



Conconully Bible Camp News

From your Okanogan County Holiness Association Board

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From the President

As this year comes to an end, I find myself reflecting over 2021. We as a board of directors have been immensely blessed by your concern for camp, your financial generosity, and most of all for your unceasing prayer for the Conconully Bible Camp. Over the past almost two years of dealing with COVID, we have constantly been amazed at how God has provided time and time again. Thank you so much for allowing God to use your time, talents, and financial resources to keep the camp afloat and serving our valley and beyond.

This year was really difficult in terms of programming. For the second year in a row, we planned for and recruited the staff for family camp only to have COVID cancel it. We were able to have some small church groups up and mainly were able to host RV campers. Aaron and his family did a great job of keeping up the grounds and hosting those small groups and RVs. Another very difficult change that has come this year is that after eight years of working as the camp employee, Aaron Bevier has resigned as of September to take a job as a Para Pro with the Tonasket School District. Under Aaron's leadership and guidance, we have seen many changes to camp including the demolition of the tabernacle and the building of our new one, the building of four new cabins, and huge updates to our infrastructure. We have gone from a campground that hosted the Brewster 6th graders, family camp and a few other smaller families; to our camp being booked pretty much solid from Memorial Day to Labor Day and sometimes beyond. The board of directors will never be able to thank Aaron and his wife LeAnne and their children Henry and Lucy for all the hard work they have put into the camp and the incredible legacy of the ministry they are leaving to the next group of people who will pick up the mantle of leadership at Conconully. So, as we look ahead to the upcoming year, I would ask you that you would first pray that God would provide people with a passion for camp and the talents that are needed at camp. Secondly pray for our Governor, the health department, and our community that we all would be wise and obedient to God's will as it comes to how to end this COVID pandemic. Finally, I would ask that you pray for the board of directors that we would be wise and obedient to God's will as it comes to making financial, staffing, and programming decisions. Again, thank you so much for your prayer and support! I pray that you are blessed this holiday season and have a Christ-filled Christmas with the ones you love!

Eric Schmidt

From the Chairman's Desk...

Greetings in the name of Jesus.

As Conconully Bible Camp enters its 97th year, the Board has begun planning for the upcoming 2022 camping season. However, Covid has cast a long shadow which causes a level of uncertainty in our planning. As I try to process how this camping season is going to look, I'm struck by the fact that we don't know what we don't know; but the God who has sustained Camp for all these years, does. So, by faith we are forging ahead with great expectations of God's mighty power to do miracles of healing and salvation. We ask for you to pray that God will give the Board vision and insight.

We are thankful for your generous financial support and prayers. We pray that the God who provides will pour out blessings on all who give so abundantly to Camp.

Now, as we know, volunteers are who physically help to make Camp a reality. We are excited to see how we all will share our time and talents in this coming season as the Lord leads.

Chester LaFontaine

From the staff and programming Director

Dear Friends of Conconully Bible Camp

The last couple years have caused a wealth of grief, disappointment, division, chaos and confusion. Satan's favorite tools to draw us away from the One True God. I hope you have covered yourself and your families in the armor of God for this battle, that you are standing firm on His promises, and that it's your Father's arms you run to for protection and peace.

We so appreciate you all hanging with us through these turbulent times. God has been faithful in so many ways. We are so thankful for the fact that the bills are all paid up to date and there is money in the bank which is miraculous! We are grateful for a very responsible treasurer with integrity-thank you Kathy; a prayerful president-thank you Eric; new cabins and tabernacle; new water and electrical lines and a generous licensed servant of God that donated time, money and skills to get it all done-thanks Chester. New RV hookups on the north end of camp. Also thankful for faithful board members and a gorgeous new entrance sign.

Thankful for the eight years Aaron served to build camp up with renters, keeping the grounds beautiful, and newsletters out in a timely fashion. (He is leaving some big shoes to fill.)

Isaiah 46:10 says: **"I make known the end from the beginning from ancient times, what is still to come I say 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please'."** Remember, He hasn't blinked, He doesn't make mistakes.

He is omniscient, there can be no unforeseen circumstances... God will yet have His way in the whirlwind and storm, but the storm and whirlwind are here and as responsible beings we must make our choice in the present moral situation.

(AW Tozer)

So, we know God has a plan for this sacred campground and we desire to be good stewards of what has been entrusted. To do this we need assistance and grace. It is going to take a bit of doing to find our rhythm again. In the meantime, newsletters may be later than expected. Anybody know how to do them? How about a web master or someone to monitor Facebook. A gifted administrator would be helpful to answer phone calls and make reservations.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Eph 2:10

Is this an opportunity for you to let your light shine for His glory? You are in our prayers, and we look forward to gathering in February for our annual fundraiser. We are also at work preparing to resurrect Family Camp the third weekend of July. Thank you again for your support and prayers. God is still on His throne!

Pat Kee

A letter from a camp attender...

I started my adventures at Conconully Bible Camp in 2018 after being invited multiple times by my brother, Chester. I finally came to investigate why he was so passionate about it. I remember wonderful experiences I had as a child at Black Lake Camp in Tumwater, and I wanted my three great-grandchildren and two great nieces to share in the experience of Camp as well, so I brought them along also to investigate CBC. The children had a wonderful time and I met a multitude of awesome people, many of which have been attending the camp for years. This was the beginning of my love for CBC and my family's enthusiasm for attending. The children ask me every year 'when are we going back!?' I have even purchased a travel trailer to accommodate all the family comfortably in one spot. The excitement for camp spilled over to their parents, so they came the next year to see why the kids wouldn't miss camp. They loved the spiritual atmosphere Camp offered and how much they learned about God through the daily Bible studies and evening meetings. Our family has been sorely disappointed that Family Camp had to be cancelled because of Covid the last couple years. We hope and pray that we can all gather together in 2022 to share and learn about God's love and care for us.

Judy LaFontaine