

CAMPFIRE SPARKS

CHRISTIAN HEIGHTS CAMP

FALL 2023

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2023 CAMP SEASON SUCCESS

With warmer weather than expected, Camp was a blessing to all who came. Director Aimee says, "It was so good to be back in full swing! Christian Heights had two full weeks of camp for the first time since 2019. It was so refreshing!

"We had MANY new campers and staff as well as plenty of our regulars to help hold onto our traditions like the Sadie Hawkins race before the hot dog roast, capture the flag, and so much more!

"Many campers say that campfire is their favorite part of the day. I know in our family, we can't get enough of those good campfire songs. If your family is like mine, you might want to check out a playlist I created on Spotify so you can sing along all year! "Christian Heights" Playlist by Aimee.l.peters

NO INCREASE IN 2024 FEES

Recognizing the strain on family budgets the Board did NOT increase fees. (See the following schedule.) It is hoped that families who support CHC will continue to make extra donations next year. (Note: saving \$1 a day starting January 1 will cover the cost of one week of Camp!)

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.

UNEXPECTED BUDGET BUSTERS

Despite the budget numbers that you can see in this newsletter, two major items were unplanned and not budgeted. The commercial stove in the kitchen required replacement of the pilot lights. The cost of labor and parts far exceeded Camp's expectations, totaling \$2407.49.

Shepherd's Staff was constructed in 1997-98 and the 25 year old furnace had to be replaced this fall. Again, this was not anticipated and exceeded the \$1000 amount budgeted for capital improvements. The cost of this replacement was \$3600 and was done by Dan Oglevee of Little Valley just in time for the Veteran's Bow Hunt Weekend.

CALENDAR 2024

Mar 2	Board meeting @ Lewiston
May 4	Workday assessment
May 25-27	Memorial Day Work
June 7	Board meeting @ CHC
June 8	Work day
July 7-13	Week 1 CHC
July 14-20	Week 2 CHC
July 21-27	St. George Family Camp
Aug. 4-10	Camp Agape
Sept. 28	Annual Meeting @ CHC
TBD	Veterans' Bowhunt
Dec. 7	Board meeting @ Lewiston

VETERANS' BOWHUNT

Unusually mild weather for October 26-29 greeted the veterans and friends for the annual bowhunt. While no deer were harvested, veterans were blessed to enjoy the beautiful fall weather in our Creator's woods and celebrate God's love with family and friends in Christian fellowship. 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.

2024 BUDGET

INCOME:

Registrations	\$ 7000
Donations	10000
Rentals	5000
Other	6850
TOTAL	\$28850

EXPENSES:

Insurance	\$ 8500
Maintenance & repairs	4050
Utilities	3100
Program	9150
Capital Improvements	1000
Other	2480
TOTAL	\$28280

NET INCOME: \$ 570

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
David and Betty Astin
George & Maurine Brown
Christina Gorski
Delores Linke
Liesel Zimmerman Marcantonio
Penny Moher
Napoli UMC
Arron and Aimee Peters Family
Rick and Loretta Peters
Jeff and Diane Rupp
Tucker and Anna Smith
Ashleigh Stoia
Jason Tata
Matt and Danielle Waz
In honor of Julianna & Cameron's baptisms into Christ
Steve and Carla Wiebe
Joanne Zimmerman
Nieces Linda, Terry, Joanne, Patty
In honor of Aunt Maurine's 90th
Wesley Community Church
All Truist donors who designated CHC.
All United Way donors who designated CHC.

2024 CAMP DIRECTOR

At the annual meeting Aimee Peters was chosen to continue as camp director next summer. "I certainly never dreamed of holding that role when I was a camper in 1994 and 1995," noted Aimee. She added: "Volunteering at CHC has been a calling

for Aimee since 2000. In 2005, she married the love of her life, Arron, whom she met at Camp

"Aimee's three priorities in life are God, family, and Christian Heights Camp."

π-GUY ADDED TO THE BOARD

In September the Board of Directors of CHC welcomed Jason Tata to the one-year probationary period as a board member. Jason has been a counselor for umpteen years.

When not working at Camp, Jason teaches math and science at Christ the King Preparatory Academy in Niagara Falls. Both at camp and school he is widely known for his devotion to π, our Creator's ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. Also, he is active with the United Baptist-Christian Church working with audio and video production.

LIESEL, TOO!

At the December meeting Liesel (Zimmerman) Marcantonio was joyfully elected to the one-year probationary period on the Board of Directors. Liesel began her journey with CHC as an eight year-old camper. She has served in many capacities as a staff member after aging out as a camper and recently has served as a proxy for board members who were absent.

Liesel and her husband, Paul, are active followers of Christ at The Chapel. She is an assistant district attorney in Niagara County.

BEHIND THE SCENES

As with most organizations CHC has a bevy of volunteers who give time and resources to make Camp work well. Some we never meet. Here are a few: Gary and Dave who mowed all three fields, Delaney and family who lugged a very heavy game table up the stairs in Draper, Minnie, Bryon & Max who brought a tractor over to help with the tree debris removal as well as plumbing in the boys shower, Kelly and Loretta who aided a neighbor in distress, AND ALL OF OUR STAFF!

THE SOLAR EVENT – APRIL 8, 2024

At ~2:04 PM on April 8 the solar eclipse will begin in Little Valley. Totality is ~3:18-21 and the eclipse ends about 4:30. If you want to view it from Camp, please make reservations with Loretta. This is a once-in-a-lifetime event at CHC. More info can be found at eclipse2024.org. Pray for clear skies!