

CAMPFIRE SPARKS

CHRISTIAN HEIGHTS CAMP

SPRING 2011

GEARING UP FOR THE 64TH SEASON

Both staff and camper applications have been arriving for this summer's camp season. If you need a camper brochure, please contact registrar Diana Draper Whetstine at 754-7546.

Director George Brown has announced this year's theme: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness" from Matthew 6:33. Aimee Peters will be the assistant director.

The fee for camp has not been increased despite higher costs for food and fuel. If camper registrations are received before June 1 the cost is \$140 including the \$30 deposit you send with the pre-registration form.

CELL PHONES

The Board of Directors has made a huge change in the policy regarding cell phones. If a camper has parental approval to use a phone at camp, it must be turned in to staff at registration and will be available for use only during rest period. Should a camper have or use a cell phone at any other time, parents will be expected to return him/her home with no refund of fees.

USE OF CAMP FACILITIES

During the time that camp is not being used by CHC the facilities are available for use by churches, fellowship groups, youth groups, etc. Currently Christian Youth Enterprises and St. George Antiochan Orthodox Church rent camp for their programs as noted on the calendar. You may contact President Loretta Peters for more information (716-938-6800). The Lord has blessed us with a wonderful campground to be used to His glory.

CALENDAR 2011

May 14	Work Day
May 28-30	Memorial Day Work
May 28	Board meeting - 4 PM
June 18	Work day at camp
July 10-16	First week of camp
July 17-23	Second week of camp
July 24 - 30	Camp Agape
Ju 31-Aug 6	St. Geo. Church Camp
Oct. 1	Annual Meeting @CHC
Dec. 3	Board Meeting

BELL CEREMONY

A special time of celebration will be held during the Memorial Day work weekend. On Saturday, May 28, at 1:00, Christian Heights will officially ring the Meneely bell in memory of those who have been the spiritual foundations in western New York that led to the forming of CHC.

This bell was donated by the First Christian Church of Niagara Falls when it merged with the Lewiston Baptist Church in 1999. First Christian was previously named the Suspension Bridge Church of Christ, founded in 1868. It then planted a church in Pekin in the 1870s from which the LaSalle Church of Christ was formed. Members of the latter congregation founded Christian Heights in 1947.

All former members of the First Christian Church are invited to join in this celebration and ring the bell to honor their memories, led by their pastor, Bette Bond. Everyone with connections to CHC's origins is invited to join in this ringing.

The bell itself was cast in 1855 at the Meneely Foundry in West Troy, NY. It now hangs in a small gazebo near Shepherd's Staff.

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Since the last newsletter the following have made contributions to CHC. Some have been made in memory of others or to honor others. Christian Heights is deeply indebted to the following friends:

Sylvia Bailey
Bill and Barb Boeck
George and Maurine Brown
Ken Clarke
Pat Drexler
Gayle Fadel
Michael Fleming
Kathryn Gamble
Helen Gifford
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Ruth Lockett
Alexandra Murr
Deborah Pauline
Joelle Petito
Steve Sargent
Servants of Christ (SOC)
Bob and Carol Sembert
Ron Sessman
Gail Smith
Joanne Zimmerman

All United Way donors who designated CHC.

NEWSLETTER

We now send this newsletter to only those who have requested we send it and campers or contributors in the past year. The newsletter will be posted on the website. If you know of anyone who would like it mailed, contact George Brown. (4510 PORTER CENTER ROAD, LEWISTON, NY 14092)

FACEBOOK GROUP

If you have joined Facebook, have you joined the Christian Heights Camp group? You can find hundreds of photographs posted there, some old, some recent. If you have oldies you would like to post, please do. Enjoy!

WEB SITE

Have you visited the camp web site recently? Our web master, Nick Gleason, keeps it up to date and is continually looking at ways to improve it.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

The Servants of Christ (SOC) are having a roast beef dinner on May 7, at 5:00, to benefit CHC. They are selling only 100 tickets at \$10 each. It will be held at the United Baptist-Christian Church's building, Lewiston. You may get tickets by contacting Nick or Elle Gleason (716-479-3113) or any other member of SOC.

WORKDAYS

One of the rich traditions of CHC is the Memorial Day Work Weekend. This year it is May 28, 29, 30. You are encouraged to join the work force for any or all of the days. Painting, clean-up, pick-up, fix-up are always on the agenda.

But it isn't all work. As previously noted, at 1:00 on the 28th there will be a special bell ceremony to honor the memory of those who have served the Lord through church and camp. You may ring the bell in memory of someone(s) you want honored. Later that afternoon the Board of Directors will be meeting. Sunday morning all the workers will set aside their tools to celebrate the memory of Christ's sacrifice and honor God's love. And of course there will be time for reflection around the campfire as day draws to a close.

Contact John Fazzolari if you would like to join in this time of fellowship and work. Telephone: 754-0121.

SWIMMING POOL

The Board of Directors is concerned about the condition of the above ground 16' x 32' pool at camp. They have begun a study of alternatives and have talked with contractor Dick Latshaw.

If you have any sources of information that you would like to share, contact any Board member. If you have any sources of funding, again contact a Board member. It will be a major expense but a necessary improvement of camp.