

CAMPFIRE SPARKS

CHRISTIAN HEIGHTS CAMP

MAY 2023

2023 CAMP SEASON NEARS

Preparation is well underway for two weeks of camping that begins on July 2. Families that wish to take advantage of the discount shown below need to act quickly.

Director Aimee Peters has announced that the theme for this year is "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven (Matthew 5:16)."

If you have misplaced your staff application please contact Aimee and submit it as soon as possible even if you verbally confirmed you plan to work this summer.

Camper brochures are available online by going to Christian Heights Camp's website: christianheightscamp.com.

REMINDER: 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.

PLEASE SEE NOTE ON PAGE TWO REGARDING DONATIONS.

WORKDAYS PLANNED

Please let George (text or call 716-628-4571) know if you are coming over Memorial Day weekend or June 3. We need you!

CALENDAR 2023

Please note these changes: the June Board meeting has been changed to June 2 with a workday on Saturday, June 3; the Veterans' Bow Hunt is now planned for October 26-29.

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| May 27-29 | Memorial Day Work |
| June 2 | Board meeting @ CHC |
| June 3 | 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 |
| Oct. 26-29 | Veterans' Bowhunt |
| Dec. 2 | Board meeting |

2023 BUDGET

INCOME:

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|---------------|----------------|
| Registrations | \$ 8000 |
| Donations | 10000 |
| Rentals | 5000 |
| Other | 4350 |
| TOTAL | \$27350 |

EXPENSES:

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| Insurance | \$ 7000 |
| Maintenance & repairs | 3800 |
| Utilities | 3110 |
| Program | 7700 |
| Capital Improvements | 3000 |
| Other | 2610 |
| TOTAL | \$27220 |

NET INCOME: \$ 130

ALL DONATIONS ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATED!

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

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(In honor of George and Maurine B)

George & Maurine Brown

(In Memory of Gail Smith)

Christina Gorski

Joanne Zimmerman

All Truist donors who designated CHC.

All United Way donors who designated CHC.

DONATION CHANGES

Thank you all who designated Christian Heights as a recipient of Amazon Smile donations. Amazon discontinued this program in the winter and final payment will be sent to Camp later this year.

For several years many of you helped Camp through the United Way's Donor Choice Program. It seems that the generation of employees who utilized this method of giving has reached retirement age. As a result, CHC has seen a marked decrease in donations from United Ways in western New York. If you know of current workers who would like to support Camp this way please inform them about this ministry to children.

We are well aware that families face financial stresses these days. If you find it in your heart to contribute to this ministry, Camp deeply appreciates the help.

VETERANS' BOWHUNT

As mentioned above, the veterans' bowhunt is planned for October 26-29. 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.

CAN YOU HELP?

We would love to see you any day or days over Memorial Day weekend or on June 3!

TREES, TREES, TREES

One of the attractions of Camp is the wide variety of trees in the forest and around the buildings. Unfortunately, the invasive Emerald Ash Borer has devastated the beautiful ash trees. Several of these are near the buildings and must be removed professionally, a costly project Camp doesn't normally include in the budget.

Additionally, one of last year's winter storms caused the large pine near the flagpole to snap. Cleanup has consumed a lot of time and energy. Camp is thankful for the many hands (and backs) that stepped forward to help.



Shawn (profile), Delaney, John and Dave [l to r]

PAVILION UPDATE

In the fall newsletter the memorial wall and name plates were shown. Here is a photo of the concrete floor that was poured this month. This \$7000 project effectively completes the Memorial Pavilion. Thank you for your donations!

