Camp Wakonda's Quarterly Newsletter Apr-Jun 2022

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Summer is HERE & Camp Looks Great!

Staff arrives this coming week...campers come shortly after...It must be summer! And we are ready. It's shaping up to be an excellent season already—and there's some special people to thank:

If you haven't been to Wakonda in a while, the camp is gorgeous! Many thanks to Brian Husted (our Maintenance Director), Pat Moore (our Head Cook), Melanie Husted (our special baker), Bonnie Wiggins (our Program Director), and Scott Sproul, Steve Stocker, Keith George & Adam Wiggins (volunteers) for all of their hard work in getting the camp in great shape for this summer!

Check out page 2 for some exciting info!

Wakonda Swag!

We're launching a shirt sale to raise money for capital items for camp (stuff like water heaters!). These shirts are sent directly to you when the campaign is over. Sizes from youth small through 4XL.

These are available through June 19th only.

Buy a shirt! Buy TWO shirts! Buy shirts for the whole family! (additional donations gladly accepted too!) Please share this with people who know and love camp.

Go to https://tinyurl.com/Wakondashirts2022

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Shalom!

So Many Exciting Things Coming!

As Director, I can tell you that this is one of the most thrilling times I've seen in my work with Camp Wakonda. We continue to run great summer programs for campers, introducing them to God in the midst of nature and Christian community. We continue to welcome guest groups with the hospitality of Christ. And we continue to shape staff members in knowing and using their gifts for the building of the kingdom of God, both here at Wakonda and in the world. But wait...there's more!

For the past two years, Camp Wakonda has been going through a Strategic Planning process, led by our own Pastor Ben. The **Wakonda Task Force**, chaired by Bonnie Wiggins, consisted of Kevin Anderson, Debbie D'Antonio, Molly Hudson, Nancy Montgomery, Christina Seekely, Bert Smith, & Janet Ziol. This group oversaw the development of a five-year goal plan, as well as the creation of a new Camp Wakonda Board.

The new **Camp Wakonda Board** is made up of: Jennifer Souers Chevraux (chair), Courtney Wallace (vice-chair), Julia Frankland (treasurer), Carol Boeryd (secretary), Romy Anderson, Lakisha Cundiff, Stevan Patterson, Janet Ziol, and two other potential members. This group will be focused on carrying out the five-year goal plan drafted by the Wakonda Task Force, which includes implementing a structure and vision for Wakonda's future.

At the same time, the Session of Christ Presbyterian Church approved a capital campaign for Camp Wakonda that will run this fall. As part of this, we have developed a **Capital Campaign Team**. This group consists of: Steve Stocker (chair), John Baker, Julia Frankland, David Moss, Suzie Thomas, and Larry Wiggins. In the coming months, you'll be hearing from this team about the exciting facilities developments at Wakonda.

I say this is a thrilling time, and I mean it—not just because there's some great developments that are in process through the strategic planning process, the new board, and the coming capital campaign—but also because in my time with Wakonda this is the most people who have been involved in shaping Wakonda's future. Remember, all of the names above are in addition to the people who are planning for and working on *this summer* at Wakonda. God has surrounded the camp with so many incredible sisters and brothers sharing in service. I continue to marvel and be humbled by the wealth of resources with which Wakonda is blessed. And that includes you! Want to know how your can be a part of the great things going on with Wakonda? Check out the box below:

How to Help Wakonda This Summer:

- **Pray** for our staff by name! (Bonnie, Brian, Pat, Makinze, Carlos, Valeria, Allison, Taylor, Ella, Melanie, Paw De Say, Joey, Diego, Pablo, Sebastian, Junio, McKenna, Paw Thalay Say, Ximena, Hannia, & Ben)
- Check out Wakonda's **Amazon wish list** here!
- Become a one-time or monthly donor to Wakonda!

THANK YOU!