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MINISTRIES REPORT

Summer Staff Completes Winning Season!



They trained. They hustled. And they never quit. Our amazing summer team of 42 kid-crazy, Jesus-loving staff circled the bases of summer, ending the season with nine consecutive winning camps. The final session smashed the record for biggest Super Kids with 224 on site! In all, God sent us 1712 campers K-12 to love in his name. From staff training (May 30) to Super Kids 4 (Aug. 13-17) it was **"GAME ON!"** as campers were equipped for action as followers of Christ. The new wiffleball stadium proved to be the perfect backdrop for a summer full of action. Over 190 decisions for Christ were recorded for local church followup, but only Heaven knows the **eternal impact** of all the chapels, devos, seminars, games, one on one conversations, and campfires. Praise God for an incredible summer and thank you for your financial contributions and prayers.

Ready or Not, Here Comes 'Septummer'!

As busy as summer gets for Camp, the real craziness starts in September. Check out this lineup: **Labor Day Family Camp, Dads N Daughters, Young at Heart Seniors & Senior Day, Men's Retreat, and two Women's Retreats!** And then comes a full October! (We shouldn't have allowed our summer staff to leave!) Sign up soon. And keep praying!



Grandma's Swim for Scholarships tops \$17K!

Ninety-year-old Sandy Abeler made it across Cedar Lake! An escort of 30 swimmers and 12 watercraft made certain she did. More significantly, her Fourth of July swim raised \$17,400 thanks to 200+ sponsors that "swam" with her! Sandy's sixth and final **Cedar Lake Splash** pushed her total scholarship blessing to \$46,000+ (\$511 for each year of her life!). "It's all about getting kids to Camp so they can hear about Jesus," she beamed on the beach. "I'm so glad I did it!"

PRAISE & PRAY!

- **PRAISE! Wonderful 70th Celebration:** 600+ guests, \$23,000 Endowment blessing.
- **PRAISE! Super Summer:** Attendance up 5%, lives changed for eternity, safety!
- **PRAISE! New Hire:** Welcome to Kristi DiVietro, new Registrar started August 11.
- **PRAISE! West End Gazebo going up:** Will be a fun addition, seating 12 (one cabin!).
- **PRAISE! Recent estate gifts** of \$8085 & \$1510 will help with facility improvements.
- **PRAISE! Sandy's Swim:** \$17,400 raised for scholarships. Great time in the water.
- **PRAISE! Summer Missions Offering:** Record \$8800+ raised for camps in Ukraine!
- **PRAY! Future Decisions:** Praying for wisdom about campaign for gym, new lodge.
- **PRAY! Summer Ministries** – safe operations, focused staff, fruitful ministries!
- **PRAY! Fall Volunteers** – Skilled help needed in September, October to replace decks.
- **PRAY! Fall Planning** - Seniors, Dads N Daughters, Men, Fall Fire, Women, Quilt.
- **PRAY! Database Transition** – Camp's big software conversion stretching into fall.

INBOX Blessings

Note from a Senior High Mom

"God is so great! I'm overwhelmed with gratefulness that my son, David, had an amazing week at Camp Lebanon. Not because of the fun or friends or activities, but because Jesus touched his life...deep down...and he's so excited to live for Him! He can't stop talking or smiling about what God is doing in his heart. Thank you, Jesus!" - July 2017

Welcome New Staff!



Camp's new office team is taking shape! Pictured L to R: **Kristi DiVietro** – Registrar; **Parker Anderson** – Office & Operations Manager; **Monte Abeler** – Director of Guest Ministries and Marketing; **Jessica Wenker** – Store Manager / Business Associate.



New Legends Field is a Big Hit!

All ages. All day. The "boom" from bats banging wiffleballs on the new Legends Field has been almost non-stop since the inaugural staff all-stars game on May 29. Men turn into boys and boys become pros. Knocking the ball 85 feet over the left field fence thrills them all. Future enhancements include lights, scoreboard (hand-changed), penants atop the right field monster, and bleachers. In the mean time, it's **"GAME ON!"** for all comers. The **Home Run Derby** scheduled for Men's Retreat could be the "grand slam" of year number one. Special thanks to a host of volunteers and sponsors who've made this new addition possible. Camp is especially indebted to RV volunteer Dan Knight, with the support of wife Kala, for overseeing the construction.

SUMMER HIGHLIGHT REEL

Call for brochure or go on line. Scholarships available!



YOUTH CAMPS (grade entering)

Super Kids 1 (3-6)	June 11-15	168
Junior High 1 (7-9)	June 18-23	139
Adventurers (1-4)	June 25-28	201
Junior High 2 (7-9)	July 9-14	181
Super Kids 2 (3-6)	July 16-20	206
Senior High (10-grads)	July 23-28	195
Super Kids 3 (3-6)	July 30-Aug. 3	195
Junior High 3 (7-9)	August 5-10	203
Super Kids 4 (3-6)	August 12-16	224



1712 (up 67 over 2016)

Memorial Weekend	May 26-29	151	We had a blast!
Summer Fun	June 29-July 2	162	Relaxed and fun
Family Week	July 2-7	196	High energy and fun!
Labor Day Weekend	September 1-4	190+	Summer grand finale!

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



FALL EVENTS details at www.camplebanon.org

Dads N Daughters	September 8-10
"The Father-Daughter Home Run!" Andy Phillips (NY Yankees '04-08) & musician wife, Bethany.	
Young at Heart Seniors	September 11-14
THEME: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" HURRY!	
Fall Senior Day	Tuesday, September 12
Guest Artist: <i>Mary Beth Carlson</i>	
Men's Retreat	September 15-17
"The TENSION" - Living Life in the Big Tensions of Life	
Women's Retreat 1	Sept. (21) 22-24 HURRY!
Women's Retreat 2	Sept. (28) 29 – Oct. 1 HURRY!
THEME: "Just Breathe!" SPEAKER: Kirsten King Early Bird Dinner & Concert with comedian Kerri Pomarolli	
Fall Fire (grades 9-12)	October 20-22 (MEA)
THEME: "Build It. Light It. Fuel It."	
Quilt & Craft - sessions	October 26 – December 4
THEME: "It's All Greek to Me"	
Weekend Sessions A – E Wait List! Mid-week openings.	