



## Camp For Big Kids

Life can be crazy, and adults need camp, too! Camp is all about getting away from the routine and life's normal distractions, trying new and different activities, having significant conversations with others, and being in a place where one can consider life's priorities and relationship with God. Adult campers leave camp re-charged, refreshed, and ready to serve Christ's Church.

We have a nice variety of opportunities for adults to take advantage of, and we would love to have more adults at camp! Check out the **adult retreat dates** on the next page, and our website for more information.

## Guest Groups

We appreciate our guest groups! They love everything about camp, take care of things, and most of them come back again and again.

We are always interested in talking with more churches and groups about having a purpose-driven retreat at camp. If you know of such a group within driving distance to camp, please contact the camp office, and we will be happy to follow up.

## Volunteers-Next Gen

A big concern facing the future of Christian camping is the need to grow a new generation of volunteers. Want to help, but not sure how to get involved? Let's talk!

# DOOR POSTS

from Camp Zion - Door County's Christian Camp

## We've Got Staff!

For years, we've prayed that God would give Camp Zion additional year-round staff to better serve our guests and groups, and to help fulfill the next step in God's plan for the future of the ministry. Funding such a position was always the obstacle.

And then, seemingly out of the blue, volunteers Matthew & Hannah Gillmore visited one day to tell us that God was leading them into Christian camping, Camp Zion in particular, and that they were willing to take a huge step of faith to raise funds to help make that possible. God paved the way for that to happen, and Matthew began his duties as Operations Manager on September 1.

Having Matthew on staff (and Hannah in her support-role) for the past six months has been blessing. More work is getting accomplished than ever before. And, Executive Director Dale Stewart will be able to focus more efforts on marketing, church and donor relations.

Pray for the Gillmores as they continue to get settled and work at fund-raising.

Camp is grateful for all who are giving (and may yet give) to make it possible for the Gillmores to be here.



## How's That Dining Hall Coming Along?

*"The will of God is never exactly what you expect it to be. It may seem to be much worse, but in the end it's going to be a lot better and a lot bigger." -Elizabeth Elliot*

Our staff members, the camp leadership, guests, and donors are all anxious to see a new dining hall come to fruition. The Camp Leadership Team is moving carefully and deliberately with plans, as there is quite a bit of advance work that has to be done before we are ready to file for permits. At the right time, we will present a plan that will be great for camp, and acceptable to zoning officials.

We have raised over half of the anticipated expense, and the fund is growing. We hope you will be inspired to be generous in your giving, and encourage others to do the same. We covet your prayers for God's direction, and intervention with obstacles and opposition. We really need this facility!

## Summer Camp Sign-Up

Summer youth camps are almost here, and can be one of the greatest experiences in a young person's life. Lives are changed at camp, and kids go home with the best memories of their lives.

2018 summer camp registrations are ahead of last year, which was a record year. Are the kids in your world signed up yet? We still have room for all age groups. Scholarship assistance is available for those who could not otherwise afford to come. Register today, and spread the good word!

## 2018 Dates

January 1 - Registration begins  
January 26-28 - Jr. High Winter  
February 16-19 - Sr. High Winter  
March 3 - Spaghetti Supper  
**April 19-22 - Craft Weekend**  
**May 4-6 - Lumberjacks**  
**May 14-20 - Spring Quilt Camp**  
June 24-28 - Primary Camp  
**June 29-July 1-Campamento de Familias**

### **July 4 - Open House 7-10AM**

July 8-14 - Jr. Girls Camp  
July 15-21 - Jr. High Camp  
July 22-28 - Jr. Boys Camp  
July 29-Aug. 4 - Sr. High Camp  
Aug. 5-9 - HS 2.0  
Aug. 10-13 - Pre-Camp  
Aug. 19 - Camp Reflections in Zion  
**Aug. 31-Sep. 1 - Family Camp**  
**Sep. 14-16 - Women's Fall Retreat**  
**Sep. 26-Oct. 3 - Quilt Camp**  
Oct. 5-8 - Sr. High Fall Retreat  
**Oct. 12-14 - Men's Retreat**  
Oct. 26-28 - Jr. High Fall Retreat



New Polaris Ranger Work Vehicle

## Rik-Tik-Rikity-Rik!

## The Next Billy Graham?

Perhaps no person has had more of an impact on Christ's Kingdom than the late Billy Graham. But who will take his place? Who will impact as many lives with the Gospel? The answer to that question might not be a "who", but a "what". A key component of that "what" may very well be the ministry of Christian Camping, which is already one of the most influential Gospel movements in the world.

You can help insure that camp continues to be a powerful tool for the Gospel that will impact generations to come. Pray, Give, Serve.

## Counting the Cost

Donations of all sizes really do make a difference! Here are a few examples of camp expenses that your donations help pay for:

- ♦ Snowshoes - \$75 per pair
- ♦ Kitchen mats - \$90 each
- ♦ Snow tubes - \$95 each
- ♦ Replacement ski sets - \$150 each
- ♦ Stand-up paddle board - \$300 each
- ♦ New gutters installed on dining hall - \$2,575
- ♦ Snowmaking machine - \$3,850
- ♦ Road grading - \$6,700
- ♦ Polaris Ranger work vehicle - \$7,300
- ♦ Additional dock repairs - \$15,000
- ♦ Chip-sealing our entrance road - \$16,725
- ♦ 2015 Chevy Silverado tow vehicle - \$25,000

Our buildings, facilities, vehicles, and programs continually need upgrades and improvements. Camper fees only cover 75% of our operations budget, the balance comes from you. Your volunteer labor and gifts to **Camp Zion Advance** are wise investments in the future of the Church and society. Our world needs the ministry of camp more than ever before!

## 70 Years Ago

In the Spring of 1948, Camp Zion was not even two years old. The initial adventure of searching for and purchasing land was past, a small dining hall had been built by volunteers (for around \$350), and the hard work of building a camp was well underway.

Based on the historical documents available to us, the first dock on the waterfront was built in 1948, using mostly volunteers, campers, and Door County locals like Carl Carlson, Gus Klenke, and the Gills Rock Weborgs. Electricity and a well pump were also added in 1948.

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