

# CAMPFIRE SPARKS

CHRISTIAN HEIGHTS CAMP

DECEMBER 2022

## 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY NEWS

Many former campers and staff descended on Camp July 2 and 3 to celebrate 75 years of Christian Heights. Included in the visitors was one of the original campers, Gary Peirce (and his son, David), whose parents helped begin Camp.

In the fall of 1947 several families who attended the Lasalle Church of Christ in Niagara Falls, NY, pooled their resources and purchased the Milks' dairy farm at 9414 Dutch Hill Road. The following spring the incorporation was certified as Christian Heights, Inc., and that summer the first camp was conducted.

## MODEST INCREASE IN FEES

In an attempt to offset the rise in cost to operate Camp, the Board decided to raise camp fees \$20. The new fee schedule is found below. It is hoped that families who support CHC will continue to make extra donations this year to help keep camp affordable for family budgets stretched thin by other costs.

This is what the camper brochure says:

FEES	By June 1	After June 1
First camper in family	\$175.00	\$200.00
Additional camper/2nd week	\$145.00	\$170.00

## PRE-REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 20.

A \$35.00 deposit for each camper must be sent in with the pre-registration form. It is non-refundable unless summer school is required. The balance of the fee is payable upon registration at the camp.

## CAMP UPDATES

You may find information both on CHC's website ([christianheightscamp.com](http://christianheightscamp.com)) or Christian Heights Camp group on Facebook.

## LIVING STONES

"As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." This scripture from 1 Peter 2 was the basis of a "garden" of memorial stones along the south wall of the Memorial Pavilion. It is hoped that each year campers and staff will add more painted stones.

## CALENDAR 2023

May 27-29	Memorial Day Work
June 9	Board meeting @ CHC
June 10	Work day
July 2-8	Week 1 CHC
July 9-15	Week 2 CHC
July 16-22	Camp Agape
July 23-29	St. George Family Camp
July 30-Aug.5	CHC Family Camp
Sept. 30	Annual Meeting @ CHC
Nov. 2-5	Veterans' Bowhunt
Dec. 2	Board meeting

## 2023 BUDGET

### INCOME:

Registrations	\$ 8000
Donations	10000
Rentals	5000
Other	4350
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27350</b>

### EXPENSES:

Insurance	\$ 7000
Maintenance & repairs	3800
Utilities	3110
Program	7700
Capital Improvements	3000
Other	2610
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27220</b>

**NET INCOME: \$ 130**

**ALL DONATIONS ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATED!**

## THANK YOU, JOHN

After serving on the Board of Directors for many years, the Board has regretfully accepted the resignation of John Fazzolari. He and his family plan to continue to be active with CHC. **Thank you, John and your whole family!**

## 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

Lorrie Battaglia

George & Maurine Brown

Sarah Dodson

Mitchell Embry

Michael Fleming

Stephen Forster

Mark Furgal

Christina Gorski

Rob and Pam Grimm

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Jon and Laurie Hexemer

(in memory of Gail Smith)

Mike and Barb Kolodziej

Kirsten Lee

Delores Linke

(in honor of Ramona Draper)

Linda Andersen McClure

Gail Mercer

Jacob Monat

Napoli United Methodist Church

Penny Moher

Niagara Falls Teachers

(in honor of Joanne Zimmerman)

Robert and Cheryl O'Connor

Rick and Laretta Peters

Melissa Printup

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Barb Scott

Carol Sembert (in memory of Bob Sembert)

Jason Tata

Wes and Bernie Tessey

Timothy Ulinger

Thomas and Alana Vanderbosch

Jackie Watkins-Bryant

Bob and Ginny Welcher

Joanne Zimmerman

All Truist donors who designated CHC.

All United Way donors who designated CHC.

## MEMORIAL WALL

The wall in the Pavilion has been completed and name plates placed on it. A large photo appears on the third page.

## BOYS' CABINS

With Camp Agape's assistance new doors, LED lighting and ventilation fans have been installed in the boys' cabins. The ceilings are to be painted white and window screens replaced.

## VETERANS' BOWHUNT

You may have noticed on the above calendar that there is a veterans' bowhunt planned for November 2 - 5. Christian Heights is pleased to honor veterans with this Christ-centered gathering. Wes Tessey organizes and leads this event. If you, or a veteran you know, would like to participate please contact Wes at 716-640-9883 or [www.veterans4christ.org](http://www.veterans4christ.org).

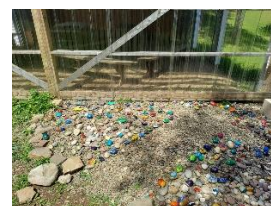
While no deer were harvested, the fellowship created memories and new friendships that lift the spirits closer to the Lord.

## ANNIVERSARY NOTES

We cannot mention everyone who worked to make the 75<sup>th</sup> celebration successful, but we owe much to MaryJane Bellingham and Barb Kolodziej for preparing the meals, Linda McClure for publishing the huge Shutterfly book of memories and Linda, Danielle Waz and Maurine Brown for developing the Living Stones "Garden."



Board member Nick Gleason oversaw the production of the name plates in the Memorial Pavilion. He also installed them. The 8 around the wagon wheel logo are the charter board members and their wives.



## LIVING STONES

