

# CAMPFIRE SPARKS

CHRISTIAN HEIGHTS CAMP

WINTER 2025

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## GEARING UP FOR SUMMER

The Board of Directors announces plans for the 2025 camping season are well underway. Aimee Peters has been selected to again serve as Camp Director. Camp will operate for two weeks beginning July 6. Camper fees have been raised \$25 across the board as shown below:

FEES	By June 1	After June 1
First camper in family	\$200.00	\$225.00
Additional camper/2nd week	\$170.00	\$195.00

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. Pre-registrations received after June 1 cannot be assured a T-shirt.

## CALENDAR 2025

Mar. 8	Board meeting in Lewiston
June 6	Board meeting @ CHC
June 7-8	Work day
July 6-12	Week 1 CHC
July 13-19	Week 2 CHC
July 20-26	St. George Family Camp
July 27 -Aug. 9	Camp Agape
Oct. 4	Annual Meeting @ CHC
TBD	Veterans' Bowhunt

## VETERANS' BOWHUNT

If you know of a veteran who enjoys archery deer season please let them know about the annual Veterans' Bowhunt. Christian Heights is pleased to honor veterans with this Christ-centered gathering. Wes Tessey organizes and leads this event. More information may be learned by contacting Wes at 716-640-9883 or [www.veterans4christ.org](http://www.veterans4christ.org).

## MATTHEW 7:12 CAMPAIGN (SEE BELOW)

## 2025 BUDGET

### INCOME:

Registrations	\$ 5000
Donations	10000
Rentals	5500
Other	5165
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25665</b>

### EXPENSES:

Insurance	\$ 9000
Maintenance & repairs	3950
Utilities	3100
Program	7400
Other	490
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23940</b>

**NET INCOME: \$ 1725**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS \$3000**

(from Building Fund)

## MARKING 100 YEARS!

Family and friends of Althea Montgomery are celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in February. During the fifties and sixties Althea worked tirelessly in the kitchen preparing meals for up to four weeks of Camp. Gumpert specialties and her great sense of humor were relished by campers and staff (did she prank any of you?). God be with her!

## PAY ONLINE

Through the efforts of Nick Gleason and Liesel Marcantonio CHC is now able to receive payments for camper fees digitally. Please go to the website ([www.christianheightscamp.com](http://www.christianheightscamp.com)), Click on "Fees" and you will find a drop down menu for the pre-registration deposit or appropriate weekly fees. If you are only paying the deposit, please remember to bring a check or cash for payment when you check in at Camp.

Work continues to make it possible to make donations to Camp online as well. Your patience is appreciated during this process. CHC is working hard to ease the payment methods in an efficient and secure way.

## **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**

**Sandy Allen**

**George & Maurine Brown**

**John Dedloff**

**Dorothy Dillemoth**

**In memory of Maria M. Keister**

**Mark Furgal**

**Chris Gorski**

**Jean Hewitt**

**Gary and Mary Jones**

**Mike and Barb Kolodziej**

**Liesel Marcantonio**

**Linda Andersen McClure**

**In memory of Carl and Norma Andersen**

**In memory of Ramona Draper**

**Arron and Aimee Peters**

**Rick and Loretta Peters**

**Jeff and Diane Rupp**

**St. George Church**

**Tucker and Anna Smith**

**Wayne and Debbie Stoia**

**Jason Tata**

**Wesley Community Church**

**All United Way donors who designated CHC.**

**Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief (see below)**

**Tim and Lori Adamson**

**George and Maurine Brown**

**Nancy Hanover**

**Mike and Barb Kolodziej**

**Liesel Marcantonio**

**Caitlin Paquet**

**Leah Sawyer**

**Carol Sembert**

**Wayne and Debbie Stoia**

**Joanne Zimmerman**

**Veteran's Bow Hunt Weekend**

**David and Sarah Allen**

**Minnie Hansen and Bryon Ivett**

**Mary Jones**

**K. Ross-Dobbertin**

**Wes and Bernie Tessey**

**Anonymous**

## **DISASTER RELIEF**

Thank you to all who made it possible for delivery of two RVs to families in need in western North Carolina. Some funds were used for delivery cost and some for purchase of a used trailer. Mike Sanchez of A/M Automotive in Youngstown, NY, delivered the trailers to the Asheville area.

## **FACILITY REPAIRS**

Repairs to the foundation of the Tallman Cabin have been completed and a steel roof installed. Leaks in the roofs of the Draper Building and Memorial Pavilion continue to get attention. The former horse barn which stores the tractor and lawn mowers has been resided with metal siding, doors were added to enclose it and a metal roof installed. Electrical line to it is not yet done but planned.

Substantial repairs to the siding on the Draper are necessary as soon as possible. The basketball court needs to be repaved as soon as funds allow.

## **TIMBER MANAGEMENT**

CHC has had a long-standing interest in good forest management. Harvest of timber and culling unhealthy trees has been productive for optimum growth of timber and has benefited Camp financially. Steve and Bonnie Andrews have been consulted to assess current forest conditions and plan for an appropriate timber harvest.

## **PERMANENT WATERSLIDE**

A favorite summertime activity is setting up a waterslide near the playground. Recently, Aimee Peters has been researching the possibility of installing a permanent one. (Editor's note: could it be used for sledding in winter?)

## **GRANTS FOR CAMP?**

Barb Smith is chairing a committee to seek grants to fund projects to better camp and provide camperships and improve staff recruitment. Would you like to help her out? You may contact any CHC officer to connect with her.

## **WITH REGRET**

It is with regret that the Board accepted the resignation of Nick Gleason. Nick will continue to do the excellent work as Camp's webmaster.

## **MATTHEW 7:12 CAMPAIGN**

Page three of this newsletter is a letter of introduction explaining the Matthew 7:12 campaign. Please prayerfully consider spreading the word (Jesus' words) and feel free to share.