

# Camp Lebanon News



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## MINISTRIES REPORT

# Camp Tops 11,000 Guests



It's that time of YAR again! Over 100 young adults are expected at the **YAR Icebreaker** December 27-30 in what promises to be an exciting finale to an amazing year. 2018 will be remembered for many things: **corcls** (fun water toys), **laser tag**, **new hiking trails**, **record summer** (1,969 youth, 752 family) and **fall ministries**, **wiffleball stadium lights**, **online quilt registration**, **new summer check-in process**, a big fall **wedding**, youth camper **#75,000**, \$11,352 **summer missions offering**, and **many (thousands!) lives** impacted by the love and life of our Lord Jesus. Thanks to a dedicated staff, expanded social media efforts (**new website!**) and lots of happy campers, year-round attendance topped 11,000 for the first time. "Camp is not about stats, but numbers tell an amazing story of God's faithfulness," Executive Director Bill Abeler explains. "Only heaven knows how many lives were touched for eternity, but we witnessed again and again how God used this special place to encourage youth, families, and adults in their walk with the Savior. Bring on 2019!" Be praying. Four big **winter youth retreats** kick off the new year.

## Year End Gifts Bless Camp, Boost the Team

Amazing things happen when amazing friends do amazing things. Camp is blessed year-round as volunteers help with projects and events, churches and friends send monthly gifts, and many people pray. But there is something special about the year-end outpouring of support. Many give in response to the year-end letter. Some boost Camp out of habit, as did a family with their \$2000 donation. Others contribute simply out of love for this special place, like the guest group family with their first-time \$1500 gift. It all comes together to help launch an exciting new year. **THANK YOU!**



## PRAISE & PRAY!

- **PRAISE! Guest Ministries:** Up 10% for 2018. 2019 dates filling FAST! Hurry!!!
- **PRAISE! 2018 Program Ministries:** 12% increase = abundant ministry opportunities!
- **PRAISE! Recent gifts:** \$4900 (TranMN), \$4K (scholarship), \$9K (gym), \$6K (quilters).
- **PRAISE! Estate Gift:** \$10,350 life insurance settlement blesses Camp!
- **PRAISE! Record Fall Retreats** (Dads/Daughters; Women's Retreats, Fall Fire, Quilt).
- **PRAY! Camp Board:** Long and short-term planning, staffing, site development.
- **PRAY! Winter Ministries:** Program planning; full weekends; good weather.
- **PRAY! Year End Letter:** \$50K, 100 prayer partners sought to launch 2019 ministries!

## INBOX Blessings

### NOTES FROM QUILT RETREAT

"The scriptures shared are always my rock."

"This place and staff is what I look forward to renew me."

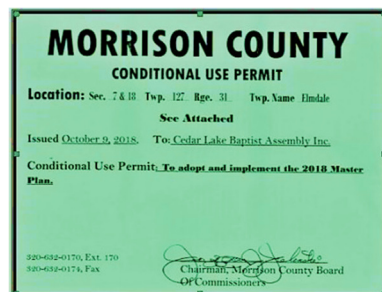
"Instructors are willing to help everyone. Such friendly people!"

"Worship spoke to my heart and was empowering."

"I've gone to the mountain and been refreshed for the battle ahead of me."

## Camp's CUP Runneth Over

October 25 was a HUGE day for Camp Lebanon. After nine months of planning and \$20,000 in expenses, a "new and improved" Master Plan was blessed by Morrison County with a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). The plan outlines the full development of the ministry's 143 acres. Earlier in 2018, the County also rezoned seven camp parcels to Shoreland Commercial. All of this was done with no local opposition. **PTL!**



## Merry Christmas from your Camp Staff!



**BACK ROW (L to R):** Rich Olson (Youth Ministries), Anna Olson (Marketing Associate), Lisa Abeler (Women's Ministries), Bill Abeler (Executive Director), Marcus Nelson (Business & Technology). **FRONT ROW L to R):** Parker Anderson (Office & Operations), Chris Mock (Facilities), Faith Petersen (Office), Jessica Wenker (Sales/Business Associate), Jim Flaa (Food Services), Monte Abeler (Guest Ministries). **Not pictured:** MANY wonderful and generous friends.

## FALL HIGHLIGHTS

- Details at [www.camplebanon.org](http://www.camplebanon.org)
- Dads N Daughters** (ages 5+) September 7-9 **162 RECORD!**  
"Love's Magic Words" with Matt Swigart; Horse Trail Rides
  - Young at Heart Fall Retreat** Sept. 10-13 & Senior Day Sept. 11  
"Wonderful Grace of Jesus!" **52 GUESTS - FALL RECORD**
  - Men's Retreat** Sept. 14-16 Hobby Spotlight: "Trophies of Grace"  
"Cultivate - Working the Soil of Your Soul" **140 MEN**
  - Women's Retreats 1:** Sept. (20)21-23 **220!** **2:** Sept. (27)28-30 **236!**  
THEME: "Deeper Still" Early Bird "SPA-cial Evening" **RECORD**
  - Fall Fire** (grades 9-12) October 19-21 **183 RECORD**
  - Fall Quilt & Scrap** (5 sessions) Oct. 25 - Dec. 3 **650+ women!**

## SUMMER FAMILY CAMP ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!



## WINTER PREVIEW

- Details at [www.camplebanon.org](http://www.camplebanon.org)
- YAR Icebreaker** (ages 18-35) December (27)28-30  
Everything is optional...except having fun!
  - MEGA FUN (grades 3-6) "Attitude of Gratitude"**  
MEGA A - One Nighter - January 4-5  
MEGA B - 2 Nights - January 11-12
  - ARCTIC BLAST (grades 7-12) January 25-27**  
"Where it's cool to be cool!"

## WOMEN'S WINTER WARM UP

- February 1-3 (Early Bird January 31!)
- Theme "OVERFLOW" - Romans 15:13
- Speaker: Molly Sanborn
- Guest Artists: Sweetwater Revival
- Early Bird: Sherry Mortenson

