



Ninnescah News

Work and Play

By Valerie Klaassen

Opportunity awaits! When the youth camping season is over, Camp Mennoscah needs some TLC from TLC; i.e. Tender Loving Care from Totally Loyal Constituents! Traditionally volunteers have spent 3-4 days in September at Work and Play Camp. Many folks have taken advantage of this time to fellowship, have fun, enjoy nature, laugh, sing and work. Olivia Bartel, Camp Director, appreciates those who have been involved, "These folks give heart and hands to Camp Mennoscah's program by repairing, cleaning, organizing and renovating." Besides leaving with a great sense of accomplishment, participants make new friends, play and renew themselves in the beauty of nature, get in touch with God through music, shared activity and devotions, and just have a good time. Work may involve sorting linens, cleaning cabinets, preserving food, sterilizing dishes, sewing, washing windows, painting, building, repairing, or any manner of tasks that Olivia and Gardell want to have accomplished. You pick your tasks (from the list please!), set your own pace and take breaks as needed.



Last year Ruby and Gary Moore brought apples from home and with the help of others made applesauce for youth camps. Ruby remarked that she appreciated the time to "be in God's creation and work with other people". Marge Harms, a Work and Play regular says "I enjoy working with friends old and new...break and game times are rewards for work accomplished!" Oneta Unruh reminisced about the years she and Harland have attended. They were first involved as auctioneers for a benefit auction – attendees would bring items they'd made or purchased to sell and proceeds would go to camp. She recalls that prior to the completion of the Retreat Center there were 50 -70 people attending Work and Play Camp, staying in RVs (up to 24!), in staff houses and in cabins. Oneta related, "This last year our small motor home was the only one there and the Retreat Center was not even full."



We'd like to revitalize this important camp and invite you to consider participating. There is no cost to attend Work and Play Camp since you are providing much needed skill, time and energy! We would invite you to pay for meals (\$4 per meal) to help defray food costs. By the way, the food is excellent – as are all meals prepared in our camp kitchen – just one more reason to consider attending WORK AND PLAY CAMP in SEPTEMBER! We hope to see you there! Call or email us at office@campmennoscah.org if you have questions.

Plan to attend the Annual Meeting on Sept. 20 at Camp Mennoscah!



Activities will start at 3:30 including a Disc Golf Tournament; a nature walk; bath house tours; and/or a scavenger hunt!
After a short meeting and election we'll enjoy a simple meal together at around 5:30.

Bath House Update...

We missed having them ready for summer camps but plan to have them completed early this fall!

Start with a foundation....



finish the walls....



add the roof...



and interior work has begun!

There is still time to donate money to the project; on line at www.campmennoscah.org, under the New Bathhouses link on the right side of the page or mail them directly to Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock, KS 67111. If you would like to donate your time and volunteer, please contact Jim Yoder at jdyoder@cox.net with details of when you could help and what type of things you would like to help with. There will be many opportunities over the next several months for volunteering. Please watch your church bulletin or announcement board for future details.

The camp board and staff would like to extend our thanks for your support .

Gardell's Top Ten List for the Summer

By Gardell Stucky

I was asked to give a list of ten things I do to get ready for summer. I'd like to put a twist on this as lots of things that I do year round continue through the summer. There are different things of course during the summer like getting the pool ready, making sure things are ready for outside activities, keeping the pests away, and keeping things safe for

everyone. But these things seem to take their own path sometimes and it always seems it's the long way. Enter Murphy's Law. I'm going to list some of my favorite Murphs as I call them. Remember, these are just for fun. (Or are they?)

Here's to a great summer!

Gardell's Murphs

1. If it jams – force it. If it breaks, it needed replacing anyway. (I had this posted at college when I worked on Maintenance)
2. Anything dropped in the bathroom will fall in the toilet.
3. The fish are always biting – yesterday.
4. You can do anything except light a paper match on a marshmallow under water.
5. A bird in the hand is messy.
6. In order for something to get clean, something else must get dirty.
7. Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself.
8. You never run out of things that can go wrong.
9. If you fool around with a thing for very long, you will mess it up.
10. The mud that won't come off at the doormat immediately adheres to the carpet.



Save the Date; Join the Fun!

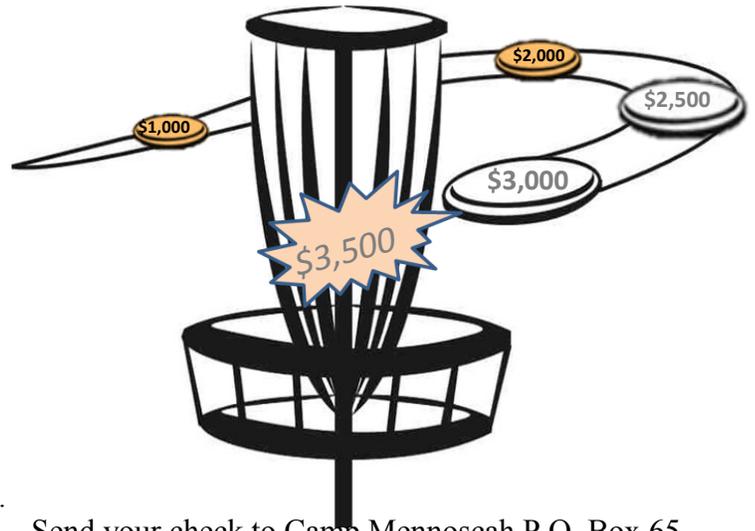
Work and Play camp coming Sept. 20-23!

Visit www.campmennoscah.org/retreats for more information.

Disc Golf By Patrick Loganbill

You may have started hearing rumors about Disc Golf at Camp. I am here to set the record straight. Camp Mennoscah will soon be the proud owners of a Disc Golf Course! We will have a 9 hole course complete with quality baskets and a nice course layout. Eric Prehiem is a Bethel College student and excited to be the one chosen to work on designing our course. He last designed the course at Bethel College. His passion and experience tell us that Camp's course will be fantastic! Keep your eyes open and look forward to this exciting installment in September of this year!

The board of Directors has approved a budget of \$3,500. One of the Camp's generous donors has given the first \$2,000. Won't you help by making a donation to Camp Mennoscah and designating "disc golf"?



Send your check to Camp Mennoscah P.O. Box 65 Murdock, KS 67111.

Thank you!

Family Camp is coming to Camp Mennoscah!

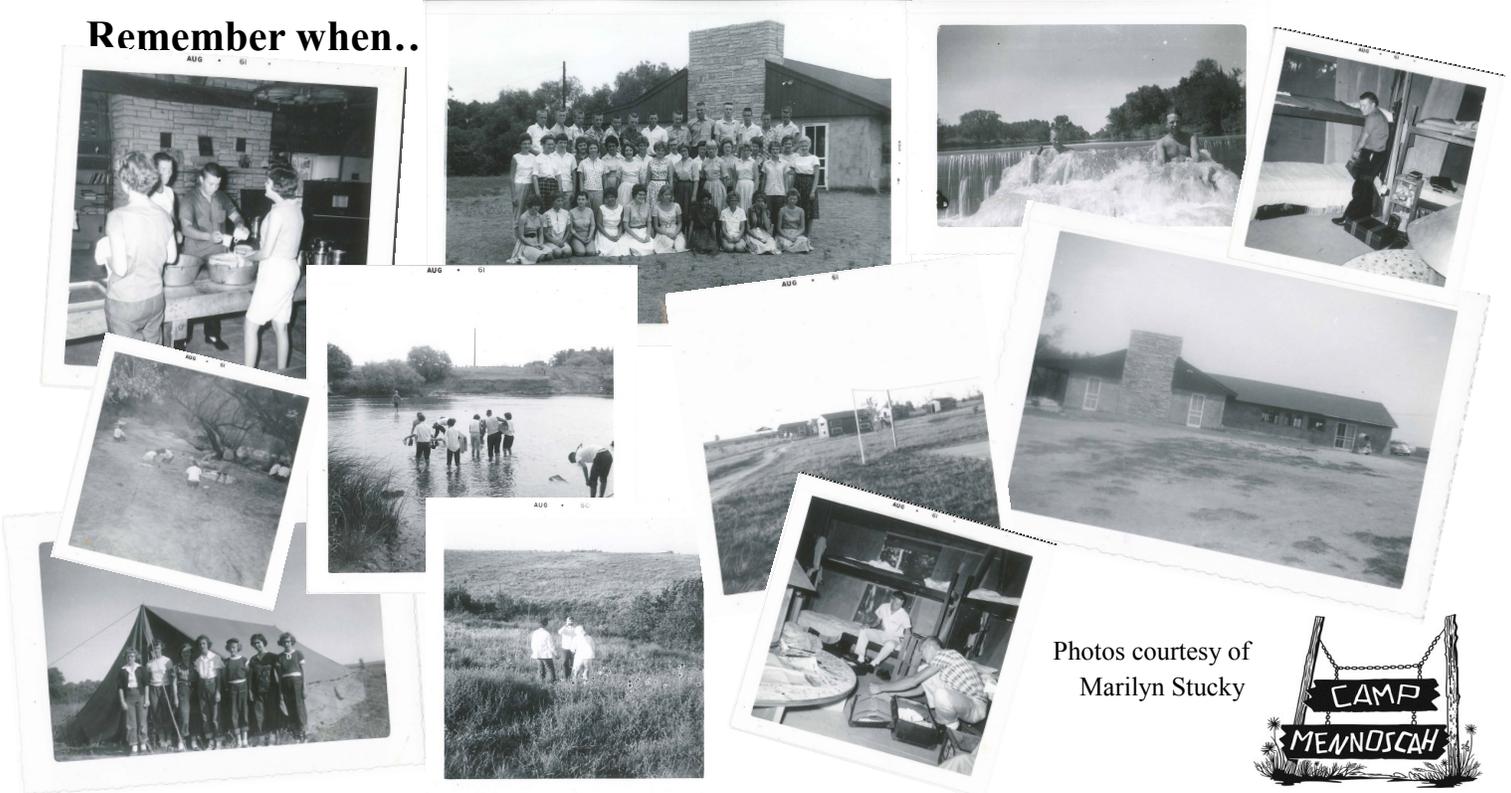
Bring your whole gang out for this fun weekend! This year's camp is **July 25-26**. Expect fun activities, quality time with family, amazing food, and great sessions with our leaders for the week; Alan Stucky and Katie Best! Register on line at www.campmennoscah.org



Don't forget:
Camp Sing
Aug. 9 at 6 pm
Grace Hill
Mennonite Church

We hope to see your family at camp this summer!

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Assistant Lifeguard
Funny, energetic,
musical, caring,
compassionate,



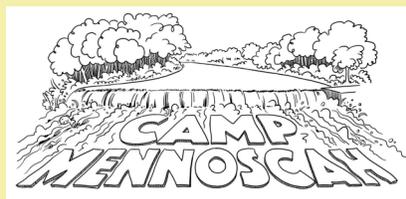
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