



# Camp Alexander Mack

## Welcome to Sunny Camp Mack

As most of you know we received an estate gift from the Bigler family last year. The I.C.B. decided to spend \$55,000 of that money on a concrete floor for the Auditorium. That really changed the looks of Q.M. It became apparent that we needed to upgrade some other things in there. Lynn Kreider led a crew of volunteers this winter in making the short wall dividing the two areas. They also built some hand rails for the two new ramps and for the existing steps to the stage. For several years we have had a blue tarp covering the storage area to the south of the stage. It became readily apparent that this tarp would not fit the new décor! Our volunteer crew built a very nice new wall to match the short wall in the middle of our new space. During the process of pouring the concrete we took off the old doors just under the front of the stage. Lynn's crew built new panels to replace the old doors to match the new wall. The change in the appearance of our auditorium is dramatic. We just had our first wedding in this new space and it all looked beautiful. Last month we laid out the need for new lighting in the back half of QM. That need was met and I have purchased new lights. Hopefully we can install them this summer. These improvements have highlighted some other issues we need to work at in the Auditorium. One would be the Murals. I need to find someone with some expertise to guide us forward. The second issue we are facing is the Good Shepherd window. We have been missing some pieces but recently we discovered it is starting to bow and buckle in a couple of places. I had a man who repairs stain glass windows take a look at it. He felt the old frame is rotting away and some of the lead connecting the window to the stiffeners is gone. Therefore we have a window starting to sag. At some point it becomes dangerous to leave it in place. He estimated the cost of repair and cleaning of the window would be in the \$25,000 to \$35,000 range. We would make the new frame just like we did for the Rose window. This window is a beautiful part of that building. This project is beyond our capacity to fund at this time. Would a group of us be willing to fund the restoration of the Good Shepherd Window?

Galen Jay, Executive Director



## Be Our Guest



For many persons coming to Camp Mack it is a time to get away from the distractions that we have every day, with our phones and computers. There are other persons able to come to a retreat, or help as a counselor or lead in one of our rental camps, if they are able to access their email or work at their college courses, tests and a myriad of other details with their businesses. We also now have groups that use our Wi-Fi to stream services or to have a speaker from another country, or another part of the United States as their speaker. Some rental camps can work with their registration process as campers arrive. We have groups that get on the internet for Scrapbooking and Quilting retreats, or organizations and churches that need to download information pertinent to the retreat they are leading. We have groups that do research for retreats as well. We want to meet the needs of the groups and individuals now coming and those new groups that are contemplating using our facility that need the upgraded technology they rely upon. I say all of this to let you know that the Wi-Fi system that was put in place over 7 years ago is no longer meeting expectations of our guests. We have recently worked with a company for an upgrade including burying fiber optic cable from John Kline to the Quinter-Miller Auditorium that would give us the upgrade we need for many years to come. We would also upgrade our access points in our lodges and Quinter-Miller Auditorium and John Kline to allow bandwidth for leadership and for guests and many other options. The cost of the upgrade would be around \$25,000 that we do not have in our budget. We are asking for donations from groups and individuals to help make this happen. If you have been one of the persons that enjoyed the benefit of free Wi-Fi at Camp Mack and want to continue those advantages would you help us spread the word of our need and help us with a gift of any amount ear marked for the Wi-Fi upgrade project?

Mike Kauffman, Guest Services

## Camp Mack Wish List

Auditorium Lower Roof \$2500- PAID! THANK YOU!

Auditorium Lighting Upgrades \$4000- PAID! THANK YOU!

Scholarship Funds- \$5000+

Internet Upgrades- \$25,000

Good Shepherd Window Repairs \$30,000

400 Club to pay off John Kline Welcome Center- \$96,000

39 more committed counselors

Summer cooks

Your prayers and encouragement as we minister to others this summer season.

## What is Cookin' from the Kitchen

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Each month as I try to decide on the topic of my newsletter article it seems that I usually end up asking for volunteer help for our "Cookie Crew". Well this month is no different. This is the baking schedule for June. Won't you please consider how you could help us keep all of our campers happy in this small way. Who can volunteer? Well most anyone. Make it a Mother – Daughter day. Grandmas and Grandkids or maybe even a Grandpa. Maybe you and a friend, spouse or even someone from your youth group or Sunday school class. What a great way for adults to demonstrate giving back to a worthy cause. Another way to make memories of Camp Mack that will last a lifetime. We even give you lunch. This year returning for their 7<sup>th</sup> season are Chuck and Shirley Vanderveer. They both Love Camp Mack and enjoy giving back to Camp Mack. Their children and grandchildren have been campers over the last 40 years.

Tony Keck Food Service Manager

### Cookie Crew Volunteers – June 2016

DAY	DATE	HOURS	Number of volunteers needed.
<b>Monday</b>	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	8am – Noon	1.
			2.
<b>Wednesday</b>	June 8 <sup>th</sup>	8am – Noon	1.
			2.
<b>Friday</b>	June 10 <sup>th</sup>	8am – Noon	1.
			2.
<b>Monday</b>	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	8am – Noon	1.
			2.
<b>Wednesday</b>	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	8am – Noon	1.
			2.
<b>Friday</b>	June 17 <sup>th</sup>	8am – Noon	1.
			2.
<b>Monday</b>	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	8am – Noon	1.
			2.
<b>Wednesday</b>	June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8am – Noon	1.
			2.
<b>Friday</b>	June 24 <sup>th</sup>	8am – Noon	1.
			2.
<b>Monday</b>	June 27 <sup>th</sup>	8am – Noon	1.
			2.
<b>Wednesday</b>	June 29 <sup>th</sup>	8am – Noon	1.
			2.
<b>Friday</b>	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	8am – Noon	1.
			2.

## Nature Nut News



Experience nature is one of the top reasons I love working and living at camp and I get to experience nature through the seasons of Indiana. The best pictures will always be the ones in my head where I just sit and observe an animal, but here are a few pics of some of my favorite camp animals over the years. Enjoy!

Jessie Kreider, Program Director



## Summer Staff

Applications are available and we have 1 Summer staff spots left. Summer Staff is the hardest job you will ever love. Summer staff works in the areas of kitchen, facility, housekeeping, lifeguarding, climbing tower, nature, night hikes, low ropes and more. Make lifelong friends, grow in leadership, gain new skills, get trained in new areas, and grow memories that you will share the rest of your life. Apply today for Summer Staff 2016!



# Indiana Camp Board

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In the past couple of years the camp board has worked through difficult decisions regarding staffing and financial stability in order to preserve and enhance the ministry of Camp Mack. At the same time we have taken steps to clarify our role as a governance board and strengthen our ability to work together effectively.

Two years ago, the camp faced a debt of \$400,000. A major effort has been made to pay off this debt by the "400 Club" of donors. Thanks to the hard work of the board, and the support of many friends of Camp Mack, this debt is now reduced to \$96,000.00.

In this time of transition, Galen Jay has given excellent service as Executive Director. He has worked closely with the camp board and the rest of the staff to improve the financial situation and maintain facilities while continuing the camp's mission of outdoor ministry.

The board has been consulting with Becky Ball-Miller to recognize its appropriate governance role and equip ourselves to fulfil that role. The board has also worked with Bob Gross to develop healthy practices for dealing with differences and enabling all members to participate fully in the board's work.

Throughout this time of transition, the camp's mission of providing a sanctuary for people to come and experience God's presence and love has continued to bless all those who enter its gates.

In Christ's Love

Sue Freel, Board Chairman

## Camp Mack 5-K Race News

Many of you realized that the Board sponsored our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 5-K Race on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Three weeks before the race we only had one person signed up to run. I was really discouraged and ready to cancel the race. I said to myself OK God I will take the position that I would wait to see what would take place in a week.

The beginning of the next week Bethany Church walked in with 51 applications for the race. By race day with the walk-in people the day of the race we ended up with 113 runners and walkers. It was a perfect day for the race with beautiful weather. The Board was able to give \$2,828.65 towards the "400 Club". Praise the Lord!

One of the cute things that happened that day was the Kids Fun Race. We had 16 children run around the John Kline Center Twice. We had a four year old that was very determined to run the best he could. He started out great. The only problem was in the driveway where there were several mud puddles. I could see he looked and thought about them as he approached but they were just too much temptation. He decided that the only way to go is just run thru them. I wished I would have had my camera.

This is what camp is all about to see children running a race. To have adults walking, running, and having fun fellowshiping with each other for an afternoon. The Board thanks everyone for their support. I was very glad that I had the patience to see what the Lord had in mind for our race.

Hope to see everyone there next year. The date has been set for the first Sunday in May which is May 7<sup>th</sup>.



# Upcoming Events at Camp Mack:

## Camp Mack Calendar

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June 2-4 South Central Women's Camp

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Gather with Church of the Brethren Women from South Central Indiana for a time of worship, reflection and fellowship. June 2-4, 4p Thursday- 1:30p Saturday. For more information, contact the South/Central District office, 260-982-8805.

### Upcoming Get-A-Way Days

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**\*Please sign up for Get-a-Way Days in 1-2 weeks in advance. We have had to cancel a couple of events when we have had no registrations and then find out we had numerous people interested in an event. Thank you!**

June 11 Pumpkinvine Bike Trek- Load up bikes at camp and ride the Pumpkinvine Trail from Goshen to Shippshewana (and maybe back).

August 20 Sailing 101- Learn how to rig and sail a Sunfish and spend the day sailing on Lake Waubee

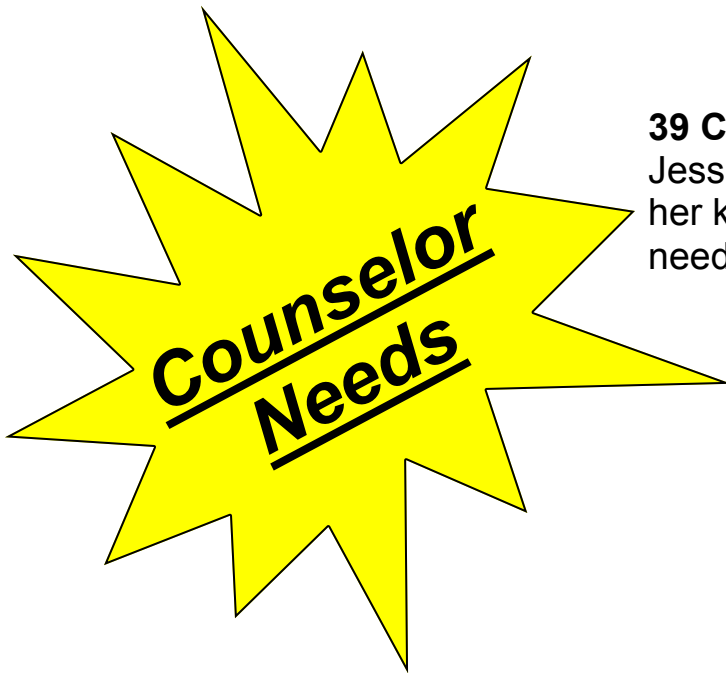
August 21 Prairie Flower Walk- Explore 5 acres of native prairie at Camp Mack with a couple nature nerds.

### Camp Mack Festival

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Would you like to help raise funds for our campership fund? Do you have some new ideas to bring to the festival? Do you love Camp Mack? If you answered YES to any of these questions then you may be a good addition to the Camp Mack Festival Committee. We are looking for three new committee members to fill the Facility and Demos & Displays Chair positions. We meet five times a year and the festival is the first Saturday in October. We are also ready to collect any auction items you may have to donate. If you have any questions about the chair position job descriptions or about the festival please contact Lauren Carrick at [lauren@campmack.org](mailto:lauren@campmack.org) or 574-658-4831.





**39 Counselors Needed!**- Please contact Jessie Kreider, [jessk@campmack.org](mailto:jessk@campmack.org) to let her know where we can write you in. We need to fill these spots as soon as possible.

Camp	Date	Male	Female
<b>WEEK 1: June 9-11</b>			
Samplers	June 9-11	THANK YOU!	THANK YOU!
<b>WEEK 2: June 12-17</b>			
Beginners	June 12-14	THANK YOU!	THANK YOU!
Archery	June 12-16	THANK YOU!	THANK YOU!
<b>WEEK 3: June 26- July 2</b>			
Seekers	June 26- July 1	4	THANK YOU!
Finders	June 26- July 1	3	4
Survivor	June 26- July 2	1	THANK YOU!
<b>WEEK 4: July 3-9</b>			
Samplers	July 3-5	THANK YOU!	THANK YOU!
Seekers	July 3-8	2	1
Finders	July 3-8	2	3
Youth Camp	July 3-9	YCC	YCC
Culinary Camp	July 5-9	1	1
<b>WEEK 5: July 10-15</b>			
Seekers	July 10-15	3	1
Splash/Sailing Camp	July 10-15	2	2
Followers	July 10-15	2	3
Creative Arts	July 10-15	1	1
<b>WEEK 6: July 31- Aug 6</b>			
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# A Quiet Place

This month we would like to let all of you know about our new offerings for the monthly Creating Community groups at **A Quiet Place**. All of them will be starting in September, 2016 and we need to have your registration and a deposit to hold a spot for you. There are four choices for this fall and the titles and some information is included below. If you need more details please let the camp or myself know (574) 536-5672.

## **Men & Women Group Spiritual Direction: A Communal Experience in Spiritual Formation**

Larry Fourman, Leader

Second Thursday

Registration fee \$115 – Balance due in February, 2017 \$115

Bring your own bag lunch.

## **Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self**

Wilma Cender, Leader

Third Wednesdays

Registration fee \$150 – Balance due in February, 2017 \$150

Lunch at Camp Mack

## **Learning to Walk in the Dark: Moments to Pause to Take Back Our Faith**

Yvonne Riege, Leader

Second Wednesdays

Registration fee \$150 – Balance due February, 2017 \$150

Lunch at Camp Mack

## **Men Creating Community** (Information not available yet)

Many people clergy and lay people alike have benefited from attending these monthly retreat days since we started over 20 years ago. Too many times we feel like we are too busy to take a day away, and yet those who do will testify that your time actually seems to be multiplied when you spend quality time with Jesus. ~Norma Miller



### REGISTRATION FORM Creating Community Group

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form along with your payment to A Quiet Place, PO Box 158, Milford, IN 46542 **no later than July 31**. Thank you.

**Scheduling a Retreat:** Norma Miller, Spiritual Director

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