

CAMPFIRE SPARKS

CHRISTIAN HEIGHTS CAMP

SPRING 2019

72nd CAMPING SEASON

This summer marks the 72nd consecutive year of kids and staff setting up camp at CHC. The campgrounds have changed mightily but the sounds and sights of campers enjoying the Creator's handiwork remains constant. Where once was abandoned dairy pasture there is now forest teeming with wildlife. Where once was a lake for swimming there is now an in-ground pool. Where once were tents for sleeping there are now bunkhouses. And yes, where once there were the Murphs there are now flush toilets. But always there has been a mission to plant seeds of God's love in the hearts of all who play, pray and stay for a week or more.

Memories are born here. Campfire songs linger in the hearts and minds for a lifetime. Lives are touched by the Spirit of the Lord. Friends are found that otherwise would have been unknown.

Camp will be July 7-13 with Dianne and John Fazzolari leading, and July 14 -20 led by Ed Brown and Aimee Peters. Campers may come for either or both weeks. And the good news is that if they are registered by June 1 there is a \$25 discount. To view the camper brochure and pre-registration form please go to www.christianheightscamp.com and click on "Forms."

CALENDAR 2019

May 25-27	Mem. Day Work
June 7	Board meeting
June 8	Work day
July 7-13	First week of camp
July 14 -20	Second week of camp
July 21-27	St. Geo. Ch. Family Camp
July 28-Aug 3	Camp Agape
Aug. 4-10	Camp Agape
Sept. 28	Annual Meeting @CHC

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Once again this summer Friday evening will be family visitation time. Last year parents and family members made the transition to Friday Family Night work smoothly. The campers and staff love having you come to enjoy the week-ending talent show.

POST CARD

The following post card was used by CHC circa 1950. In the upper right hand corner is the dairy farm as it was in 1947 when CHC purchased the property from the Milks family. The lower left corner is the man-made lake which was used for swimming for the first 25 years or so. If you are reading this online please scroll down to see an enlarged copy.



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Fb group: Christian Heights Camp.

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

Eddie and Tiffany Brown

George and Maurine Brown

June Callari

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In memory of Maria Moher Keister

Bill and Patricia Drexler

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In memory of her parents, Carl and Norma

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All Truist donors who designated CHC.

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A SPECIAL DIET?

Attention parents and campers! The kitchen staff requests that you contact them in advance of camp if a camper must have a special diet. Please contact Gail Smith at 716-807-6932. CHC will make every reasonable attempt within budgetary limits to accommodate.

SPREADING THE WORD

An initiative to let churches know about Camp's program for kids is being carried out by CHC's newest board member, Eddie Brown. This project also aims to highlight the need for Christian volunteers to staff Camp. If you know of a church, pastor, youth leader or school that might want to be contacted by CHC, please let Eddie know. This is an ongoing project and your involvement would be helpful.

MAY 25-27!

HE AROSE

Recently CHC received a generous gift from Deb Andersen Pauline, a former camper, which came with the following note:

"Today is Easter Sunday. I awoke this morning with the lyrics of "Up From the Grave He Arose" playing in my head. While it was among my personal favorites during CHC days (along with Bill Grogan's Goat), I have not heard it in decades. I took this as a gentle nudge to remind me of CHC and all the good things that happen there each summer.

I hope the enclosed donation can help in some way to keep those good things happening. It impacts lives far into the future."

(Used by permission.)

Wow! Isn't that great! Thank you, Lord, for your resurrection, your grace to us, your constant love and this place (Christian Heights) and its people that leave lasting impressions. God is good ... all the time!

MEMORIAL DAY WORK WEEKEND

Every year, friends of CHC gather over this holiday weekend to prepare Camp for the summer season. There is always ample work to be done as the grounds and buildings recover from the winter's weathering winds. You are invited to join the festive fellowship for one, two or all three days, May 25 - 27. Please let us know if you will be there so we can plan the meals. Elle Gleason is coordinating the work and Aimee Peters is coordinating the meals. You may contact either of them or George Brown at 754-4751.

HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE WOODS LATELY?

Come and walk CHC's woods. The following appeared in the April, 2019, NYS Conservationist.

"Most of us already sense that taking a walk in a forest is good for us. Now, research is showing that visiting a forest has real, quantifiable health benefits, both mental and physical. Spending even just a few minutes in nature as part of your regular schedule can help lower blood pressure, reduce stress, and improve your ability to focus. It's not just a forest's beauty that calms us—exposure to their (sic) fresh air boosts our immune systems too."

We might add there is a real spiritual gain, too, especially at CHC.



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