

CAMPFIRE SPARKS

CHRISTIAN HEIGHTS CAMP

SPRING 2017

70 YEARS

This summer marks the 70th year of camping at CHC. Pre-registrations have been arriving at a brisk pace foreshadowing another exciting season. Dianne Fazzolari and Aimee Peters will be directing Camp the first and second weeks, respectively.

Recently a former camper and his wife inquired about an anniversary commemoration. The 70th will be observed without fanfare, but what about the 75th? Is it too early to start planning a Diamond Jubilee? Would you like to be involved? Contact one of the board members. Help make it a special occasion.

MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

Christian Heights is incorporated under NYS Education Law as a membership corporation. The Certificate of Incorporation was filed on April 20, 1948, in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York. Its purpose was amended May 2, 1964, "to operate as a religious, educational and charitable organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 ..."

Who can be a member? The bylaws state: "Any person who is a Christian, who is interested in helping the progress of Christianity and who is interested in helping to build or maintain the camp, may upon payment of the annual dues of \$10 become a member of the organization."

Fifty years ago when folks paid their dues, they were given a membership card. The Board has decided to revive this practice. If you meet the threefold qualification stated above, how about becoming a member of Christian Heights? Sharing in this ministry will be a blessing to generations yet unborn.

CALENDAR 2017

May 27-29	Mem. Day Work
June 9	Board meeting
June 10	Work day
July 9-15	First week of camp
July 16 -22	Second week of camp
July 23-29	Camp Agape
July 30-Aug 5	St. Geo. Church Camp
Sept. 1-3	CHC Alumni Retreat
Oct. 7	Annual Meeting @CHC
Dec. 2	Board Meeting

IN MEMORIAM

We send our condolences to the family of Maria Moher Keister who passed away in January after a long illness. Maria first came to CHC as a camper and then many years later joined the staff, bringing her grandchildren as campers. She is survived by her sister, Penny, (who is on the Board and staff) as well as many other family members.

Condolences are also sent to the family of Joanne Brown who passed away in March. She and her husband, Paul, worked at and supported Camp. They also brought grandchildren to CHC and in recent years graced us with their presence for the hot dog roast and campfires.

THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY WORKDAYS

Are you ready to get Camp ready? Work awaits all who are able to spend part or all of the Memorial Day weekend preparing for the summer camping programs. Please let us know when you will be able to join us so we can have ample food and supplies for the many jobs we need to get done. Winter takes its toll and maintaining the facilities involves substantial energy and time. We couldn't do it without the many volunteers who lend a hand.

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Since the last newsletter the following have made contributions to CHC. Christian Heights is deeply indebted to the following friends:

Anonymous Donors

Sylvia Bailey

Amanda Bouley

George and Maurine Brown
in memory of Maria Keister

Bill and Barb Boeck

Charles Dillemoth

in memory of Maria Keister

Dorothy Dillemoth

in memory of Maria Keister

Patricia Drexler

John and Dianne Fazzolari

Michael Fleming

Kathryn Gamble

Jon and Laurie Hexemer

Barb Kolodziej

Elizabeth Lia

Penny Moher

in memory of Maria Keister

Robert Shaw

Luke and Ashleigh Stoia

in honor of George & Maurine

Joanne Zimmerman

All Truist donors who designated CHC

All United Way donors who designated CHC.

We try very hard to thank all donors to Camp in a timely manner. Every gift, large or small, is significant. If for some reason you did not receive an acknowledgment from us, please contact George Brown.

LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS

For those of you who want to donate things for Camp, a list is available on both our website (www.christianheightscamp.com) and the Christian Heights group page on Facebook.

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Thank you to those of you who have designated CHC. Camp receives rewards of .5% of all purchases that are made by customers who designate CHC as their charity. To sign up, go to smile.amazon.com and then always make your Amazon purchases at smile.amazon. As you search the list of charities CHC is listed as Christian Heights, Inc., Little Valley, NY.

FROM THE DIRECTORS

Dianne and Aimee are looking forward to leading another summer session at Christian Heights! Bible study, singing, campfire and daily chapel are all times when we worship God. We have been blessed with such an incredible property! Many have said they feel closest to God simply soaking in the Glory of all of God's creation at Christian Heights. We are able to worship in ALL we do at CHC: hiking, mealtime, sports, crafts, and game time. Dianne and Aimee are excited to encourage the campers and staff to further develop an incredible relationship with our Creator. Many of you are return campers. CHC holds a special place in our hearts. Is there a friend you would like to invite this year. We would love to see our CHC family grow!! ~ Aimee P. and Dianne F.

MEMORIAL PAVILION

CHC has decided to put to good use the recent generosity shown to us by creating a long-lasting place where we can remember those who were kind to us and dedicated their time, effort, prayers, and gifts to CHC; we are going to build a memorial pavilion. The pavilion will be located near the Shepherd's Staff Building and will include a memorial wall where we will place memorial plaques. Being as practical as we are, we will also use the pavilion as an outdoor seating area during camp as well as potentially storing materials and equipment there in the winters.

To date, we have developed a basic plan of where the pavilion will go and how large it will be. We have secured our long-time friend, Dick Latshaw of Dick and Jane Construction to build the pavilion and we anticipate that this pavilion will be built and ready for use this season. As we could not decide on which wall to place our memorials, we decided to put the pavilion up without any walls and then take a year to see which side would be best to use. So expect to see the pavilion (and maybe a camper or two underneath it) this year at camp!! ~ John F.

SPRING CLEANING FUNDRAISER

Aimee Peters is in the process of arranging another fundraiser with the Hamburg Savers Thrift Store. As soon as all arrangements have been made she will announce it on the Christian Heights Facebook group page. Just like last year, **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE ITEMS MUST BE SUITABLE FOR RESALE.**