

Camp Lebanon News



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MINISTRIES REPORT

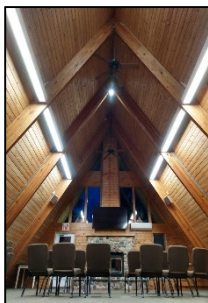
Cold Temps + Big Groups = *HOT* Action!



The meteorologists called it the "polar vortex." Those three frigid days below zero in late January (-40 was the bottom!) were, indeed, cold. But Minnesota campers aren't fear-frozen by a little bit of chill, not when over 150 guests are on site! The Canadian coldfront didn't stand a chance against a camp full of ladies gathered for the **Women's Winter Warm Up!** The Thursday Early Birds were met with -15 degrees and, by the end of the weekend, temps soared into the 30's. Both **Arctic Blasts**, with 180 and 200 teens and leaders respectively, also started in negative double digits only to climb into the teens for the send off on Sunday. In every case, campers had a SIZZLING time singing, learning, broomballing, tubing, hiking, and eating. Two **Mega Funs** (grades 3-6) also conquered the deep freeze. There's simply no stopping the "**funnest fun!**" at Camp Lebanon. Thanks for wrapping your camp in a **warm blanket of prayers**. Don't stop now! Another "warm front" is on the way, including three weekends of guest groups in late February. And then come four weekends of March Quilt & Scrap. 318 signed up on the first day of online registration. Talking about generating heat...and excitement! Oh, by the way, summer registration opened on January 16! 130 kids signed up. Seen any robins yet?

"These Little LEDs of Ours – Let 'em Shine!"

Amazing things happen when amazing friends do amazing things. Our amazing quilters proved it again, raising over \$5000 to help plug in the new LED lights in the Cedar Bay Lodge Chapel. Thanks to the donation of 28 boxes of fabric by the family of a long-time quilter, the fall "Bargain Barn" Garage Sale generated enough donations to finish the \$7000 project. The dimmer-controlled horizontal LEDs will bring better light for quilters, more lighting options for groups, and significant savings to Camp's electric bill (averages over \$4000 a month!). We've flipped the switch to a bright new day at Camp Lebanon! *Thanks to ALL who helped!*

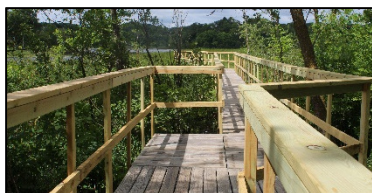


PRAISE & PRAY!

- **PRAISE! Quilt Blizzard!** 318 registered by the end of Day One of online registrations!
- **PRAISE! Support:** Friends from a Pella IA church boost camp with a \$6800 gift.
- **PRAISE! Estate Gift:** \$10,350 life insurance gift blesses Camp at year end.
- **PRAISE! Remembering Camp:** \$2000 estate gift from David & Margaret Reynolds.
- **PRAISE! Big Winter in the Making:** Attendance on pace to reach 2200 (up 500!).
- **PRAY! Staff Openings: 2 Program Associates** (women, family, hosting, activities).
- **PRAY! Winter Ministries:** Spiritually effective; full weekends; good weather; safety.
- **PRAY! Summer Staff Search is on: WANTED!** 45 God-loving, kid-crazy leaders.

Year-End Gifts Launch '19

Exactly 102 donors contributed over \$50,000 in year-end gifts, matching our goal and launching Camp's 2019 ministries. Coming off a record year with 11,201 year-round guests, expectations are running high, especially for summer youth camps. The generous donations will help fund significant projects in the months ahead, most notably Phase II of the Beaver Point Board Walk. We'll also be finishing the Chalet deck and adding crucial maintenance and food service equipment. Thank YOU for standing with and behind us in this great work!



INBOX Blessings

NOTES FROM CAMP'S MAILBOX

"The Arctic Blast speaker was the best teacher of any event we've brought our kids to at Camp Lebanon. Our kids had a blast!"

- Arctic Blast youth leader

"I can't wait to get to Quilt Retreat! Thank you so much for all everyone does there for us. I love being there – always feel so very blessed and refreshed. Also feel so close with God. Thank you for serving God as you do!"

- Returning quilter in signing up for Quilt C in March.



Deck the Hall with Cedar and Composite...Falalalala-lalalala!

Who stole the deck off the Chalet on February 2? Was it the 150 women on site for the Winter Warm Up? Actually, they weren't bothered at all by the work and stayed far, far away. Was it the Camp Board, who met the same day to work on Camp's 2019 budgets? They "talked" about the project and approved the \$55,000 needed to finish it. That was enough for them! The real "criminals" were 15 volunteers (8 men and 7 boys), who, on a perfect, sun-kissed day (+30!), worked like the carpenter ants and finished the tear-off and clean-up by dinner. Their efforts saved \$6000 in the process and set the stage for local carpenters to start building the new, composite deck on February 11.



WINTER UPDATE Details at www.camplebanon.org

- YAR Icebreaker** (ages 18-35) December 28-30 88 guests So fun!
- MEGA FUN (grades 3-6) "Attitude of Gratitude" with Bobber Bill**
MEGA A - One Nighter - January 4-5 169 kids and leaders
MEGA B - 2 Nights - January 11-12 113 kids and leaders
- ARCTIC BLAST (grades 7-12) January 25-27** 180+ kids and leaders

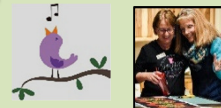
WOMEN'S WINTER WARM UP

February (31)1-3 150 ladies + 19 dinner guests (RECORD!)
Speakers: Molly Sanborn & Sherry Mortenson
Guest Artists – Saturday Dinner Concert: Sweetwater Revival

LEAD 222 - ARCTIC BLAST (grades 7-12) January 25-27 206

MARCH QUILT: Spring ReTWEET!

4 SESSIONS. March 7 – April 2
Spots going fast! 400+ registered



SPRING EVENTS Details at www.camplebanon.org

MEN'S ADVANCE! April 5-6 (7) Camp's "Go Deeper" event for men!
Topic: "Prayers of Paul – CPR for a Man's Prayer Life"
with Dr. Michael Wise, UNW-SP Bible Prof, Dead Sea Scrolls expert

DADS N LADS (& Grand-Dads!) April 26-28

MOTHER / DAUGHTER (& Grandmas!) May 3-5

"YOUNG AT HEART" Senior Adults May 13-16
Spring Senior Day at Camp Tuesday, May 14
"ReTweets from the Mount: Life & Lordship"



YAR (Young Adults Retreat, ages 18-35) – 3rd Annual May 16-19