

CAMPFIRE SPARKS

CHRISTIAN HEIGHTS CAMP

SPRING 2021

ALL 2021 CAMPS CANCELLED

The Board of Directors met at Camp and via Zoom on May 1 to decide whether to operate this summer. New York State's Department of Health had given no guidelines/regulations for overnight camps as of that date. The Board unanimously felt that there was inadequate time to prepare and execute a plan for camp that would meet whatever requirements they propose. (They still haven't as of this writing.)

Every board member expressed sadness at having to reach this decision. They immediately set in motion plans to have opportunities for Camp's use in different ways. Please see the next article.

Both Camp Agape and St. George Family Camp had previously cancelled their 2021 camp programs, citing similar reasons to CHC's.

"OUR LOSS IS YOUR GAIN"

So said Nick Gleason at the last Zoom gathering of the Board of Directors. What did he mean? Simply that with the regular camp programs all cancelled for this summer, CHC's facilities are available on a first-come, first-served basis for other kinds of Christian group use. So if you are part of a group (extended "family," Bible study, co-op, youth group, etc.) that would like to schedule time at beautiful CHC, contact Loretta Peters at 716-938-6800. Leave a voice message or send a text message and she will return your call. It is understood that the group will comply with all NYSDOH regulations that are in effect at that time.

CALENDAR 2021

May 29-31	Mem. Day Work
June 4	Board meeting @ CHC
June 5	Work day
Oct. 2	Annual Meeting @ CHC
Dec. 4	Board meeting

MEMORIAL DAY WORK WEEKEND

The annual work weekend will be held as scheduled. Considerable painting needs to be done, some dead ash trees need cutting, cleaning of all buildings. You are invited for one, two or all three days. Let us know your plan!

2020-21 BUDGET

As you can imagine, two years of camp not being used has had a huge impact on Camp's budgets. Last year the income budget was estimated to be \$32650, but actual income was \$17042. The expense budget was \$28330 and actual expenses were 18,801 for a net deficit of \$1759. If it were not for the faithful support of all of you, that deficit would have been much larger. As you know, certain expenses exist whether or not camp is used (insurance, maintenance, utilities, pool upkeep, etc.).

When the 2020-21 budget was approved the plan and hope was that camps would be in session this summer. Once again CHC will not have income from the normal camp rentals and camper registrations meaning that nearly all income will be from donations. It cannot be said enough how important you are to the continued existence of CHC! Thank you!!

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. If you would like to be part of this planning, please contact them as the original meeting was postponed due to Covid restrictions.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Should we order T-shirts this year? If we have enough interest we could replace last year's black ones with a more hopeful color!

DO YOU HAVE AN UP-TO-DATE WILL?

Healing Hands International's Spring newsletter stated "55% of Americans die without a will or estate plan" (quoting the American Bar Assn.). No doubt most folks find this a tasteless task. But, for the sake of family loved ones it is wise to make sure we have a will and/or estate plan that is current and reflects our wishes.

As we previously reported, 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, or any other Board member.

DRAPER BUILDING REPAIR

Last fall a large portion of the southeast corner had to be replaced. Both the interior and exterior walls and the studs had deteriorated. A new window was installed in the dish washing area for better light and ventilation. It has since been painted.



HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

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

Anonymous Donors

Dave and Betty Astin

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KEEP UP TO DATE

One of the good things on Facebook is the Christian Heights Camp group page. It has become a major source of communication of what is happening at Camp and with the people that make CHC a special family of the Lord's servants.