Thank you to all the volunteers that make it possible for Camp Mack to change the lives of children. We count on volunteers in many ways for the ministry of Camp Mack. It is a great way to invest in the future of not only children but adults as well. As the scripture says in Colossians 3:23-24 "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."

Mike Kauffman, Guest Services



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

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| July 31- Aug 2 | Grand Camp | September 2-5 | Labor Day Family Camp |
| August 12-14 | Colony Family Camp | | |
| August 20 | Golf Outing | | |

Grand Camp

Spend quality time bonding with your grandkids and making memories that will last a lifetime. Enjoy crafts, swimming, boating, story time, Bible studies and maybe even a nap! Grandparents of all ages and grandchildren ages 5-10. \$120 per grandparent and \$90 per grandchild. July 31- August 2.



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

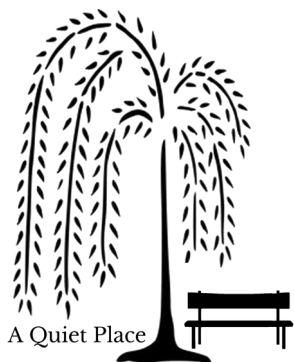
This popular camp offers something for the entire family! Swimming, boating, crafts and community worship are available along with age-appropriate classes and discussion groups. \$86 per family (\$96 after 7/15). Additional fees for lodging and meals.

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



Have you ever met anyone who said, “I just don’t want to grow. I want to stay right where I am, forever.” And if you have, you know they are out of luck because, like plants, human beings are either growing or dying. Most of us can relate to feeling “stuck” at times, but it isn’t a place a person can live for long.

The movement toward growth is constant and persistent. We can’t force it. But we can get in its way. Finding the balance between what our part is in the process and what isn’t is an interesting adventure!

In the course of Jesus sharing the Parable of the Growing Seed in Mark 4:26-29 he says something that especially strikes me. Referring to the soil in which a seed is planted Jesus says, “All by itself the soil produces grain – first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.”

“All by itself.” Really. Whatever good thing comes about all by itself?!

We are so used to making things happen. If we aren’t making something happen, it seems nothing is happening. I often hear overloaded children of God protesting when others suggest they let go of something, “But if I don’t do it, nobody will!” Of course the automatic assumption behind that is that would be bad. The other assumption is that one actually knows what will happen when one steps back, in terms of what others will do.

So maybe our part is to be aware of where the “good soil” for the soul is, the place where, as we spend time in it, maybe doing “nothing”, growth happens, where something seems to be coming forth all by itself.

A Quiet Place is one of those places that offer the fertile soil of rest and silence, space away from demands and others voices, so that one can be aware of one’s inner voice, the voice of God. And it also offers opportunity, through Creating Community groups, to gather with others who are longing for the same thing.

~ Sheldon Swartz, Steering Committee member

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 njmillier567@gmail.com.

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