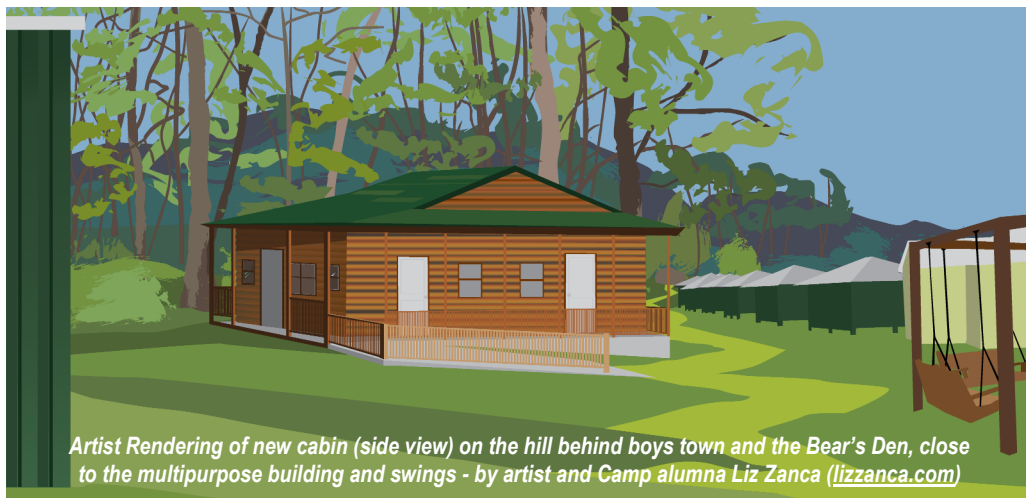


CAMP MANATAWNY NEWSLETTER

PHASE 2 OF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – NEW CABINS, 2018 YEAR IN REVIEW,
2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS, SUMMER SESSIONS 2019, HELP WANTED

Phase 2 of the Capital Campaign - New Cabins



Artist Rendering of new cabin (side view) on the hill behind boys town and the Bear's Den, close to the multipurpose building and swings - by artist and Camp alumna Liz Zanca (lizzanca.com)

Camp Debt Eliminated

As we enter the second full year of the Capital Campaign, we want to first acknowledge the generosity of our extended Camp Community. Through your donations and fund-raising efforts, we closed out the year 2018 debt free. Eliminating debt was the first major objective of the Capital Campaign. Being debt free provides a solid foundation for Camp operations; and, a commitment by the Camp Board to remain debt free will allow us to carry camp programs and facilities into the future in a responsible and fiscally sound way. As laid out in Camp's current 4 Year Strategic Plan, we have also taken steps to build up Camp's cash reserves to protect against any emergencies (like storm damage to buildings, etc.), which, in the past, were a major reason for Camp's sudden need to borrow money to rebuild facilities or perform unanticipated repairs not covered in the capital budget.

Launching Phase 2 of the Capital Campaign

Now, at the start of 2019, we are moving forward with enthusiasm into Phase 2 of the Capital Campaign, which will include the updating of Camp infrastructure and the construction of new cabins. We have already received some cash and financial pledges toward the construction of new cabins. But, as promised by the Board, construction of the first 2 new cabins will not begin until funds to cover their full construction cost have been raised.

With this in mind, 2019 will be a year of preparation. During the coming months, cabin layouts will be finalized, an architect will be hired, and we will secure approvals from the township. Following Summer Sessions, we will start the physical work that will need to be completed before the first cabins can be built: removing some trees, digging trenches for and extending the water/sewer/electric services, and adding an additional sewage holding area. We are doing this upfront work to layout the infrastructure for several cabins at once in order to save money.

If everything goes well with the prep-work and fundraising, it is our intent to construct the first new cabins in 2020.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



April 12-14
Work & Worship Weekend

All ages & abilities needed.
RSVP stacy.drum@yahoo.com

*Junior and Senior
High Retreat*

April 26-27
Junior/ Senior High Retreat
(7th to 12th graders)

Only \$35. Register at
www.manatawny.org/jr



April 28
Area Wide Worship
(4-5pm - Worship; 5-7pm - Dinner)

"One Body, One Mission"
Contact Scott Rutherford, Kainos Church
484-769-7228



April 28
Annual Corporation Mtg
(5-7pm - During Potluck Dinner)

The meeting will start right after Area Wide Worship, during the potluck dinner. Bring a dish for dinner. And don't forget to pay your dues and vote for board members. Just go to camp website and click <My UltraCamp Account> button.



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A Word from the Executive Director By Dave Garrett



As I look back on the past year, I can't help but reflect on the ways in which God has continued to bless us, and I am truly humbled to be part of His great Camp Manatawny ministry. In so many ways, Camp remains a very special place where the lives of campers, staff and volunteers are continuously being transformed. Campers learn about Jesus and several submit themselves to God's will each summer as they put on Christ in baptism. Staff work as though working for the Lord. Volunteer directors become servant leaders, following in the footsteps of Christ. And volunteer staff take on the mission of Christ to love and serve others.



We can only accomplish this through our partnership with you – the greater Camp Manatawny community – as you give your time, talents, financial support and encouragement, and as you offer up your prayers to God on our behalf. It is because of you, our Camp Manatawny family, that we are able to realize our mission of Impacting Lives for Christ. I encourage you to get (stay) involved in the ministry of Camp Manatawny and support God's work. Thank you for truly making a difference in the lives of the many campers and volunteer staff members who attend Camp.

2018 was a very busy and momentous year at Camp Manatawny and I am excited to share some of the highlights with you...

Debt Retired – Praise God!

The first main goal of our 3-year Capital Campaign (to retire our debt) was completed at the end of 2018. At our 50th anniversary celebration, in August 2017, we announced our remaining debt was \$312,000, and just 16 months later, in December 2018, we were excited to share that our debt had been retired. We could not have reached this monumental goal without your generous support. Thank you to all of you who had a part in making this a reality.



Summer Sessions

Our week-long Summer Sessions are at the heart of Camp's mission. God continues to bless us and lives continue to be transformed because of the dedicated directors, volunteer staff, and the office support staff. I am so grateful for all who give of themselves to make our sessions successful and for the parents who entrust their children to us, so they can experience a life-changing camping experience. Camp Manatawny truly makes a difference! [continued on page 4]

Phase 2 of the Capital Campaign - New Cabins [continued from page 1]

Borrowing from the Old When Building the New

The design of the new cabins will strive to preserve as many of the positive elements of the existing cabins while incorporating innovations that will make the new cabins available for year-round activities and expand possibilities for cabin usage during the Summer Sessions and beyond.

The plan is for the new cabins to:

- co-exist and be used with the existing cabins for some time;
- be situated in the same horseshoe layout;
- have a rustic appearance with a low maintenance exterior and a durable interior;
- have two sides, each containing bunks for 10 campers + 2 counselors for Summer Sessions;
- have an interior layout similar to the old cabins (e.g. circle of bunks where everyone is visible and can easily interact);
- support handicap access (Note: not all cabins will be ADA compliant); and,
- be climate-controlled and contain bathroom facilities for both sides of each cabin, plus a shared meeting space for each entire cabin.

An updated Q&A about the new cabins will be available on the camp website in the coming weeks.

Click Here for the Q1 Video Update

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Camp Manatawny Calendar of Events

[Click on an event below to see more information]

MANATAWNY LADIES RETREAT - May 3 & 4, 2019 *The Joy of the Lord is Your Strength - Nehemiah 8:10*

Women of all ages are encouraged to attend for a weekend of renewal and fellowship. What a wonderful opportunity for ladies to come together to encourage, support, laugh and strengthen our faith. Bring a group from your church, see old friends from other churches, and make new friends! We would love to have you join us as we seek out what God desires to teach us through His Word.

Cost: Only \$35! Includes a light dinner, snacks, program, activities, 1 night seasonal cabin lodging, breakfast & lunch on Saturday. Girls 12 and under \$10.

FAMILY CAMP - May 24 to 26, 2019 - *Treasure in Heaven*

This is a great time to enjoy our summer camp activities and re-energize your family's walk with God. Families will enjoy a variety of activities, Christian community, biblical teaching and dedicated time with one another.

Cost: \$100. Includes 2 nights seasonal cabin lodging, all meals, and activities for up to 4 family members. (Upgraded lodging is available for an additional cost during registration.) \$20 for each additional family member ages 5 and older. Children 4 & younger: free.

SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE May 25, 2019 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Going to camp is a big step for many children and it's common for both parents and children to feel uncertainty about being away from home for a week. Prepare yourself and your camper for their summer experience at Camp Manatawny with a tour of camp! During your visit, camp staff will answer questions and show you how camp will open up a whole new world for your child. The Open House is free. No reservations required. Rain or shine. Can't make it to the open house, call 610-689-0173 to arrange a personal tour.

CAMP SONSHINE June 1 & 2, 2019

Camp Sunshine starts on Saturday at 11 am and ends with the closing ceremony on Sunday at 11:30 am and offers a Christian summer camp experience of love, acceptance and fun to children ages 8 to 18 with special needs. Everything is customized to make camp accessible and meet the varying needs of campers diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and those who may use wheelchairs, walkers, or crutches. The goal is for campers to be engulfed by God's love and to have the time of their lives!

Cost/Registration: Camp Sunshine is operated by volunteers and funded by donations from area churches, businesses and gracious individuals. Campers attend free of charge!

MANATAWNY MENS RETREAT September 13 & 14, 2019 - *The Highest Value*

All men and boys are encouraged to come to a life-changing weekend. Bring your sons, brothers, fathers, grandfathers, brothers-in-law, co-workers. There will be a special program and lessons for the boys. Wherever you are spiritually, come and separate yourself from the daily routine. Spend time together in God's creation, slow down and reflect on what God has said in His Word. Share stories, build friendships and have fun that only Camp can provide.

Cost: Only \$35! Includes a light dinner, snacks, program, activities, 1 night seasonal cabin lodging, breakfast & lunch on Saturday. Boys 12 and under \$10.

MANATAWNY 5K RACE / FUN RUN October 26, 2019

Participate in the annual 5K run/walk to raise funds for our camp sponsorship program.

Summer Sessions 2019

Fees & Discounts for 2019:

\$295 Early Bird Discount if paid in full by April 30th.

\$325 after April 30th.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required at time of registration. Any balance not paid in full or registrations made within one week prior to start of the session will pay an additional \$25.

First Time Camper Discount: First time campers receive a \$25 discount.

Multi Camper Discount: Families registering more than two immediate family members (brother, sister) receive a \$25 discount for 3rd or more child.

Multi Week Discount: Campers in grades 5 to 9 are able to attend a second week for only \$199. Contact the office to receive your 2nd week discount.



Summer Sessions Schedule:

Senior High 2: June 22 - 29 Director: Shawn Cutts
for teens who have completed grades 11 & 12

Senior High 1: June 29 - July 6 Directors: M.Richard & J.Lohr
for teens who have completed grades 8, 9, & 10

Junior High 2: July 6 - 13 Director: Matthew White
for teens who have completed grades 7, 8, & 9

Intermediate: July 13 - 20 Director: Jonathan Woodall
for children and tweens who have completed grades 5 & 6

Junior High 1: July 20 - 27 Director: Rebekah Lazar
for tweens and teens who have completed grades 5, 6, & 7

Elementary 2: July 27 - August 3 Director: Matt Ahearn
for children who have completed grades 3 & 4

Elementary 1: August 3 to 10 Director: Manny VanderVennen
for children who have completed grades 1 & 2

To Register, Click Here or on your specific week above...
Or go to www.manatawny.org/summer-camp

A Word from the Executive Director [continued from page 2]



2018 at a glance:

- 693 campers
- 4 weeks with over 100 campers
- 194 first time campers – many from the local community
- 21 day campers
- 352 campers were from Church of Christ families

- 341 campers were from non-Church of Christ families (no church affiliation or other church), representing 49% of total campers
- 16 Baptisms
- 160 campers were sponsored by 22 churches/organizations/individuals
- 489 volunteer staff

Again this year, the Bill and Donna Garrett Reflecting Jesus Award (an endowment) provided the funds to allow Tariq Reid to attend Elementary 1 week. This endowment and the sponsorships provided by congregations, organizations, and individuals are an important way to allow children to attend summer sessions who otherwise might not be able to afford to go on their own. And these campships and sponsorships help us to meet our objective to allow any child who wants to attend to be able to do so.

We had some changes in summer session directors this past summer. Rebekah and Elizabeth Lazar took over directing Junior High 1 week and did a fantastic job their first year. We look forward to them serving in this role for many years to come. And John Mark and Kristen Niehls completed their



last time directing Senior High 1 week. They will be missed and we are very grateful for their dedicated service and commitment for many years. After many years of assisting, Matt Richard and Joe Lohr will take over as directors of Senior High 1 week in Summer 2019 and we are thankful for their willingness to fill this role. We also had two new directors for Family Camp, Ed Gawlas and Nathan Niehls, who did an outstanding job, with lots of activities, biblical teaching, and family time (179 attended). Eric Williamson, who had directed this weekend for many years also assisted and helped make Family Camp a huge success.



We continue to be blessed to have faithful, dedicated directors who give of themselves to allow our campers to have a wonderful camping experience.

Camp Projects completed in 2018 and early 2019

- **Director's Cabin** remodeled – new interior walls, remodeled bathroom, new queen bed/single bunk, new air conditioning/heating unit.
- New AC/Heat unit installed in cabin 103
- New water heater installed in cabin 105
- New compressor installed in kitchen AC unit
- New double convection oven installed in kitchen
- New sewer pump installed for RV sites
- New water heater installed in business office
- New pool pump installed
- Cabin repairs – some new shutters and doors
- Major tree removal and trimming throughout camp
- **Retreat Center** - April 2018, a large tree fell on the RC, damaging the roof and interior – repairs are underway
- **Spring Forge Lodge** (Graham Property) purchased
- **Work Weekend in April** – Big Dig to improve our WiFi and network infrastructure, cabins cleaned, benches stained, kitchen & dining hall cleaned, buildings were pressure washed, logs cut and split
- **Sojourners** (August 26 – Sept 6) completed the following work:
 - ◆ Pressure washed and stained cabins 103, 104, 105, and 106 (siding and decks)
 - ◆ Built small shelter/pavilion for grill by Garrett Hall
 - ◆ Repaired small gazebo by Garrett Hall
 - ◆ Stained lower swing set, shelter at basketball court, and many benches around camp
 - ◆ Repaired benches and tables in dining hall



Staff Changes

Nicolle Ahearn was hired as a Part-time Admin Assistant, to help with summer sessions (working March through August)

Macy Santee cut back her hours and duties and is now primarily our Bookkeeper

Tracy Santee cut back on his job responsibilities as Rental Manager in 2018. He recently resigned from all duties. We appreciate all that Tracy has done for camp over the last several years with facilities, rentals, UltraCamp and our website.

A Word from the Chairman

By Andrew Cooper



Wow ... We serve a GREAT God and He has blessed Camp Manatawny tremendously in 2018! In this update, I'd like to share how our board measures up compared to the ideal responsibilities of a board, tell you a bit about our 2018 (while making a shameless plug for new board members), and remind you why Camp is so special.

How the Board Functions

Our mission at Camp is to "Impact lives for Christ." The Board of Directors also has a fiduciary responsibility to act in a prudent manner on behalf of the nonprofit. I'm pleased to report that the "state of the board" is strong and the Camp community should have good reason for confidence. Camp continues to be in compliance with applicable laws, non-profit regulations, tax filings, and best practices. Our finances are strong with strong financial oversight, zero debt, and a goldilocks (not too big, not too small) type cash reserve fund. Finally, in 2018 we've worked hard to better understand our mission. We think we can be the best in the world at Christian camping and retreats! There's a lot to feel good about; there is meaningful work to do.

The Board had a busy and productive year. There were finance "wins" (all debt eliminated!), we expanded Camp grounds (purchase of 1.7 acre Spring Forge Lodge property), and there were people changes. Mark Christaldi and Renee Cutts each stepped off of the board. Mark and Renee have continued their service to Camp in different capacities, but I'd be remiss if I didn't thank Mark and Renee publicly for their significant contributions during their tenure as Directors. Allison Gladfelder and Colleen Gawlas each joined the board in 2018. I'm excited to have Allison and Colleen working with us. When you see them, please thank Mark and Renee for their service and welcome Allison and Colleen!

Board of director roles are important. They require the right set of professional skills, interpersonal skills, love for God, and love for Camp. I'm often asked, "What does the board do?" For anyone interested in joining the board and for those who are just curious, here is a snapshot of the Board's activities in 2018:

- Bi-monthly board meetings - usually held at a central location (at Camp or a local church);
- Ad hoc board meetings - usually via conference call;
- Annual corporate meeting - at Camp on April 29, 2018;
- Giving Tuesday fund raising - at Camp on November 27, 2018;
- Annual board retreat - at Black Rock Retreat Center on December 8, 2018; and,
- Subcommittee meetings - throughout the year, as needed.

Camp is Special

But the board can only be effective when there are terrific staff (paid and volunteer) to carry out our mission. Camp Manatawny is unique in the Christian Camp community. Our summer sessions directors and staff serve on a volunteer basis. Why do literally hundreds of volunteers serve all summer? Why does the board serve all year long and why do our summer session directors, plan and prepare all year for one, unpaid work week of their lives?

Camp is special. The (now) 89 acres in the southeastern corner of Pennsylvania has been called a slice of heaven on earth. Camp is an oasis of love, rejuvenation, and transformation in an increasingly chaotic and loud world. Campers build friendships, experience God's creation, and worship/study for one or two precious weeks every year. Maybe the best kept secret at Camp: Christian volunteers truly enjoy laboring at Camp despite the sometimes stifling heat and occasional bone soaking rain showers. While our staff members serve as counselors, kitchen staff, etc., their spirits are rejuvenated. While they mentor, they are fed. Camp's mission continues, God continues to bless Camp, and I believe we are literally changing the world one life at a time through the ministry at Camp Manatawny. I continue to be thankful for the men and women who had the vision and faith to invest in the creation of a Christian camp in southeastern Pennsylvania a little over 50 years ago.

Thank You

For those of you who have helped in any capacity at Camp, we thank you! You have been an essential and important part of Camp's mission to impact lives for Jesus. And for those of you looking for a way to serve, please contact the camp office to see where you can volunteer. Much remains to be done in 2019. I'm excited about the work that lies ahead, in 2019 and beyond ...

Capital Campaign Update

By Brooks Brown

It's been a very busy and productive 1 1/2 years since the 50th Anniversary celebration at Camp. On that day we announced our 2 objectives for the Capital Campaign. Here's an update on where we stand...

(1) Retire the Debt

At the 50th Anniversary celebration we had **\$312,000** of debt remaining. As of December 2018, Camp's debt has been retired.

We have reached
100% of our goal

(2) Build New Cabins + Infrastructure

We set a goal to raise **\$930,000** to build new cabins. As of March 5, 2019, we have **\$80,020** donated and **\$135,915** in pledges totaling **\$215,935**.

We have reached
23% of our goal

We welcome you to help us in achieving our goals by praying for this Campaign, and also contributing to it through a one-time or recurring donation, or by pledging a future gift. You can follow the Campaign progress at www.ImpactingLivesForChrist.org.

Thank you for your ongoing contributions to the capital campaign and for your prayers to help us meet the campaign goals.

HELP WANTED

Summer Session Interns

Camp Manatawny is hiring for the summer of 2019!

We are looking for people to join our summer staff team who are passionate about God and teaching about Him to others. Serve, lead, and grow at Camp this summer.

Duration: 9 weeks – June 14 to August 16, 2019 (Don't let dates deter you; Contact us if your availability is a little outside or inside of these dates).

Requirements:

- Active relationship with Jesus Christ and passion for Christian ministry
- A servant heart, enthusiasm and desire to work with children & teens
- Friendly, organized, and a self-starter who works well with others
- Responsible, punctual, and demonstrates sound judgment
- Experience working at a Christian Camp and as a counselor is preferred
- Must maintain all Pennsylvania and Federal background checks as well as meet any Board of Directors' pre-employment requirements

Roles and Responsibilities: May include registration/check-in, counseling, housekeeping, kitchen work, maintenance, lifeguarding (if certified).

Benefits include:

- On camp housing
- \$175 per week
- Meals provided when campers and groups are at camp

For full job description go to

www.manatawny.org/employment-opportunities

To apply, email Dave at

dave.garrett@manatawny.org

Currently accepting applicants aged 17 and older.



★ YOUR HELP IS NEEDED ★ DONATE NOW

Hay Ride Wagon / Trailer

Camp Manatawny is looking for anyone who might be willing to donate a new or lightly used hayride wagon / trailer OR to donate money toward the purchase of a new wagon.



We need to acquire a new, safer wagon which has bench seating along the sides for 20 to 24 kids and steps to allow easy boarding. Our current trailer has served us well but is aging and does not satisfy our goal of improved camper safety.

Electric Stove

Camp Manatawny is looking for anyone who might be able to donate a new or lightly used electric stove / oven OR to donate money toward the purchase of a new electric stove.



If you wish to donate one of the above items or donate money toward the purchase of these items, call the camp office or email Dave at dave.garrett@manatawny.org



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