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MINISTRIES REPORT

Unprecedented Fall Pushes Ministry to New Heights



Remember Ralph's famous line in the 1972 Alka-Seltzer commercial? "I can't believe I ate the whole thing!" That's how Camp's team feels after wrapping up an amazing fall season. Thanks to many friends, donors, volunteers, and prayer warriors, we not only survived the Fall, the ministry thrived! Praise God for several new records: **Men's Retreat** (166), **Women's Retreats** (456), **Fall Fire** (100), and **Quilt & Scrap** (675 over 5 sessions). The 3100 guests who experienced Camp this fall sent year-round attendance over 10,800, both new standards. Numbers, of course, tell a fun story, but the real shouting should be saved for the scores of lives touched by love and Truth found in Jesus. All eleven fall ministry events succeeded in the mission to "provide a Meeting Place with God" to help the Church do the work of Christ. Though the staff may be exhausted, story after story can be told of women, men, and teens who encountered the Savior. Keep praying! A full schedule of winter retreats starts with the YAR Icebreaker over New Year's. Charge!

New Gazebo Roof Caps Busy Year

The steel shakes nailed into place on the gorgeous west end Gazebo glisten as a fitting finale to a very productive year for Camp's facilities department. The new **Legends Field** wiffleball stadium was the first and biggest project. A big hit with campers all ages. Next came a **Lodge balcony**, new windows for **Birch Point**, a beautiful **deck for Scandinavia** (completed with UnderDeck!), and **new gutters** for the Chalet. The 2018 list is long, too, highlighted with the Chalet deck, Legends Field lighting, Eagle's Neck drainfield, and Steps of Faith renovation. Wow!



PRAISE & PRAY!

- **PRAISE!** Fall ministries top 3100! Amazing ministry opportunities!
- **PRAISE!** Winter retreat interest building! Pray for prep, promotion, planning.
- **PRAISE!** 2018 Rental Calendar: After a year with several holes, interest on the rise!
- **PRAISE!** Year End Gifts: \$5000 x 2, \$3000, \$1000 x 3, and many more all sizes!
- **PRAISE!** Estate gift: \$37,000 from a long-time friend from Powerhorn Park Baptist.
- **PRAISE!** Promised: \$2000 for scholarship endowment + 20 shares of Amazon stock.
- **PRAY!** Future Decisions: Praying for wisdom about campaign for gym, new lodge.
- **PRAY!** Winter Ministries: Full camps, full staffs, full attention, complete safety!
- **PRAY!** Spring Volunteers – Now planning! Deep cleaning, site work, projects.
- **PRAY!** Database Transition – Camp's big software conversion underway. Huge!!

Thanks, Volunteers!



Where would Camp be without our many faithful and generous volunteers? **Judd Fischer**, a cabinet maker and Board member from Park Rapids, blessed the ministry recently with new quilt storage cabinets in the Main Hall overflow and Lounge. Other helpers populate program teams, assist with maintenance, recruit campers, and support the office. Thank you!

INBOX Blessings

Notes from Quilt Retreat

"The best part is finding peace and rest while crafting, surrounded by people who love Jesus!"

"Love Mother-Daughter weekend. It's been such an amazing part of my daughter's growth. Thanks for pouring yourselves into her life!"

"I feel safe and connected."

"When I use the word 'retreat', I am truly thinking of the peace and words of wisdom I receive."

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

No Christ child in the manger? Than no Savior for the world.
 No Savior for the sinner? Than no "Good News!" for humankind.
 No "Good News!" to proclaim? Than no reason for evangelism.
 No call to evangelism? Than no Camp Lebanon!
 Ah, but Christ did come and the world, indeed, has a hope!
 Therefore, Camp Lebanon has every reason to thrive!
 Thanks for giving, praying, volunteering, and believing.
 God's best to you and your family in this life-giving season.



Your Camp Lebanon Staff

FALL EVENTS details at www.camplebanon.org

- **Dads N Daughters** September 8-10
 "The Father-Daughter Home Run!" 118 guests
 Andy Phillips (NY Yankees #4-08) & musician wife, Bethany.
- **Young at Heart Seniors Retreat** September 11-14
 THEME: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" 47 guests & hosts
Fall Senior Day - Tuesday, September 12
 Guest Artist: Mary Beth Carlson
- **Men's Retreat** September 15-17
 "The TENSION" 166 guests (20 from Teen Challenge . Brainerd)



- **Women's 1** 130 Early Bird/218 Weekend **Sept. (21) 22-24**
- **Women's 2** 108 Early bird/238 Weekend **Sept. (28) 29 - Oct. 1**
 THEME: "Just Breathe!" SPEAKER: Kirsten King
- **Fall Fire** (grades 9-12) **October 20-22 (MEA)**
 THEME: "Build It. Light It. Fuel It." 100 kids and leaders!
- **Quilt & Craft - 5 Sessions** **October 26 - December 4**
 THEME: "It's All Greek to Me" 675+ women registered!



WINTER PREVIEW details at www.camplebanon.org

- **YAR Icebreaker** (ages 18-35) **December 29-31(1)**
- **Mega Fun A** (3-6) **January 5-6**
- **Mega Fun B** (3-6) **January 12-14**
- **Arctic Blast 1** (7-12) **January 19-21**
- **Women's Winter Warm Up** **February (1)2-4**
- **Arctic Blast 2** (7-12) **February 9-11**
- **Camp Annual Meeting** **February 24**

ON LINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
 Women's Winter Warm Up February 1-4
 Summer Family Camps