

CAMPFIRE SPARKS

CHRISTIAN HEIGHTS CAMP

SPRING 2024

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2024 REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Camper registrations submitted by June 1 are discounted (as shown in the chart below). This incentive is both advantageous to family budgets and to Camp's planning.

Additional brochures are available on request and also can be found on CHC's website, christianheightscamp.com

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.

CALENDAR 2024

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

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.

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

MEMORIAL DAY WORK WEEKEND

Camp needs help! Preparing the facilities for the summer activities is a huge undertaking. Each Memorial Day weekend volunteers have given time and energy to removing the winter cobwebs, making needed repairs, painting weathered buildings and enjoying Christ-centered fellowship. And the pool will be open, weather permitting! Do you have time in your busy schedule to join in for one, two or all three days? Please text or call George at 716-628-4571 who has a list of at least 30 items to be addressed.

WEBSITE PROBLEM

In early May Camp was informed that the recent updates on the website were no longer visible. We apologize for any inconvenience and are thankful for Nick Gleason's efforts to get it back to normal.

If you ever discover issues with the website please contact any board member. For those who have let us know, THANK YOU!

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), click on PayPal which will take you to a drop-down menu where you can choose to pay by PayPal, venmo or debit/credit card.

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
B & M Construction
Paul and Ann Cobo
George & Maurine Brown
 In memory of Ken Clarke
John Dedloff
Dorothy Dillemoth
 In memory of Maria M. Keister
Stephen Forster
Christina Gorski
Minnie Hansen
Bryon Ivett
Gary and Mary Jones
Thomas O'Connor
K. Ross-Dobbertin
Dane and Barbara Scott
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 me 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.

CAMP THEME

This year's theme is from John 3:16. Do you remember it?

AED REQUIREMENT

You may have heard that NYS now requires CHC to have an AED. The Department of Health has sent a packet of rules to camps which begins with this statement: "legislation (PUBLIC HEALTH LAW 3000 F) was passed in 2023 which requires all regulated children's camps to provide an automated external defibrillator (AED) or describe reasonable access to an AED. The effective date of the legislation is May 21, 2024."

Camp staff is developing compliance strategies that will be cost effective. All planning is coordinated with the Cattaraugus County Department of Health.

It should be noted that as a result of the cardiac arrest of Buffalo Bill's Demar Hamlin and his subsequent recovery, CHC's Board has had prior discussions regarding having an AED on site. Now it is time for implementation. Could it be donated?



IN MEMORY OF RAMONA DRAPER

Ramona and Lloyd's daughter, Diana, shared the following. Ramona went Home on May 12.

I want to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the kind words, love and prayers sent to me and my family. My Mom suffered many years with Alzheimer's/Dementia. Yesterday as she took her last breath she was surrounded by her family, she waited until her last daughter was able to arrive before she took her last breath (actually 20 mins later). But she was in her home where my Dad has lovingly cared for her the whole time with the help of an amazing aide, Tiasha. We kept our word of keeping her at home and not in a nursing home, it was extremely tough at times but my Dad handled it like a pro in my opinion! So I know Mom is out of pain, reunited with her parents, siblings, friends looking down on us and saying "Well done!!" As the next chapter of our lives goes on, she will always be remembered and cherished as the great mom/wife/friend/sister she was. Dad, thank you for giving all you gave, to her and all of us, may you find peace in knowing how proud you've made us all in dealing with this horrible disease and I hope you cherish all the good times and remember...we did the best we could and she would be saying it herself if she could. The family plans a celebration of life later in the summer and we will let you all know when. Thanks again for all who helped and supported my Dad, please know, it is appreciated and especially needed right now! Love to all who reached out and continue to.