

CAMPFIRE SPARKS

CHRISTIAN HEIGHTS CAMP

SPRING 2018

71ST SEASON OF CHC

MEMORIAL PAVILION

Plans are being made for another wonderful gathering of campers and staff July 8 - 21. As they did last year, Dianne Fazzolari will be serving as director during week one and Aimee Peters during week two. The assistant directors will be John Fazzolari and Eddie Brown, weeks one and two respectively.

This year's theme is found in Romans 12:10: "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

If you need camper brochures, please contact any board member, the camp directors or go to the website (www.christianheightscamp.com). You may also find them on the FB group "Christian Heights Camp." You can be a great ambassador for Camp by encouraging kids and families you know to consider camping where seeds of God's love are planted in a wholesome outdoor environment.

MEMORIAL DAY WORK WEEKEND

The annual work weekend is May 26-28. It is a special time of fellowship as volunteers help the property recover from the cold winds of winter. You are invited to join the group for one or all of the days. If you are planning to be there, please let George Brown know.

CALENDAR 2018

May 26-28	Mem. Day Work
June 8	Board meeting
June 9	Work day
July 8-14	First week of camp
July 15 -21	Second week of camp
July 22-28	Camp Agape
July 29-Aug 4	St. Geo. Ch. Family Camp
Sept. 29	Annual Meeting @CHC
Dec. 29	Board Meeting



Take another look at the above photo of the new Memorial Pavilion. Can you envision it with walls on the gable ends? And on those walls will be memorials to former campers, staff, friends and supporters. Can you see the other two walls with garage doors (three on each side) that will be open on those sunny, fun days of camp and closed for rainy day activities as well as winter storage. Can you imagine the stone replaced with a concrete floor? That's the vision the Board of Directors has and it will come to fruition as the budget allows.

NEW POLICY FOR FAMILY TIME

As each week of camping comes to a close, the campers and staff stage a "talent show" on Friday evenings. Camp wants to invite parents and friends to attend this highly anticipated event instead of coming mid-week. Should any camper want to forego the Friday night-hike and leave with the family that is permissible.

The Board wants to emphasize that **Friday evening will be the only time for family visitation** other than emergencies.

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

George and Maurine Brown

In memory of Norma Andersen

Dorothy Dillemoth

In memory of Maria Moher Keister

Bill and Patricia Drexler

John and Dianne Fazzolari

Michael Fleming

Mark Furgal

Kathryn Gamble

Christina Gorski

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Elizabeth Lia

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Linda McClure

In memory of Norma Andersen

Rick and Laretta Peters

Brandon Rizzo

Gail Smith

Luke and Ashleigh Stoia

*To honor George & Maurine Brown,
and Wayne and Debbie Stoia*

West Street Elementary School teachers

In memory of Norma Andersen

Joanne Zimmerman

All Truist donors who designated CHC.

All United Way donors who designated CHC.

IN MEMORIAM

One of Camp's long-time supporters, Norma Andersen, was called Home on January 12. Her daughters, Linda and Deborah, were campers and have supported CHC ever since.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

The Board of Directors has begun to anticipate that over time buildings will have to be renovated or replaced. As future budgets are built, funds will be set aside into a building fund to address such needs.

One source of funding that has been used previously is harvesting timber that CHC is fortunate to have. Forester Barry Cunningham has worked with Camp for several years and has presented a timber management plan that covers the next fifteen years. In addition to providing revenue, the plan optimizes land use for hiking and recreation.

FUND RAISER MAY 1 - 21

One of Camp's staff members, Barb Jeffords, is conducting a fund raiser for CHC. If you, or someone you know, enjoys Tupperware products this is the perfect way to earn some money for Camp. Forty per cent (40%) of all sales during this campaign will be donated to CHC.

The sale window will be May 1 - 21 and the catalog of items is available from Barb. To receive the catalog or to answer any questions you may have, please contact her at (716) 435-0528 or 63barbsmith@gmail.com. More detail is also given in Barb's letter which is being sent with this newsletter. Please note that even if you live out of the western New York area you may participate.

The Board of Directors has agreed to direct all funds from this event toward completion of the Memorial Pavilion.

ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE

If your place of employment encourages giving to the United Way of Buffalo/Erie County or United Way of Greater Niagara, you may designate a charity of your choice on your pledge card. You can support Camp by designating Christian Heights, Inc. You will know exactly where your funds are going and for what purpose. And you can visit CHC anytime to see how your donation is being used.

SAVING FOR CAMP

Families are encouraged to begin setting aside a planned amount each week to pay camp fees. Campers of any age can earn money by helping family and neighbors. For many 'seasoned citizens' spring yard clean-up is a taxing chore and the help of younger hands is appreciated. In fact, earning money is really secondary to earning respect and self-respect by sharing energy and time with a neighbor.

In the past, some campers' families have dedicated time working at Camp to offset the expense. (Hint: Memorial Day Work Weekend!)

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