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Monthly NEWSLETTER of Camp Lebanon

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MINISTRIES REPORT

Game On! Summer Camp off and running!



A fabulous spring finished with a colorful explosion of fun and energy, highlighted by 150 at an amazing **Young Adult Retreat (YAR)** and a big crowd on hand for the **Memorial Weekend Family Camp** and **70th Celebration**. At long last, summer arrived and with it hundreds of kids laughing, singing, and belly-flopping into Cedar Lake! **Super Kids 1** welcomed 168 kids and **Junior High 1** served 145 more. By summer's end, we're trusting the Lord for the opportunity to share the love of Christ with over 1700 kids grades K-12...plus another 650 for family events and 2400 on site with guest groups. With a new wiffleball stadium as a backdrop, campers young and old will be challenged to get "equipped for action." And they'll have the "funnest fun" doing it! Camp Lebanon is the place to be! Thanks for joining the team of prayer partners and financial sponsors to help make it happen. Game on!!

Biggest Gathering Ever Celebrates 70 Years

Over 600 friends of Cmap Lebanon reunited on the North 40 for an amazing 70th birthday party! Guests were treated to free t-shirts, inflatable fun, and a museum visit. A stirring two-hour service featured historic celebrities, including former directors **Larry and Marj Magnuson** and the Legends Band. After a picnic lunch, Legends Field was dedicated.



One More Swim for Scholarships

Keenager Sandy Abeler is busy. She's swimming nearly every day in training for her sixth and final **Cedar Lake Splash** on **Tuesday, July 4**. She's also reaching out to friends and neighbors to sponsor her big swim for scholarships. Over \$29,000 was raised in her first five swims, helping kids and families get to Camp to hear the Gospel. The 2017 goal is to top \$45,000, which would make it \$500 for each of her 90 years. To donate, visit www.camplebanon.org/donate.

PRAISE & PRAY!

- **PRAISE! Super 70th Celebration:** 600+ guests, \$20,000 Endowment blessing, no rain!
- **PRAISE! Super Staff!** 43 kid-crazy, Jesus-loving staff trained and eager to serve!
- **PRAISE! New Hires:** Jessica Wenker (Sales), Parker Anderson (Office) fill openings.
- **PRAISE! Legends Field:** Beautiful! Fun addition. Receiving non-stop action.
- **PRAISE! Love Gifts:** \$5500 (seniors), \$2000, \$1000 given to advance Camp's future.
- **PRAISE! Spring Retreats Win Streak:** Dads N Lads, Mother-Daughter, YAR, Seniors.
- **PRAISE! Camp Improvements:** LED lights in Main Hall, new Nine Square in the Air.
- **PRAY! Summer Ministries** – full camps, focused staff, fruitful ministries!
- **PRAY! Transition** – Guest Ministries. (Thanks, **Aaron Feltsman**, for 10 great years!)
- **PRAY! Special Projects** – Skilled volunteers needs to build gazebo, new decks.
- **PRAY! Fall Planning in full swing** - Seniors, Dads N Daughters, Men, Women, Quilt.
- **PRAY! Database Transition** – Camp's big software conversion stretching into fall.

INBOX Blessings

Note from Family Camp

"Thanks for making our first stay at camp so memorable. I was amazed at how the staff freely lavished our grandsons with love. They have endured very difficult years...Please know that each small kindness like simply sitting with us as dinner or playing octoball made them feel cherished. You vividly demonstrated God's love. Your exuberance and animation in the worship times were fun to watch and a great example."

Welcome, Mocks!



While impossible to fill the shoes of retiring Phil Gerth after his 28 years, Camp is excited to bring on **Chris Mock** to fill the Facilities Manager post. Chris and wife, **Debbie**, spent the last five years at Camp Victory in Alaska. They have four children, the youngest just graduating from high school. Phil officially "passed the pencil" at the 70th Celebration. Chris' first official day was June 12.



Legends Field Dedicated: Play Ball!

After months of dreaming, it was finally time to play ball in the new wiffleball stadium. At the 70th Celebration on May 29, twenty current and former Board members threw out the ceremonial first pitch and it was "game on!" for the big staff challenge game. Two eras of summer staffers competed for bragging rights to the first win. With a big-league feel in miniature, Legends Field will open up new recreational and ministry opportunities for "kids" all ages. When finished, the stadium will feature a dirt infield, lights, bleachers, and a center field mezzanine. Home to center field is 99'. Come and play! *George!*



SPRING EVENTS - HIGHLIGHTS

- Men's Advance! March 31-April 1(2) 105
- Dads N Lads (& Grandpas!) April 28-30 145 Wow!
- Mother-Daughter (& Grandmas!) May 5-7 200! Sweet!
- YAR (Young Adult Retreat) May (11)12-14 160+ Amazing!
- Young at Heart Seniors May 15-18 34 Wonderful!
- Spring Senior Day May 16 170+! Taste of Heaven!
- Memorial Weekend May 26-29 151 Fun weekend!
- 70TH Celebration Monday, May 29 Awesome!

DREAM SUMMER!

Call for brochure or go on line.

Scholarships available!

YOUTH CAMPS (grade entering)

Camp	Dates	Count
Super Kids 1 (3-6)	June 11-15	168
Junior High 1 (7-9)	June 18-23	141
Adventurers (1-4)	June 25-28	200
Junior High 2 (7-9)	July 9-14	154
Super Kids 2 (3-6)	July 16-20	165
Senior High (10-grads)	July 23-28	155
Super Kids 3 (3-6)	July 30-Aug. 3	168
Junior High 3 (7-9)	August 5-10	148
Super Kids 4 (3-6)	August 12-16	146

1445 (as of 6/13 up 71)

Memorial Weekend	May 26-29	151	We had a blast!
Summer Fun	June 29-July 2	0 Lodge, 0 Dorm, 3 cabins	
Family Week	July 2-7	0 Lodge, 1 Dorm, 0 cabins	
Labor Day Weekend	July 1-4	0 Lodge, 0 Dorm, 4 cabins	

Thanks for helping us fill Camp Lebanon this summer!
No camper will be refused on account of finances.

