

CAMPFIRE SPARKS

CHRISTIAN HEIGHTS CAMP

AUTUMN 2020

DIGITAL ONLY NEWSLETTER

Just a reminder: the Board of Directors has decided to send out paper newsletters only once per year. This fall newsletter will only be a digital one, posted on the website and Facebook.

CALENDAR 2021

Mar. 6	Board meeting
May 29-31	Mem. Day Work
June 4	Board meeting
June 5	Work day
July 11-17	First week of camp
July 18 -24	Second week of camp
July 25-31	St. Geo. Ch. Family Camp
Aug 1-7	Camp Agape
Aug. 8-14	Camp Agape
Oct. 2	Annual Meeting @CHC
Dec. 4	Board meeting

2021 PLANS

Camp has already received inquiries about next summer. The Board has budgeted for a typical camp season and is making plans in anticipation of that. The Board also recognizes that the global pandemic is still a major concern and one cannot know what will happen next spring. Your feedback to any board member is always welcome and even more important in this situation. The health and safety of campers and staff is paramount. Concern for each others' physical and spiritual health is consistent with the teaching of Jesus - love our neighbor as ourselves.

2021 CAMP DIRECTORS

If you know of anyone qualified and interested in being a camp director, please pass that information along to a board member.

ESTATE PLANNING

Recently one of Camp's former staff persons was doing estate planning and contacted us about including CHC in those plans. What a wonderful way to bless Camp as we continue working for the Lord. Should you want to include Camp in your estate plans and need detailed CHC information, please contact George Brown at (716) 754-4751 or glbrown4510@gmail.com.

2020-21 BUDGET

INCOME:

Registrations	\$8000
Donations	11000
Rentals	7000
Other	<u>5225</u>
TOTAL	\$31225

EXPENSES:

Insurance	\$ 6500
Maintenance & repairs	4850
Utilities	3300
Program	7600
Capital Improvements	6000
Other	<u>2580</u>
TOTAL	\$30830

NET INCOME: \$ 395

2022 will be CHC's 75th Anniversary!

Nancy Hanover (716-579-2547) and Joanne Zimmerman (716-579-4102) have agreed to chair the anniversary celebration committee. Because of Covid they have not yet been able to have a meeting. If you would like to assist in this event, please let them know. Stay tuned!

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
Dave and Betty Astin
Valerie Banks
Eddie Brown
George and Maurine Brown
Nicole Collister
Everett Family
John and Dianne Fazzolari
Bev Fields
Michael Fleming
Kathryn Gamble
Christina Gorski
Connie Gross
Jean Hewitt
Barb Kolodziej
Kirsten Lee
Elizabeth Lia
Delores Linke
Claire Marshall
Linda Andersen McClure
Penny Moher
Napoli United Methodist Church
Bryan Nieman
Rick and Laretta Peters
Bob and Carol Sembert
Gail Smith
KT Winter
Joanne Zimmerman
All Truist donors who designated CHC.
All United Way donors who designated CHC.

REPAIRS

Major repair work had to be done on the shutters and their trim on the Draper Memorial Building, as well as the exterior south wall. That wall used to be part of the shower room prior to 1998 and both the framing and siding had to be replaced. This work was done by Bob George and his assistant, Scott. (See photo)

Both doors on the Montgomery Cabin had to be replaced. Two slabs were purchased from the Habitat for Humanity ReStore and installed by Dan Henninger with George Brown's help.

The repair work on the Draper, all of its shutters, the two pool sheds, and the archery shed were painted this fall. The paint crews included Travis and Shane Smith, Carrie Peters, Matthew Waz, Rick and Laretta Peters, Jean Hewitt and George Brown

SPREADING THE WORD

The greatest way for folks to find out about Christian Heights is to hear about your experiences. Please let your friends and extended family know that this is a wonderful place to enjoy the godly blessings of nature and Christian staff.

TRACTOR

If you know of anyone who likes to tinker with older tractors, please let them know Camp would like to sell this Ford 3000 with Select-o-Speed transmission, \$5000 or best offer. PTO does not work.



DRAPER SOUTH WALL



Camp is making every effort to preserve the "Rec Hall" for the future. To the best of our knowledge much of the former dairy barn has been in use well over 100 years, perhaps as much as 150. At some point it will need major reconstruction of the oldest parts or to be totally replaced. Either way, the Board is open to suggestions as to how to proceed.

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THANK YOU, GAVIN!

We want to recognize Gavin Peters for caring so much about Camp that for his birthday he hosted a sledding party fundraiser. The snow party was held January 11. It raised \$325!!

BORROWED INFO

Recently seen in newsletters from other non-profits is information about the CARES Act. For example, Healing Hands International said:

“For the over 90% of people who no longer itemize their charitable giving, there is a new opportunity. The CARES Act will allow these individual taxpayers to deduct donations to charity of up to \$300 on their 2020 federal tax return, even though they take the standard deduction. Married-filing-jointly taxpayers will get an above-the-line deduction of up to \$600.”

They also stated that for tax year 2020 the CARES Act “has provided a one year relief to traditional IRA owners in exempting them from taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from their accounts. However, individuals age 70½ or older may still direct distributions from their traditional IRA to registered charitable organizations, such as” Christian Heights, Inc. “In most cases, it is one of the most tax laden assets a person owns and one of the most tax-wise assets to use when supporting charity.

Distributions are limited to a maximum of \$100,000 per year.

Distributions are excluded from taxable income.”

They also correctly recommend consulting your tax professional to see if either of these would be advantageous to you.