

CAMP MACK CIRCLE

Quarterly Newsletter



News from the Director

Filling Summer Camps

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: “God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20 (MSG)

Summer Camp has started! The sounds of summer surround Camp Mack, and it is a joyful time. Children splash in the cold water at our swimming beaches. Boats cross the lake and back, some better than others. The smell of campfires hangs in the evening air. Laughter rings through the trees from every corner. Good food disappears quickly while hungry campers mix mouthfuls of food with mouthfuls of happy chatter. The spaces of camp are filled with recreation, worship, study, and community.

Camp has started, but we need more campers to experience the life-changing power of this place. Our first camp had only about a third of the campers it could have, and many of our other camps have openings.

If you related to the descriptions in the first paragraph, you understand how much impact a week at Camp Mack makes in the lives of campers. Not only are memories made here, but campers also grow and make commitments that influence choices at critical points in their lives. For me, it is heartbreaking that we don’t have full camps all summer to spread this ministry to the most children we can find. Are you able to help? Surely you are aware of children who would benefit from the connection with God, the experience of God’s creation, and the community of faith camp provides. Is there a way you can help to get those children here?

Most of our camps run in July. There is still time to be a hero in enriching the life of a person who needs to hear the Good News of life shared through Christian community.

Gene Hollenberg, Executive Director

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**CAMP
NURSES
NEEDED**
CAMP MACK

**July 14-20 &
July 21-26**



CONTACT:
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Receive a 1 week camp scholarship when you volunteer

**Are you able
to volunteer
with us this
summer?**

**Check out
these
opportunities!**

**Let us know
where you can
fill in.**

Summer Volunteers Needed



**We have filled the counselor
spots for now!**

However, we need a male counselor to cover a cabin of boys for part of Friday, July 5th.
Email jessk@campmack.org.



**Volunteers needed for health
check-ins! Can you help?**

July 7, 10, 14, and 21

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Kitchen News

Summer and Snickerdoodles

Summer is in full swing, and the camp kitchen is busy! We are welcoming campers and creating an amazing team with our summer staff. What brings everyone together? A cookie break! There was a small pile of leftover snickerdoodles sitting by the kitchen microwave this week, and all the staff enjoyed a nice cookie break between tasks. One of our local high schoolers even asked if he could take one home after his shift for his mom because they were her favorite.

The kitchen is so blessed to have a great stash of cookie dough in the freezer. We all love having fresh baked cookies. Especially the warm, gooey chocolate chip cookies we served at check in the other day. The camper families loved having a special treat as they went through the check in process. I remember how anxious I always felt waiting in line for the health checks as a young camper. I don't know what I was worried about, but I think I worried they would find something wrong with me and I wouldn't be allowed to stay at camp and would have to go back home. I'm glad that was never the case!

We hope to see your families at check in again this summer. I'll be the one with the cookies!

Vanessa Bohannon, Food Services Director

Snickerdoodles

Ingredients:

4 Cups Butter
8 Cups White Sugar
8 Eggs
4 Teaspoons Vanilla
2 Teaspoons Baking Soda
2 Teaspoons Cream of Tarter
12 Cups Flour

Instructions:

In a mixing bowl, cream together butter, sugar, vanilla, and eggs. Combine the dry ingredients and slowly add to the creamed mixture. Roll dough into balls, and dip them in a cinnamon sugar mixture (1 cup white sugar and ¼ cup cinnamon).

Bake in a preheated, 350 degree conventional oven, or in a 300 degree convection oven on ungreased baking sheets for 8 to 10 minutes.

Makes about 10 dozen cookies.





Sunny Camp Mack

June 2024

Summer Camp of 2024 is underway. It started with 4-H camp, and it was good to hear the sound of kids playing and enjoying this sanctuary space. For the most part, the facility crew was ready. Cory, Keith, and I had spent a good bit of time preparing for this moment.

For the last couple of years, we have wanted to put a new roof on the lakeside shelter. With your help, we had the funds to do that this year! Mast Construction came in about a month ago and put on a nice, pretty, new metal roof that matches the roof on Sarah Major. I don't know how old that structure is, but it has a pretty good structure to it, so it may be good for another 50 years.

There has been some concern the past few years about the looks of the service drive. We tend to put old, used stuff there that might be useful someday or we just don't know what to do with it. The facility crew was encouraged to clean it up. This spring, Church of God (COG) had their annual work day at Camp and helped us sort through it. It was a bit painful, but we filled a roll off dumpster with used steel and another one with broken concrete pieces from past projects. That sure made a big difference. Thanks to our COG friends!

An issue we have been facing for the past several years is the flooding of the trail to the Living Cross tree. It continues to get wetter and wetter. We had a conversation with a county drain board head discussing options. It is a designated wetland, and there are some serious limitations as to what we can do to correct the flow of water that comes down Hammond Ditch. The best option may be to construct some sort of elevated walkway and let mother nature take her course with the wetland. If you have any thoughts, let us know.

This spring has been a good season for volunteers. Several individuals and a few groups came alongside us to help prepare this sanctuary for another season. It is such a lift to have that help and we are very thankful. Blessings on all,

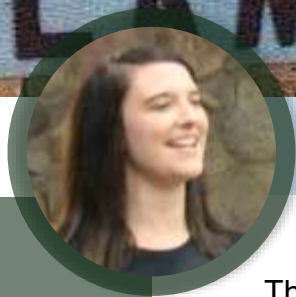
Galen Jay, Facility Director



“That sure made a big difference. Thanks to our COG friends!”



CAMP MACK



Be Our Guest

Quick Summer Highlights

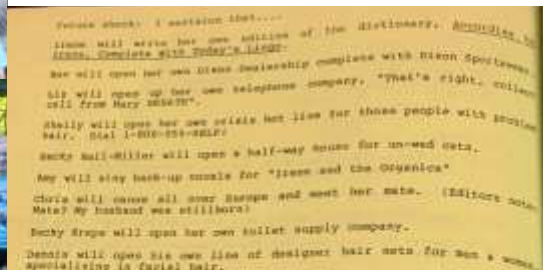
There are so many things that could already be highlighted from this first half of summer! Here are just some of them:

- Having a fun housekeeping staff. Thanks, Hal, Liz, Juan, and Kinzie for your hard work so far this summer.
- A lost pup made his way over to Camp Mack, but program director Jessie helped him find his way home.
- Looking through Waubee Waves and finding fun tidbits of family members (my dad and my great aunt were in some most recent searches).
- Eating yummy summer food. Thanks to the kitchen staff for the delicious treats.
- Gregg's new horns on his scooter.
- All of the amazing partner camps we've had in!
- Fun campfires with tasty popcorn and getting to see campers from my church enjoying themselves at Camp Mack.
- Churches visiting for worship.
- Having my uncle, aunt, cousin, and her cousin at camp for a week.

There are so many more, but those are some tidbits of the summer so far. Thank you to all of our staff and volunteers who have been working so hard to make it all happen. Thank you to all of the campers, counselors, and team leaders who have been to camp and who are still going to come to camp this summer—thanks for being here!

I hope you all have a blessed rest of your summer.

Deanna Beckner, Guest Services Director



UPCOMING EVENTS



Can't wait to have you here,
campers, counselors,
and team leaders!

- June 30-July 5 Culinary
 - June 30-July 5 Seekers
 - June 30-July 6 Youth Camp
 - July 7-12 Creative Arts
 - July 7-12 Finders
 - July 7-12 Target Sports
 - July 10-12 Samplers
 - July 14-19 Seekers
 - July 14-19 Splash
 - July 21-26 Eco-Adventure
 - July 21-26 Finders
 - July 28-30 Grand Camp
- www.campmack.com/summer-camp



Check out the
monthly events
email,
campmack.org, and
Camp Mack's
Facebook page for





Check out these ways to camp together as a family at Camp Mack!

Register at campmack.org



GRAND CAMP

July 28-30



Spend quality time bonding with your grandkids and making memories that will last a lifetime.

Ages: 5-10 and their grandparents
Cost: \$182 per grandparent/ \$123 per child

COLONY CAMP



August 16-18

Fun and fellowship for the whole family! Colony Camp is a great opportunity to experience some summer fun with your family before everyone heads back to school. Enjoy the planned group activities along with boating and swimming, or simply relax and spend quality time with family and friends. Bring your RV, tent, or use one of the cabins. Bring your own food and bedding, and enjoy a weekend at Camp Mack!

Ages: Families of all ages. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Fees: \$105 per family. Camp lodging is available.
More info at campmack.org

LABOR DAY FAMILY CAMP

August 30-September 2

This popular camp offers something for the entire family! Swimming, boating, crafts, and community worship are available, along with age-appropriate classes and discussion groups.

Ages: Families of all ages. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
Fees: \$90 per family (\$100 after 7/14) for the full time program with options for other packages. There are additional fees for lodging and meals.

More info at campmack.org





Get-A-Way at Camp Mack

SAILING 101

Learn basic sailing and rigging techniques on a Sunfish sailboat. Take out a Laser sailboat for a little more fun.

Date: August 17, 9a–3p

Cost: \$25 –lunch included

ADVANCED SAILING

Advance your sailing experience during a camp sailing regatta with a variety of races and drills.

Date: August 24, 9a–3p

Cost: \$25–lunch included

REGISTER AT CAMPmack.org