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Camp Connection

the official newsletter of Pioneer Bible Camp

April 2020

Greetings to all in the name of Jesus,

We are finished the Easter season and the hope we have for the work completed on the Cross, and the empty tomb, which brings hope in all situations we face in our lives. As we are entering the spring season and the sun is shining and the snow is melting, my thoughts start thinking of camp. These days of limited outages and physical distancing make me think of the great outdoors of camp, and the friends and relationships that camp has enriched my life with.

So as summer 2020 is around the corner I don't think that there has ever been more uncertainty in the summer program than we are facing this year. In past years we have had problems to overcome and/or staff to find but this year is very different. As we have been watching and waiting for further government information as to what will and won't be allowed this summer for group gatherings, we have had the program committee continue to plan for the summer. We are also planning some online activities if summer camp is not going to run. But as we are uncertain at this time we would ask that you still please register campers as if camp is happening.

The Camp will still have a work bee on May 16. We will follow some basic physical distancing rules and ask all volunteers to bring their own snacks, lunch and drinks as none will be available. We have a lot of trees to cut and logs to split, buildings to clean, leaves to rake, etc. We are also moving ahead with relocation of the boys' cabins and a cabin renewal process. We have new lots cleared on the old road left of the soccer field to build the new cabins as well as move Aspen and turn Pinecone. We want to move ahead with the low ropes course construction behind where Shanty and Trail Inn cabins were and transform an old cabin into the bouldering cabin "rock climbing low to the ground". We also need to move an old cabin and convert it into a Camp swag store beside the gym. We have some slated work on the BMX course to do, install the new double seesaw and grind rail, as well as pack and smooth the track. As you can see we have a lot of work to complete, so if you are in good health and want to come out to camp and do some small projects please contact me by phone, 780-915-0562, and let me know. We would love to make it a whole work week and have the camp open to people dropping in throughout May 18-22.

With all these projects we would like to complete it always comes down to two factors; Money and Volunteers. With our spring banquet being cancelled this year we are missing our one and only annual fundraiser. We have branched out in these different times and started a Go Fund Me page we called "Bikes and Boulders". We set a goal of raising \$3500 and when we reach that goal our camp director Greg has the privilege of throwing a pie in the face of Cameron, his right-hand man. This event will be posted live so everyone can tune in and watch this as it unfolds.

We have also decided to offer a freshly baked pie to anyone who signs up for a \$25 a month EFT for 12 months, or sends a \$500 donation. This is in lieu of the pie auction where you may have bid on a pie and not have won one. Your pie will be freshly baked and delivered to you after the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted. This is a guaranteed win for you and for the camp. To sign up for the EFT go to the camp website, www.pioneerbiblecamp.com and choose the "Donate" tab and follow the instructions.

So as we Trust in God for our direction and rely on his leading, continue to Pray for PBC, its board, and Director Greg. As His purposes and plans remain firm and his love endures forever.

In His service,

Peter Silvius
Board Chairman

Donations

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Our Planned Summer Program

Teen Camp	Ages 15-17	Sunday, July 5th – Friday, July 10th	\$300
Intermediate Camp	Ages 12-14	Sunday, July 12th – Friday, July 17th	\$300
Junior Camp	Ages 10-12	Sunday, July 19th – Friday, July 24th	\$275
Kid's Camp	Ages 7-9	Sunday, July 26th – Thursday, July 30th	\$250
Young Adult Retreat	Ages 18+	Friday, August 28th – Sunday, August 30th	\$100

Hello Pioneer Family!

I hope you have all had a wonderful fall and winter. Spring is on the way now and I've been thinking more and more about camp and what this summer will look like. I am so excited for some of the changes we will be working on this spring including a new low ropes course, a bouldering cabin, and an extra week of camp. This year we have decided to split our 'Teen Camp' into two different weeks: a senior high Teen Camp (ages 15-17) from July 5-10, and an Intermediate Camp (ages 12-14) from July 12-17. Our hope is that each age group will benefit from more specialized and age appropriate schedules and programming. This will also give our camp a chance to grow and reach more youth and children for God's Kingdom. Because of this, I would encourage every one of you to pray and consider serving in some capacity this spring and summer as we are stretched thin. We have so many different areas to serve whether it's helping in the kitchen, serving in maintenance or camp prep, caring for our kids as a nurse, or leading devotions as a cabin leader. I look forward to what God will accomplish through your service and prayers especially now with what our world is facing.



Yours in Christ,
Gregory Dion
Camp Director



Thoughts from the Board

Our camp has existed for over 70 years and never before have we faced challenges like those we are facing now due to Covid-19. What would Mr. and Mrs. Kushnerik say if they could speak to us, how would they encourage us?

They would remind us that God is “El Roi”, the God who sees us. It is very comforting to us in this time of uncertainty that El Roi sees us individually and knows all our fears and insecurities. He knows that we came to this meeting this morning with no answers to the many questions we have. In the midst of all of this El Roi is watching over us and has a plan to bless us.

They would also remind us that God is “El Olam”, the God who has no beginning and no end, the God to whom a thousand years is like one day and one day like a thousand years. Nothing takes God by surprise so neither did this virus and its pandemic spread come as a surprise to Him. El Olam is called the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. He is the God whose love endures forever.

Then they would add that God is “Yahweh Yireh”, the God who provides. Because He is “El Olam”, the God with no beginning or end, He sees the future as well as the past. He is able to anticipate and provide what is needed. He sees the situation beforehand and is able to provide all our needs. Mr. and Mrs. K. would tell us to remember always that one of the names of God is Yahweh Nissi, the Lord is my Banner. He is the God who is powerful enough to overcome any foe.

Another powerful name of God is Yahweh Tsur, the Lord is my Rock. He is the rock that represents His permanence, His protection and enduring faithfulness. Yahweh Tsur can always be counted on; His purposes and plans have remained firm throughout history. There are many things I can imagine they would encourage us with however I am going to end with “Ego Eimi”, the great “I Am”, the loving God who will never abandon us but who will be present with us always.

During this...difficult time...let us remember that we are in the presence of the God who sees us and whose love endures forever. We are asking for direction from the God who knows our situation beforehand and is able to provide all our needs. We are surrendering our situation to He who is able to overcome any foes, even a foe as daunting as Covid-19. It is comforting to remember that God can be counted on and that His purposes and plans have remained firm throughout history. And that He is the great I Am, the loving God who will never abandon us but will be present with us always.

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Summer 2020 Wish List

- A 11-ton and up gas powered log splitter

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