Camp Wakonda's Quarterly Newsletter Apr-Jun 2023

THE BEAM

The Times, They are A-Changing

Greetings from Camp Wakonda!

Some exciting transitions are happening at Camp Wakonda and Christ Presbyterian Church (which owns and operates the camp). As a part of this, I will take on a wider role at the church over the next several months, which will take some of my time away from Wakonda this summer. In fact, Kate, the boys, and I are moving to Canton this summer in order to be better connected to the church! To ensure that we provide the amazing experience for which Wakonda is known, we have hired Zack White to serve as Assistant Director. Zack will guide the camp and serve as the liaison for groups whenever I am not present. Zack has a ton of experience in the camp world and is dedicated to providing Wakonda's ministry of hospitality. I am excited to be working with him this year.

Another exciting development: we have been making some great updates to the camp thanks to our "Pass It On" capital campaign. Make sure to check out the article on page 2 about the various facilities updates that have happened this spring.

As we look forward to this summer, please pray for the staff—Lifeguards: Heidi Bartolone & Thomas Ziol; Counselors: Joey Anderson, Edgar Sanchez Cruz, Jose Paz Garcia, Osiel Garcia Dominguez, Jonathan Bassaw, Paw Thalay Say, Zoe Harkema, Hannia Campos Llamas, Xime Perez de Castillo, Miranda Sanchez; Kitchen & Maintenance Staff: Tiye Joy, Pablo Pena, Allie Reese, Estella Williams, Ella Woolf; Directors: Brian Husted, Pat Moore, Bonnie Wiggins, Zack White, & Ben George.

Shalom,
~Pastor Ben

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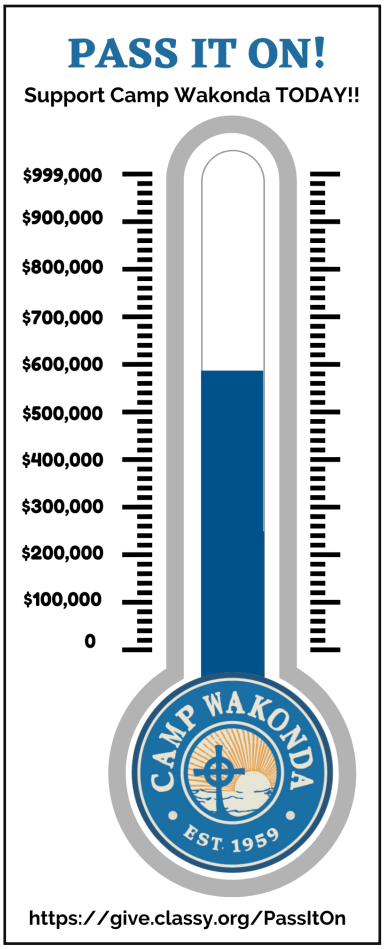
Shalom!

Continuing to "Pass It On"



Brothers and Sisters In Christ : I recently spent the better part of a day at Camp Wakonda helping clear paths around the camp for our campers this summer to hike on, cleaning up leaves and sticks so the property can be safely mowed, and helping cut up fallen trees that pose a danger and/or block access ways. While I was there, Ben took a few minutes from his busy day to show me which items on our project list for the Capital Campaign had been recently finished. These included siding and repair work on the Director's house; siding and repair work on the Health Center; running electric lines for better service on the internet; repair work on water spigots in Outpost; framing breaker boxes for greater safety; and painting cabins, bathrooms and porches. Scheduled to get done before camp program begins is paving our entry driveway, installing new Lodge pantry shelving, and placing new gutters over the Lodge entry and on the Activity Building. SIGH!! (check out the pictures on the next page!) These are all being done because of your pledges and gifts-made to the Pass It On campaign. Thank you! But, as you may remember from having read our original project list, there is still plenty to do, some of which may be done in the next few weeks and others that will have to wait until the season is over.

But we still need your support. Our recent presentation to the Stark Community Foundation resulted in no grant monies being given !! Yes, we are disappointed but not discouraged. The Ministry Team will continue to seek financial support and grants from other sources. And we need you to help us achieve our goal, as well. If you haven't yet made a pledge or gift, please consider doing so now. If you have previously honored us with a pledge, Thank You. If you feel lead to make an additional gift or pledge, Thank You again.

We know God is gracious and abundant in His caring for this ministry.

Shalom, Pass It On Ministry Team

Support the "Pass It On" campaign at:

https://give.classy.org/PassItOn

THANK YOU!

“Pass It On” Pictures!

Support Wakonda With Our Amazon Wish List!

A great way to support Wakonda is to send us items from our Amazon Wish List. There’s no need to guess what camp might need or want to make the campers’ experience great—we’ve done all that for you!

CHECK IT OUT!

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Be One of the First to Stay at the New Retreat Cabin!

EXCITING NEWS!!!

We are officially acquiring the cabin and facilities next door to Wakonda from our colleagues at FFA Camp Muskingum. The year-round cabin, formally known as “Heartsong,” sleeps about 20-25 in three bedrooms, has a large meeting space with a fireplace, a kitchen, two handicap-accessible bathrooms, a wrap-around porch, and includes a four-acre space with a fire pit, a volleyball court, a new pavilion, and a beach on Leesville Lake.

We have already started taking reservations for meeting groups, family reunions, and others. Guest pricing is $250/night for the first four people and $25 per person beyond that. Contact Pastor Ben (bgeorge@cantoncpc.org) to schedule your stay today!

How to Help Wakonda:

- **Pray** for our board by name! Jennifer Souers Chevraux (chair), Courtney Wallace (vice-chair), Julia Frankland (treasurer), Carol Boeryd (secretary), Romy Anderson, Lakisha Cundiff, Janet Ziol, Craig Joseph, Kaity Kline, Zack White Rev. Ben George (ex-officio)
- Check out Wakonda’s **Amazon wish list** here!
- Become a one-time or monthly donor to Wakonda! Or “Pass It On” through our capital campaign!

THANK YOU!