

Ninnescah News

Summer Camps

470 Campers are currently registered – Fantastic!

First Camp	June 20-22
Pre-Junior I	June 16-20
Pre-Junior II	July 7-11
Junior I	June 23-29
Junior II	July 21-27
Junior High I	June 9-15
Junior High II	July 14-20
Senior High	July 28 – Aug. 2



New Bath Houses Coming!

At the April meeting the Camp Board approved plans to build bathhouses for the girls and boys areas of the camp. Construction on the girl's and boy's bathhouses will begin this fall. Estimated cost for each bathhouse is \$100,000. Donated labor and financial contributions are needed!

Architect (and former camper!) Chris Kliever of Cartcart Architects of Wichita created the bathhouse design. Of the design Chris says, "The unique features of the bathhouses include the simple materials that allow for ease of construction, yet provide natural light and ventilation while maintaining energy efficiency. The layout also provides flexibility for year-round use and handicap accessibility.

All of this is achieved through a familiar aesthetic, so I am very excited for this new construction at Camp Mennoscah."

Building committee members are Jay Goering (chair), Arlin Buller, and Ben Schmidt, and Galen Waltner. Volunteers are welcomed. Stay tuned for updates!

Annual Meeting

At Camp
Sept. 22, 3:00pm



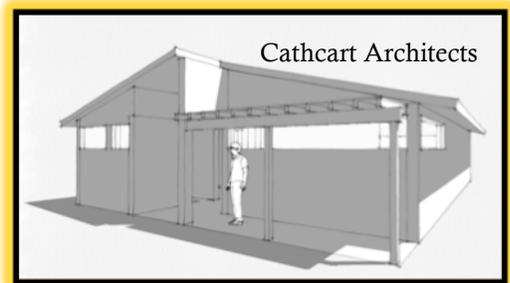
From a camper!



"It's fun to laugh out loud and worship the Savior at the same time. God, Jesus and I get to talk to each other and become closer. It's awesome!"

Quinn Dove

Grace Hill Mennonite



Cathcart Architects

Master Plan

The ongoing success of Camp Mennoscah depends on clear and focused vision. To that end, the Camp Board sought the aid of an architectural firm, Cathcart Architects of Wichita, to assist in the creation of a Master Plan. Their work (pictured at right) shows the long-term layout and projection of the Camp. While not “set in stone,” the Master Plan will direct future planning and work. The Master Plan will also stimulate additional ideas and conversation. What do you think? The Board welcomes your feedback!



See the *Master Plan* at www.campmennoscah.org



From the Board...

Teamwork! Every task is easier when people work together to accomplish a goal. Such is the case with Camp Mennoscah, from its birth incubated in the minds of those seeking a place of retreat for youth through its growth and expansion over the past 63 years, people have worked together to fulfill the mission of this special place. It is our pleasure to work with staff, volunteers and board members to continue to dream and plan for the future of Camp Mennoscah. Please share with us how you would like to participate in the mission: to encourage all to follow Jesus, to live as a people of healing and hope, to seek God’s peace, to practice love, forgiveness and hospitality, to affirm diversity and heal brokenness, and to experience God’s creation. We cannot fulfill our mission without a dedicated team of volunteers and donors – join the Camp Mennoscah team!

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The Birth of Camp Mennoscah Association

Approximately a decade ago the Western District Conference, MCUSA, engaged the Camp Mennoscah Retreat Commission in discussions concerning vision and long-range expectations for Camp Mennoscah. In a memo authored by Dorothy Nickel Friesen and dated August 10, 2005 reference is made to Camp Mennoscah becoming an independent organization. The merits of this proposal were explored and prospect for growth and expanded opportunities to serve constituents soon became evident. The addition of South Central Conference, MCUSA, representation to the Retreat Commission offered more churches an active role on the CM leadership committees. The CM Board of Directors is a blend of SCC and WDC members. With the support of WDC and the willing participation of the CM Retreat Commission a CM Transition Committee was appointed.

A simple time-line of the transition process:

- 2011—WDC takes steps to enable CM to incorporate.
- 2011—CM Retreat Commission prepares drafts of Camp Mennoscah Association Articles of Incorporation and proposed By-laws.
- 2011, Oct. 3—A Transition Committee is appointed and begins the process of establishing the Camp Mennoscah Association.
- 2012, March 5—State of Kansas Not for Profit Articles of Incorporation are approved.
- 2012, March 22—Camp Mennoscah is assigned an IRS EIN number.
- 2012, September—Assets are transferred to the Camp Mennoscah Association.
- 2012, November 19—Camp Mennoscah received notification of 501c3 Public Charity status approval.
- 2013, March 12—Camp Mennoscah was awarded a State of KS Sales Tax Exemption Certificate.

The CM Transition Committee members were Allan Bartel, Olivia Bartel, Arlin Buller, Jay Goering, Valerie Klaassen, Diana Schunn, and David Stucky. Allison Graber and Phyllis Regier also offered assistance enabling the completion of the process. Thank you to all who support the mission of Camp Mennoscah.

Gardell Stucky

Following the resignation Mike Albright April 30 (thank you Mike for your great work!) the Board hired Gardell Stucky as Campus and Facilities Director. His work began May 23. Welcome Gardell!

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We need...

- A new ice-machine! (\$4,000)
- Nurse for the July 21-27 camp
- Twin comforters, floor mats, tea-towels, night lights
- Donations to annual budget and building projects
- You time, energy, and expertise.
- Your prayer!



Donate by mail or on the website.

“Bug Guts”

Olivia Bartel, Exec. Dir.



I know many things. I know that I could easily eat enough French fries to fill a boat. I know that some of my most favorite socks have come from the lost & found bucket. I like books, climbing trees, baking, and theater. I love camp and Camp Mennoscah specifically. I now also know that the brown, fuzzy caterpillars that are found in every crevice of camp have bright green guts. A green color that I would love to find in my crayon box.

I made this unexpected discovery when someone—not me—accidentally squashed one. I do not deny the unpleasantness of this experience for that caterpillar, but I find I am much more intrigued and less annoyed by these caterpillars now that I know this.

It is easy to forget that not everything is only as it appears. That camper who made a poor choice in behavior is also a brilliant musician. The summer staffer who left the Gator sitting out in the rain is the absolute best when interacting with campers. The vegetables that I once picked off my pizza are now my favorites. That blasted bug has beautiful green guts.

I am waiting for the unexpected this summer. I’m dancing in my boots, ready to meet those new campers. I’ll sit at campfire and find God in the stars and in my friends. I want to laugh at the crazy pranks the cooks pull and discover those hidden talents in staff. I want to see everyone’s bright green guts—metaphorically.

So drag your amazing guts to camp. We’re expecting a summer of great surprises.



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