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Camp Connection

the official newsletter of Pioneer Bible Camp

February 2023

Greetings to all of our supporters and friends of PBC!

In some respects, the year 2023 seems like it has only just begun. For some, like myself, the business of every new day makes it seem like only yesterday we were bidding farewell to 2022. To others, life events may have made it seem too long since the new year began.

Something that comes with every new year here at Pioneer is planning for a new camp season. We have the opportunity to start with a clean slate in setting a camp program, speakers, and activities - but these also come with a sense of urgency, as our dedicated team of volunteers must pull together to quickly organize all of these within the span of a few months. Thanks to the usual abundance of blessings from the Good Lord, and the hard work and dedication of our many volunteers, camp has always come together.

Proverbs 19:21 speaks to our natural disposition — and for those of us in leadership, our duty — to plan for the future.

“Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”
(Proverbs 19:21 NIV)

However, we know that regardless of our plans and the situations we find ourselves in, the Lord has better intentions for us than we could ever imagine — or could even ever know.

This year, we are in particular need of a new Camp Director, as Gregory Dion has decided to step down from the role after many years of faithful service. The board of Pioneer would like to thank him for his many years of service to our ministry, and wish him well with his next calling. We covet your prayers for wisdom and discernment as we enter the process of hiring a new individual for this critical role.

As always, we are in need of the occasional volunteer to fulfill certain tasks — and no act is too small. If you would be interested in helping out at Pioneer, I encourage you to get in touch with myself or any other member of our Pioneer leadership team. Thank you, as always, for being such a dedicated group of supporters for our ministry; your partnership allows us to thrive and continue in our ministry of sharing the Good News with campers and families in the greater Smoky Lake area.

In His service,

Stuart Barth
Board Chairperson

Our Planned Summer Program

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| Teen Week | Ages 14-17 | Sunday, July 9th – Friday, July 14th | \$350 |
| Intermediate Week | Ages 10-13 | Sunday, July 16th – Friday, July 21st | \$350 |
| Kid's Week | Ages 7-9 | Sunday, July 23rd – Thursday, July 28th | \$325 |

Save the Date!

Spring Banquet Fundraiser

Our traditional spring fundraiser banquet and auction will be held Saturday, April 22, 2023

Bike-a-Thon

Our fall bike-a-thon will be returning this year on Saturday, August 19, 2023

Staff Needed

We are in need of a variety of volunteers and/or paid staff for the upcoming summer. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact staff@pioneerbiblecamp.com

| Position Title | Position Description & Duration |
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| Kitchen Help | 1 week commitment in the first 3 weeks of July |
| Maintenance Worker | 1 week commitment in the first 3 weeks of July |
| Nurse | 1 week commitment in the first 3 weeks of July |
| Program Committee Member | Occasional meetings before July |
| Silent Auction Donation for Spring | On Saturday April 22 |
| Labourer for Special Camp Project | Low ropes course; flexible schedule |
| Labourer for Special Camp Project | Cutting wood; flexible schedule |
| Labourer | Regular maintenance of grounds or weekend work bees |
| Cabin Counselors | Camp program, first 3 weeks of July |
| Cabin Leaders in Training | Camp program, first 3 weeks of July |
| Lifeguard | Camp program, first 3 weeks of July |
| Participant in Bike-A-Thon | On Saturday August 19 |

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Thank you to those that support PBC's ministry by praying for our leadership team. We covet your prayers for wisdom as we manage our full camp ministry and plan for the future of camp.

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