

CAMPFIRE SPARKS

CHRISTIAN HEIGHTS CAMP

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ANOTHER YEAR OF IMPROVEMENT

Attendance at Camp this past summer showed slight improvement as recovering from being shut down for Covid appears to be a gradual process. We discovered that an internet search said Camp was closed and that has been corrected. We apologize for this piece of misinformation that did not originate with us.

The northeast corner of the rec hall has been sided with metal and the shutters were replaced with sliding windows. This is the corner of the kitchen. The Board has decided to proceed with metal siding for the entire first floor of the rec hall and is seeking donations for the project. To date over \$4000 has been raised, much of it from memorial gifts.

The very popular basketball court was resurfaced prior to the opening of camp.

CALENDAR 2026

Jan. 3	Board meeting in Lewiston
Jan. 31	Snow party
Mar. 7	Board meeting in Lewiston
May 2	Work assessment/planning
June 5	Board meeting @ CHC
June 6-7	Work day
July 5-11	Week 1 CHC
July 12-18	Week 2 CHC
July 19-25	St. George Family Camp
Jul 26 -Aug 8	Camp Agape
Oct. 3	Annual Meeting @ CHC
TBD	Veterans' Bowhunt

VETERANS' BOWHUNT 2025

The annual hunt was October 29 – November 2. The Veterans who participated were very grateful and are looking forward to next year. One deer was harvested. A community church service and luncheon was held on Sunday the 2nd. It was attended by 84 people singing patriotic songs and hymns.

More information may be learned by contacting Wes at 716-640-9883 or www.veterans4christ.org.

2026 BUDGET

INCOME:

Registrations	\$ 5000
Donations	10000
Rentals	8000
Sheriff's Tower	3000
Other	2465
TOTAL	\$28465

EXPENSES:

Insurance	\$10000
Maintenance & repairs	4000
Pool Maintenance/Service	1300
Utilities	3100
Program	6375
Other	690
TOTAL	\$25465

NET INCOME: \$ 3000

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

\$30000

(from Building Fund)

IN MEMORIAM

Maurine Brown went Home with the Lord on October 22. Affectionately known as "L'il Mo" she was a member of the Board and served in numerous capacities at Camp, including Bible teacher, EMT, musician, kitchen coordinator and helper, painter, encourager and the list goes on. The family wishes to thank the CHC family for the many cards, messages and gifts in Maurine's memory. Her obituary may be found at <https://www.ottoredanz.com/obituary/Mary-Brown>.

FUND THE SIDING!

Camp welcomes all donations to fund the new siding for the Rec Hall. You may send your tax-deductible gift to Christian Heights, Inc., c/o Barb Kolodziej, Treasurer, 9360 Rivershore Dr., Niagara Falls, NY 14304.

ALL DONATIONS ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATED!

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HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Since the last newsletter the following have made contributions to CHC. THANK YOU!:

Anonymous Donors

Linda (Snyder) Altimier
George & Maurine Brown
Jerry and Emma Chapman
Vince and Priscilla Eisaman
Chris Gorski
Jean Hewitt

In Memory of Maurine Brown

The Pass Family
Liesel and Paul Marcantonio
Kerry Hogan-Hamer
MaryLou Prisk and Family
Linda McClure and Family
Nancy Houck
Dave and Donna Gubala
Lorrie Battaglia
Karin Zimmerman
Jackie Amato
Felicia Bray
Zoe Corsaro
Brittany Costa
Denise Sczeczanski
Colleen Stortecky
Cathy Bartus-Adamson
Rick and Laretta Peters
Carol Sembert
Susan and Dave Russell
Ned and Sue Perlman
Mike and Joanne Zimmerman
Gary and Audrey Peirce
Mike and Barb Kolodziej
George Brown Family

In memory of Chris McClure

Linda McClure, Cheryl and Carl
McKerlie and McGowan Family
Napoli Church
Smith Family
Patty Taylor
Arron and Aimee Peters
Rick and Laretta Peters
Tom O'Connor
Wes and Bernadette Tessey
Minnie Hansen and Bryon Ivett
K. Ross-Dobbertin and R. Baase
Dave and Sarah Allen
Tim and Joanne Heffernan
St. George Orthodox Family Camp
Knights of Columbus
Steve Pochatko
Linda Erb
Kevin Wier
Jim Vastola

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. To that end a contract to harvest has been signed with the proceeds going into the capital improvement account. Actual logging has begun.

NEW TO THE BOARD

At the annual meeting in October Tucker and Anna Smith were elected to CHC's Board of Directors. They and their family have been active with Camp for several years, working in several capacities.

Tucker's great-grandparents, Norm and Vi Peirce, were charter members of Christian Heights. Norm served on the original board of directors and spent several years constructing the stone fireplace and chimney on the Draper Building (aka 'Rec Hall').

NEW SKIN FOR THE REC HALL

As mentioned above, the Board of Directors has opted to completely side the lower level of the Draper Memorial Building with metal siding. The project was begun this year on the northeast corner. In addition to metal siding, the aging shutters/screens were replaced with actual windows.

It has become increasingly apparent that the old wooden siding has deteriorated to the point of removal. It is believed that the metal siding and true windows will be relatively maintenance-free as well as extending the life of the building.

It is estimated that this project will cost around \$30,000. To that end the Board has agreed to designate gifts in memory of Maurine to this effort, a project she financially supported.

ALUMNI VISITS

Several former campers and staff toured the campgrounds and facilities this past summer. Linda (Snyder) Altimier and Cynthia "Tom" (Varney) Haynes refreshed their childhood friendship with a Camp visit. They both live in Ohio and were able to reconnect with each other by contacting CHC. Their parents were charter members of Camp with their dads on the Board.

Cheryl (McKerlie) Miranda and her children traveled from Tennessee for a visit. Cheryl's parents worked at Camp and she was a camper.

Jerry and Emma Chapman and their two grandchildren came during camp. They have supported CHC for years. Jerry was a camper and staff member.

SNOW PARTY JANUARY 31

Check Facebook for details or contact Aimee Peters, who says "a hike, sledding, chili, hot, cocoa, board games, and more" are planned. You are asked to bring a dish to pass.