

CAMP MANATAWNY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER CAMP 2025 PREVIEW, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, SUMMER INTERNS, PROGRAM TRAINING, SPRING EVENTS, E.D. SEARCH CONCLUDED, GIVING TO CAMP, PAVING ROADS,

Summer Sessions 2025

By Andy Mychajlowycz, Executive Director

Overnight Camp: Saturday afternoon to Saturday morning. Seven days of activities, including Bible classes, worship, swimming, archery, Bible buzzer, zip line, horses, canoes/kayaks, creek walks, and more.

Day Camp: Day Camp option (July 14 to Aug 9, Mon to Fri). Campers get to enjoy many of the same activities and two meals. Discounts are available for Day Camp attendees.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Jun 21
Jun 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Senior High 2: June 21 - 28					
Jun 29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4	5
	Senior High 1: June 28 - July 5					
Jul 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Junior High 2: July 5 - 12					
Jul 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Junior High 1: July 12 - 19					
Jul 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Intermediate: July 19 - 26					
Jul 27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2
	Elementary 2: July 26 - August 2					
Aug 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Elementary 1: August 2 - 9					

Directors & Grade Eligibility:

Shawn Cutts

Teens who completed grades 11-12

Matt Richard, Joe Lohr

Teens who completed grades 9-10)

Allison Gladfelter, Derek Garrett

Teens who completed grades 7-9

Stephen Tupitza

Teens who completed grades 5-7

Jonathan and Hayley Woodall,

Jodi Fox

Tweens who completed grades 4-6

Matt Ahearn

Children who completed grades 3-4

Chris & Stacey Lewis

Children who completed grades 1-2

Fees and Discounts for 2025 Overnight Camp and Day Camp:

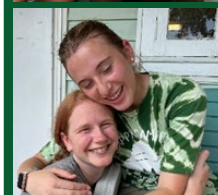
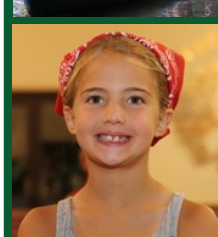
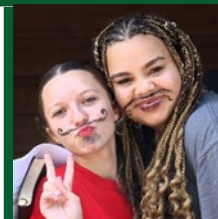
\$425 + \$4 fee for a week of overnight camp (\$50 deposit required at time of registration)

\$325 + \$4 fee for 5 days of day camp (payment in full required at time of registration).

First Time Camper Discount: First time campers are welcomed with a \$50 discount.

Multi Camper Discount: Families that register more than two campers from immediate family will receive a \$40 discount per additional camper. Applies to three or more children.

Multi Week Discount: Registering for a 2nd week will save you \$100.



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Volunteers Needed

One of the things that makes Camp Manatawny different from other Christian camps is our endless volunteer spirit. Without the help of over 500 volunteers every camp year, we would not be able to deliver our Camp programs and events throughout the year—especially our keystone summer sessions—where the love of Christ can be demonstrated to our many event participants. During the summer, and throughout the year, the campers that God places in our care experience this in a very real and tangible way.

Many of our summer volunteers take a week of vacation off from work and devote this hard-earned week to volunteering at Camp in many capacities. They serve as members of director teams. They serve as head cooks, kitchen helpers, dishwashers, and dining hall workers. They work as nurses, canteen helpers, counselors, horse wranglers, climbing wall instructors, lifeguards, athletic directors, rifle and archery instructors, maintenance workers, office workers, videographers and photographers, child care helpers, bible teachers, worship and song leaders, and in many other capacities.



We cannot deliver Camp's many programs and activities without the love, hard work, and endless dedication of our volunteer staff. Won't you consider volunteering this year—especially during our weeks of summer camp.

Find out more information and fill out a staff application at www.manatawny.org/volunteer or call the main camp office to find out more information before you apply for this life transforming opportunity, both for yourself and for those we serve! Applications for volunteer staff members will be reviewed by our many event directors, including our summer week director

teams. You may receive phone calls from them to find out more information about you before they make a volunteer staffing commitment. If you have interest serving as a volunteer staff member during a specific week of summer camp or during one of our Camp-sponsored events throughout the year, please contact the appropriate director at www.manatawny.org/directors and discuss the specific opportunities with them.

Every volunteer, in order to serve and be considered, is required to fill out a staff application. If you are a resident of the state of Pennsylvania, you will also be required to submit various staff clearances to Camp. If you live outside of Pennsylvania, Camp will perform a national background check on you. Volunteer service in various roles (e.g. lifeguarding, nursing, etc.) will require you to submit various certification documents to Camp in order to serve in that capacity.



Transforming Lives for Christ for a Lifetime!

Camp is Hiring Summer Interns



Camp Manatawny is once again hiring Summer Interns this year. We are also looking for one of our interns to be focused on photography, videography, and social media. To apply or to get more information, go to www.manatawny.org/employment.

If you love Camp and consider it your "Happy Place", won't you consider applying to work at Camp this summer?

Program Training

We will have multiple opportunities for program activities training this year. Please contact the Camp main office if you are interested to find out more (dates, material covered) or have interest in attending any of these training sessions. Camp will pay for you to attend a scheduled training session if you volunteer for and are selected as a volunteer staff member for that particular program activity during at least one of our summer sessions.

1) Horses: We have horses secured for Camp Sonshine, Family Camp and Intermediate to Elementary 1 summer weeks. We will have an official opportunity to be trained on Saturday 5/24 at 1 PM. Training of horse wranglers will be provided by our main horse handler. Opportunities to review your horse handling skills is also available.



2) Riflery and Archery: Official riflery training will be provided by our partner with the Berks 4H organization on Saturday 5/17 - 9 AM-5 PM. This year we will focus on Rifle range certifications training. Next year (2026) we will do Archery. Training will be offered in alternating years going forward. Certifications are good for 7 years. Certified instructors are not required, but are highly recommended from an insurance liability perspective. The cost will be \$150 per person (Camp will cover) and lunch is provided. We strive to improve our safety and best practices on the range. .22 rifles and ammo will be provided for the training.

3) Rock Wall: The Rock Wall training will be on 5/3. Adventure Network, our long-term partner, will be providing the instruction. We have 8 spots available for new trainees. The training class is normally

from 9AM to 5PM. Lunch will be included.

4) Other Training Opportunities: Other training will be conducted on tractor operation by our Camp staff. If you are being asked to operate the Camp tractor during your summer week, you must attend this training.

Red cross lifeguard training will also be offered through our long-term training partner on June 8-13 at Sanatoga Swim Club and the training location and a recertification will be offered on June 14.



Work and Worship Weekend

Work and Worship Weekend took place on April 25-27. Over 50 people were present. The worker volunteers helped to get Camp ready for the 2025 season, including for Spring events and Summer sessions. We focused on maintenance and facilities tasks, picking up tree branches and cutting logs, cleaning the kitchen and dining hall, wiping down bunks and mattresses, sweeping out cabins, and various other tasks. Thanks so very much to all of our volunteers for all your hard work and dedication to getting this very special place ready for so many! Our Camp Annual Meeting was held right after Work and Worship Weekend. To see the Annual Meeting video, go to: www.manatawny.org/annualmeetingvideo

**THANK
YOU**
for the lives you touch
We appreciate you
SO MUCH



2025 Board Member Elections

On April 27, Camp held its Annual Corporation Meeting. Our Board Members and Camp's Executive Director provided an update on Camp happenings and details of our 2024 Camp season. We heard about Camp's financial status, our upcoming Camp events, and news about Camp's staff and facilities. We also announced the results of the Board member elections. The individuals pictured below received sufficient votes to be appointed or re-elected to our Camp Board to new 3 year terms.



Jay Corbett



Allison Gladfelter



Danielle Gold



Justin Henderson



Harold Riley

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2025

Camp Manatawny Ladies Retreat

Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Holiness



Friday May 2nd – Saturday May 3rd



Camp Manatawny
Junior / Senior High Spring Retreat
May 9-10 (for Grades 7 – 12)



FAMILY CAMP (Spring)

"Taste and see that the LORD
is good!" Psalms 34:8



Friday May 23rd to Sunday May 25th



Camp Sonshine

Saturday May 31st to Sunday June 1st



Bringing rays of the Son through days
of fun to children with special needs

Search for Executive Director Concluded and Other Staff Changes

In the second half of 2024 we replaced Camp's bookkeeper. Abigail Rymon has joined us and is doing a fantastic job! We sometimes get the impression that she has been doing that job for many years!

Late in 2024, we also hired a Camp Office Assistant. Nicolle Ahearn, long-time volunteer at Camp and previous employ of Camp, has returned to the happiest team on earth 😊. We welcome her back.

And, after many months of searching for an eventual replacement of our Executive Director and interviewing many applicants, we are happy to announce that Jill Barton will be joining the Camp staff in that role. She is more than qualified for the job, and we are very happy to have her join us. She will begin working part-time during the summer while she goes through transitional training and will join us full-time after Labor Day. Andy Mychajlowycz, our current Executive Director, will continue working with Camp in some capacities as the need requires.

Camp will also be hiring up to 3 Summer Interns for our 2025 Summer season. 2 will have typical intern responsibilities (performing a great variety of Summer session tasks), but we hope to have one focused on media responsibilities (photography, videography, and social media). We are currently conducting interviews for the Summer Intern positions. To apply for the summer intern position, go to:

www.manatawny.org/jobs



Abigail Rymon



Nicolle Ahearn



Jill Barton



Campship Online Fundraiser (May 17 to 23)

Camp Manatawny never wants finances to be a reason for kids to be prevented from attending our Summer sessions.

So, in order to financially support the many families who will apply for financial assistance this year (financial aid application deadline is June 1), we are having a one-week Campship Online Fundraiser (May 17 to 23) during which you can donate to sponsor a camper. You can donate the full weekly registration amount for one camper, or you can give a share of that support. In 2024 Camp gave away financial support totaling nearly \$20,000 to 109 camper families. Anyone donating \$200 or more during the Campship Fundraising week will have the option to receive a \$20 canteen credit. Just call the Camp office to claim your credit.



Financial Aid Deadline



This year, the deadline to apply for financial assistance (campships) toward registration for overnight summer camp is **June 1**.

How to apply: When completing the online registration process, you will be asked if you would like to apply for financial aid. Just complete the one-page questionnaire. You will be asked about your income level, the size of your family, the type of job you and your spouse have, whether you have applied for assistance from other sources, etc. After you complete the registration process, you will need to at least make a \$50 deposit payment. You may receive a call to ask you further questions. We have a limited budget for financial assistance each year and want to help as many families as possible. Please prayerfully and thoughtfully complete the necessary process.

Call the Camp main office at (610) 707-3822 if you have any questions.

Paving Roads

Camp Manatawny is paving various road surfaces, including the road from the dining hall to the staff house and the road from the main office to the Garrett Hall area and Bear's Den thanks to donations received over the last 6 months. The road in front of the RV spaces and in the Garrett Hall parking area is also being resealed. This is in addition to the paving of the entrance road to Camp, which was completed during the 2024 season.

There are still some road surfaces around Camp that require paving (Camp is over 90 acres in size). If you are able to donate funds toward this effort, please make your donation online or send us your check and indicate that the donation is toward the "Road and Roof Fund."

Thank you for your generous contributions in recent months and in the future toward these road paving efforts.

