



# NINNESCAH NEWS

## Scrapbooking Fellowship

By Pam Riesen

Friendship and acquaintances. That was just one of the many topics of conversations at our mini retreat this past weekend. Six of us "die hard" scrapbookers and crafters got together for a weekend getaway at Bluestem at Camp Mennoscah. We not only worked on our own projects, we talked, laughed and ate until we simply couldn't anymore!

Several months ago a few of us decided it would be fun to plan a weekend where we could get together as a small group to work on projects and enjoy time with friends. So six of us committed to doing what it took to make that happen which meant we had to do some planning. The delicious meals were planned and prepared by all of us. When it was time to eat we gathered at the table and prayed, and visited about health, jobs, family and even pets. We all enjoyed the friendly conversations so much we usually lingered there long after we finished eating.

But as the saying goes, "all good things must come to an end" and it was time to pack up our "stuff" to go home. Saying goodbye was difficult and even created a tear or two. It will be way too long before we all get together again!

All of us just want to say "Thank You!" for providing us the wonderful facility and staff and making us feel at home. Olivia and Deborah went out of their way to get us anything we needed to be comfortable while we were there. Olivia even came to check on us one evening and ended up involved in one of our more humorous conversations.

So thank you for a wonderfully fun weekend! We recommend to anyone who wants a gathering place for family or friends to seriously consider Bluestem and/or Camp Mennoscah. It is a great place for fun, relaxation, great scenery and fantastic staff who will make your stay enjoyable and comfortable.

Our weekend is in the past now but will be fondly remembered for a long, long time!!!



# Introducing the 2023 Summer Staffers!



## Peter Buller

When I smell or taste unsalted popcorn, I think of camp. It reminds me of Sunday night snack with kettle cooked popcorn.

Buhler Mennonite || Inman, KS



## Charlie Major

I would not be caught without friendship bracelet string at camp because making friendship bracelets is a camp staple. "Friendship never stops."

Ebenfeld Mennonite Bretheren || Hillsboro, KS



## Jacob Schrag

The color green reminds me of camp, because at camp we are always surrounded by nature.

Alexanderwohl Mennonite || Hillsboro, KS



## Timothy Schrag

My favorite place at camp is definitely the campfire pit. While there are a lot of other spots at camp that are a lot of fun, campfire is the time where I have found myself connecting most deeply with God. Sitting in silence or singing along to a guitar helps God be my sole focus, and I always look forward to campfire.

Alexanderwohl Mennonite || Hillsboro, KS

## Schyler Entz

The people are what make Camp special, every single camper each week creates a lasting impact on me and helps me grow. Campers, volunteers, counselors, summer staff and Olivia help me realize how special this place is and how much joy and fun we bring to so many lives every week.

First Mennonite Newton || North Newton, KS



## Daniel Miller

I would not be caught out at camp without a water bottle! Because hydrate or die-drate.

Journey Mennonite || Arlington, KS



## Edel Miller

My best advice for a great week at camp? Have fun, step out of your comfort zone, make a friend (or 27), and always thank the cooks.

New Creation Fellowship || Hillsboro, KS



Please join us in welcoming our 2023 summer staff! We're so excited to have such wonderful young folks on board and we know that with their help, it's going to be our best summer yet!

# Great News and a Great Opportunity!

## Announcing the M&M Project

By Tammy Unruh



Camp Mennoscah has been graciously offered a gift of \$100,000 dollars, and we are honored and pleased to receive it. However, the money comes to Camp as a matching gift. In other words, we have been invited to raise money that will be matched, dollar for dollar, when we bring funds in, up to \$100,000.

Therefore, to honor the gift, we are taking this opportunity to announce what we are calling the M&M Project. M&M stands for Mission and Maintenance, and there are several ways Camp can use this money to maintain our Mission through Maintenance of our property. Notably, in order to have Camp this summer, we need to do some repairs to the pool and some work to the Retreat Center in order to have air conditioning for this summer. (FYI - the work on the HVAC at the Retreat Center is a stop-gap measure before a large overhaul to the entire system.)

We know you will want to be in on this opportunity to continue our Mission at Camp - to be a place where all can renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God through Jesus Christ. Here's how that can happen!

We are planning two major ways for people to give money for the M&M project. First, we would ask churches who are supporters of Camp Mennoscah to put together a fundraising event this year that would specifically benefit the M&M Project. These events would be sponsored by churches and held at churches or at camp, and other area churches could be invited to participate. Events could be, for example, a disc golf tournament, a fishing derby, a mud or sand volleyball tournament, a wiffle ball tournament, a kick ball tournament, or any other event. Other sorts of events could include bake sales, pie auctions, talent-no talent shows, game nights, chili cook-offs - the possibilities are really limited only by imagination.

Camp will willingly help with events by keeping a master calendar of events on the Camp website, providing help in planning and ideas, helping with advertising and announcements to get the word out, and providing any programming and presentations about camp that a church might desire to have as part of their fundraiser. Don't be afraid to ask!

The second way Camp Mennoscah would like to raise money for the M&M project is through monthly pledges. We would like to see 100 "giving units" give \$1000 each by the end of 2023. A "giving unit" - we'll call them "Fire Keepers" - could be a church, a Sunday School class, a family, a Youth Group, a Small Group, a Women's or Men's Group, individuals - whoever wants to pledge money to make sure this generous gift is honored by matching the funds.

Camp Mennoscah will soon be celebrating 75 years of camping ministry. What an awesome legacy! We hope the M&M Project will be a fitting start to a large celebration as we prepare our favorite place for its upcoming anniversary. Please consider how you and yours can be part of this awesome opportunity!

# 2023 Summer Camps

## Schedule

### Junior High 1 *June 4-9*

Directors: Greg Shelly, Jeff & Addie Kauffman  
For those in grades 8 and 9 (fall of 2023)

### PreJunior 1 *June 11-15*

Directors: John Regier & Chris Riesen  
For those in grades 4 and 5 (fall of 2023)

### First Camp *June 15-17*

Directors: Lindsey Young & Stacy Griffin  
For those in grades 3 and 4 (fall of 2023)

### Junior 1 *June 18-23*

Directors: Adam & Jill Robb  
For those in grades 6 and 7 (fall of 2023)

### PreJunior 2 *June 25-29*

Directors: Jeffrey Graber & Hope Graber  
For those in grades 4 and 5 (fall of 2023)

### Junior High 2 *July 9-14*

Directors: Derek & Kara Klingenberg  
For those in grades 8 and 9 (fall of 2023)

### Junior 2 *July 16-21*

Directors: Justin Beth, Emilie Doerksen,  
Kevin Neufeld  
For those in grades 6 and 7 (fall of 2023)

### Senior High *July 23-28*

Directors: Rachel Miller & Isaac Entz  
For those in grades 10 through 12 (fall of 2023)



## New Camp Merch Soon!

New sticker designs, a new travel mug, and the 2023 tshirts will soon be available for purchase! This year's tshirt design was created by John Regier and features two campers rowing a canoe made from the words "Camp Mennoscah."



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