

CAMP ARRAH WANNA NEWS

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CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF SERVICE!

This year is a big one for us! We estimate that between 750 and 7,500 people have visited CAW every year since 1941, which means that well over 300,000 guests have been a part of our 75-year story. In this edition of our "Camp Arrah Wanna News", you will read about our history, our accomplishments, and our goals for the future. We are proud to share this heritage of service and outdoor ministry with you, and pray daily that we will be proclaiming the same sentiment 75 years from now.



September 4th, 2016
Almost 200 people joined us
for our 75-Year Celebration



The First Arrah Wanna Day

In March of 1941, when the Oregon Baptist Convention purchased 65 acres of J.L. Bowman's 1st Addition to Arrah Wanna Park for \$12,750, there was a lot to celebrate. It didn't take long, however, for leadership to recognize the hefty price tag that comes with operating a camp like ours. November 9th of that year was designated as Arrah Wanna Day and "All ministers & churches will be notified and urged to present financial needs of AW."

Although it's a tradition we haven't practiced in a while, the desperation we often feel for more financial support has not diminished...so we are reviving the effort! We've asked each one of our Oregon ABCCPC churches to champion the effort by observing "Camp Arrah Wanna Sunday," spending a few minutes during one of their worship services this fall talking about Camp and our current needs. You will have the opportunity to view our commemorative 75-year film and hear from some of your own campers. Please take this opportunity to purposefully consider how you can financially support your camping ministry.

Pieces of our 75-Year History

1923 - 1st Arrah Wanna Hotel burned down | **1924** - New Arrah Wanna Hotel built by J.L. Bowman; Bowmans 1st Addition to Arrah Wanna park was platted; A few lots were sold and Fernhaven & Lewis cottages were built | **1941** - March 27th Bowman sold 65 acres to Oregon Baptist Convention for \$12,750; November 9 was designated as Arrah Wanna Day when "All ministers & churches will be notified and urged to present financial needs of AW." | **1944** - Other property lots had been added, then Mark & Edith Elliott donated 80 acres (now known as Judson area); Arrah Wanna consisted of a total of 145 acres; Chapel was built (now the maintenance building) | **1947** - Judson Lodge was built

1952 - First Swimming pool built (now filled with gravel behind Stearns Cottage)

1952-1955 - Managers were John & Mary Flanagin | **1953** - Original Pool bathhouse was built

1954 - Rearranging of tent frames & moving of bluff cottages 20' - renamed them Sunshine Cottages (now our Craft Shack) | **1955-1960** - Managers were Maurice & Ilene Miller with their 5 kids

1956 - 3 Cabins built: called Unit 3 (now Lake cabins) | **1957** - 3 More cabins built: called Unit 7 (now Bay Cabins); Cottage on entrance road purchased by Mrs. Penland then donated to AW in memory of husband (Penland Cottage) | **1958** - 3 more cabins built: Unit 6 (now Mt. Cabins)

1959 - 3 more cabins built: Unit 5 (now River Cabins); "Sanitary Unit" for Unit 6 & 7 was built (now Mt. Bathroom); Managers House built (now Miller House) | **1960** - Judson Lodge had been left vacant for 10 years - volunteers cleaned it up, added water lines & more electricity | **1960-1970** - Managers were Jake & Catherine Frey | **1961** - Saw 727 ABC campers / more than 2,000 people visited AW; Sought more "outside" rental groups; Installed first walk-in freezer at lodge | **1962** - CEF program was launched to raise funds for church extension & camp improvements. First project was to winterize Judson, install furnace & bathrooms | **1964** - Christmas flood: Salmon River changed course & Arrah Wanna lost 20 acres; Despite having health concerns, Manager Jake Frey commented: "A harmonious summer staff, good food and good cooks provided a good camping climate and there is a warm and cheery glow in many a heart and home and church because of the Christian impact received at Arrah Wanna by many of the 700 persons who shared in our Baptist camps & Men's retreat" | **1965** - Sacto Trail blazed by FBC Sacramento youth (now trail around "3 Crosses" hill past Council Rock and Old Adirondack Cabins); Winterized many cabins; Camp Arrah Wanna road sign was funded & built by Oregon Baptist Men; Newsletter read: "Family Camp, our biggest camp group, the past several years had developed an enthusiastic group of boosters for AW. They always look forward to another stay at Camp." | **1966** - Update to AW Lodge: electrical upgrade, walk-in cooler, new porch & side entrance, enlarged kitchen, removed partitions from 3rd floor; Remodel of Stearns Cottage | **1970** - Dishwasher & electric stove installed in kitchen & heat added to 12 cabins; Fernhaven cottage remodeled; Deeper well dug; Carl & Irma Wright became the Managers | **1971** - 7-day youth camps cost \$25.00 / Family Camp \$13.00

1977 - Arrah Wanna became a year-round facility | **1979** - Bluff Motel Units were built, primarily by Calvary Baptist Church, Salem | **1982** - Judson Lodge was remodeled | **1983** - Canteen & store was built (Now Camp Office) | **1985** - Demolished Council House & Cooks Cabin (previously located next to current Office) | **1987** - Remodeled Lodge kitchen & restrooms because of health codes - cost was \$100k

1988 - Rebuilt pool water circulation & poured cement decks | **1989** - Solar collectors were installed to heat pool (Still on top of Poolside/Huckleberry Bunkhouse) | **1990** - Constructed building under solar collectors (Poolside - now Huckleberry) | **1991** - 50 year celebration & dedication of Pavilion (now Gym & Worship Center) | **2000** - Asphalt laid on roads | **2001** - Mt Bathrooms remodeled | **2002** - Gazebo & Lodge side deck added | **2004** - High & Low Ropes courses added | **2005** - 4 Tree Cabins Built - bathrooms inside! | **2006** - New well installed down bluff from Main Lodge | **2007** - New Pool built by Pavilion | **2008** - Septic system overhaul (gravel filters located NW of Council Rock Fire Circle)

2010 - Filled in the old pool, demolished Lewis cottage (was located between Fernhaven & Poolside)

2011 - Remodeled old camp store into new Camp Office | **2012** - Replaced floor, counter tops & storage in Lodge Kitchen; Replaced pipes in Bluffs | **2013** - New Pool bathhouse completed; Judson got a brand new metal roof! | **2014** - Updated Main Lodge lighting & décor

2016 - CELEBRATING 75 YEARS!

Many details have been lost over the years - please send us your pictures, stories, & historical tidbits!

Winter Camp 2017

We're hosting another LONG-WEEKEND this year for Winter Camp! All ages will enjoy some worship together, but have program activities and Bible studies with their own age groups. It's going to be a GREAT weekend of exploring the Word, playing in the snow on Mt. Hood, and hanging out with friends in a setting that can't be beat.

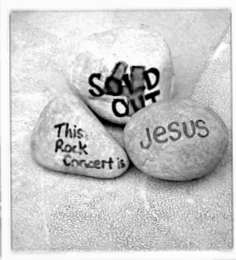
February 17-20 FRI-MON

High School = \$170 | Middle School = 160
Elementary = \$150

\$10 DISCOUNT for registrations completed by
January 13, 2017

Register online TODAY at:

www.camparahwanna.org/RegisterForCamp.html



COMMUNITY YARD SALE AND CRAFT BAZAAR

SAT, JUNE 10TH

ANYONE CAN RESERVE A BOOTH



We had over 15 vendors last year... so don't miss out on your chance to shop OR to sell!

High School Summer Camp

July 10-14 (Mon-Fri)

If completed grades 9, 10, 11, or 12
\$270 if registered by June 5th
\$290 between June 6-30th

Middle School Summer Camp

July 17-21 (Mon-Fri)

If completed grade 6, 7, or 8
\$270 if registered by June 12
\$290 between June 13-July 7

Elementary Summer Camp

July 24-28 (Mon-Fri)

If completed grade 3, 4, or 5
\$250 if registered by June 19
\$270 between June 20-July 14



Friends & Family Camp

September 1 - 4 (Fri-Mon)

\$60-\$140 per person depending on Lodging & Meal Choices

We welcome campers of ALL ages, their families, their friends... ANYONE! From our community, the Portland area, around the NW - from ANYWHERE! We just want EVERYONE to come and spend part of their summer in this special place surrounded by friends.

Annual CAW Reunion & Open House

Sunday, Sep. 3rd | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Reunite with old camp buddies, share lost pictures, and enjoy all camp has to offer for a day
Lunch served @ 12 pm | Donations Encouraged | RSVP by August 25th

Online Registration for Winter Camp opens October 31, 2016 @
www.camparahwanna.org/RegisterForCamp

OUR WISH LIST

Volunteers for:

- ALL SUMMER & WINTER CAMP PROGRAMS (counselors, worship leaders, speakers, medics, etc.)
 - Weekend Guest Hosting
- Friday & Sunday Housekeeping
 - Indoor & Outdoor Painting
 - Carpet Shampooing
- Connecting with OR churches, schools & non-profits
 - Window Washing
- Hanging promotional posters around community
- You tell us what you're good at, and we will find a job for you!

Items that help us get our work done:

- Office Supplies - between \$5-\$50
- Street Sweeper - \$8,000
- Maintenance Tools - between \$20-\$500
- Kitchen Supplies - between \$5-\$40
- New Pool cover - \$8,000
- Vacuums - \$400 each
- Updated computers - \$800 each

Items that help us serve our guests better:

- New Mattresses - \$140 each
- New Cabin Doors - \$200 each
- Coffee carafes - \$35 each
- Matching Cabin Curtains - \$30 each
- Climbing Wall in Gym - \$3,000

Things that improve the way Camp looks:

- Perennial Flowers - \$2-\$15
- CAW Sign on Hwy 26 - \$1,500
- Fence & Gate at Entrance - \$20,000

Gearing Up for Big Change

3 most important areas of need:

- 1) **Financial cushion to pay bills during "slow" months**
- 2) **Lodging that is comfortable for adults so we can host more sustainable, year-round retreats & events**
- 3) **Support for our hard-working staff**

We are in the beginning stages of organizing a 5-year capital campaign in an effort to facilitate additions and upgrades for our facility, programs & daily operations. Some major donors have already stepped forward. Here is our \$1.6 million priority list:

- 5-year general operating support - \$750k
- Main Lodge Phase #1: upstairs remodel - \$75k
- Staff housing updates - \$150k
- Judson Lodge remodel - \$110k
- Main Lodge Phase #2: update function of dining hall & relocate restrooms - \$200k
- 5-year staff position: Associate Director - \$275k
- Various smaller maintenance needs - \$55k

Can you imagine how inspiring it would be to get a head start on this fund raising goal? We could do EXACTLY THAT if you considered donating \$75 per month in honor of our 75th Anniversary

Not Just a Baptist Youth Camp

Many types of groups from around the Northwest utilize CAW for their retreats, seminars, events and programs. Here are a few examples of the diversity we are proud to host...

Clackamas Women's Services & their Camp HOPE program	2-5 Family Reunions ranging from 10 to 100 people each
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Weekly "Just for Kix" community dance classes	Oregon Foster Club teen conference
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Portland Firefighters and their awesome adult friends who also have Muscular Dystrophy	25+ weeks of public & private school groups, including Outdoor School for 6th graders
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3-8 Beautifully rustic weddings each year	23+ non-ABC church youth camps & adult retreats
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Did you know YOU can rent space @ Camp Arrah Wanna for...



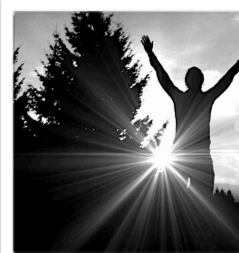
Weddings



Family Reunions



B-Day Parties



Church Retreats



School Events

WILL YOU PRAY WITH US?

The Camp Arrah Wanna staff have their alarms set!

At 10:00 am EVERY DAY, we stop what we are doing and we pray - we pray for wisdom, patience, and guidance. We pray for the guests who stay with us and that their lives will be touched by the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Lord would provide what we need to lead this ministry. Will you set your alarm and join us in prayer? Will you help the kids & youth in your home and church pray with us too? Here is a prayer to help you get started...



“Our Father, who dwells in heaven and in this place: your name is truly holy and we long to worship you through every act of service. We pray your kingdom is manifested in our programs, and your will is followed in the big decisions and in the small ones. Help us strive to make the world around us more reflective of your heavenly beauty. Please provide everything we need to do great things in your name, and forgive us when we neglect and forget the calling you challenge us with.

When people make our jobs difficult, Lord, show us how to forgive and seek your face instead. Lead us toward the peace of your complete & perfect will, rather than dwelling in moments of stress & anxiety. Deliver us from this time of uncertainty & teach us how to run from anything that takes away from you. This earth is yours. This camp is yours. Let us always remember that all power is yours and no matter what, your glory will go on forever. AMEN!”

What kind of impact is CAW having?

“Today I was blessed to be able to spend the day at my favorite place on Earth, my heart’s true home, Camp Arrah Wanna. I am so grateful for that amazing place and the beautiful people there. They always help me feel wanted, loved, appreciated, and of value.” - Mavis Gillette, Wednesday Volunteer

“Thankful to be at a beautiful place by the river that allowed me the privilege of leading many youth adventures and a place that has blessed many lives through 75 years.” - Gregg Sneller, ABC International Ministries

“I am so thankful for this place of renewal and healing, growth and adventure. So many of the most important relationships in my life have been forged here. Our painting class tonight [at Friends & Family Camp], was the perfect example of how special this place is: challenging me to be more than I think I am, showing me that I can do more than I think because it's not on my own strength that I do this life. Over and over for more than sixteen years, this place, and the people who have trusted and trained and walked alongside me, have shown me and reminded me when necessary of my place in the universe and the big Story. Don't know where I'd be without CAW and the family I have here. Thank you all for making this place happen and sharing the adventure with me.” - Corey Hughes, CAW Board member & Volunteer Program Director



“If you have never been, I encourage everyone to try out our family camp next year at Camp Arrah Wanna. Always on Labor day weekend. So much fun with great company!” - Jenny Whiting, Camp Nurse

“Glad to be working this week at a place where I grew up, and where I have always felt closest to God- this ‘beautiful place by the river.’” - Rhonda Yingling Slinkard, Summer Lifeguard

“Praise God for this past week! Growing up, Camp Arrah Wanna has always been a place for me to connect with the Lord. Being a counselor for High School group this past week, and seeing Him move in this next generation, has been a blessing...a testament to how great our God is!” - Jeovanny Refuerzo, Volunteer Counselor



“Love this place.” - Araceli Martinez, Camp Nurse

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ADOPT A PROJECT PLEASE!

Believe us...we are familiar with, and acutely aware of, how desperately our facilities need updating. How many times have we heard "you should really think about remodeling this room," while giving prospective guests a tour of Camp? As if we don't lie awake at night dreaming of the possibilities? Lack of funding and volunteer labor are two of the biggest things that keep us from doing them all! Although we have to leave the big jobs to certified contractors, there are plenty of projects that your church or ministry group could undertake. Raising funds and seeing one of these projects through to the end will have a HUGE impact...

Main Lodge Interior

Some walls need scrubbing & painting, the beverage counter needs a sign, and a few more windows need curtains



Mini-Golf Rehab

Side bumpers, astroturf, and fun new obstacles are needed



Prayer Garden

Design an area where people can truly take advantage of God's peaceful beauty

Adopt a Cabin

We have 18 cabins that need regular carpet shampooing, painting, deep cleaning, new curtains, better mattresses, etc.



Main Lodge Exterior

It desperately needs new shingles, cleaning, scraping, & painting



Spring Landscaping

Around Lodge, Office, Bluffs & Swimming Pool, and also keeping it nice during the summer

Although our property and programs have been overflowing with love and joy for the past 75 years, and we have made GREAT strides in accomplishing financial sustainability, we have not yet reached our goals. More and more people utilize Camp Arrah Wanna each year, and the demand for a place like ours continues to increase, yet our aging facility remains a constant hinderance, and rising insurance premiums and utility costs outpace our forward progress. We have diligently been chipping away at our long-term development plan to help close the gap, but we won't make it to the finish line without your financial help. Please consider making Camp Arrah Wanna a priority in your giving this year and for the next 75 years to come.

Yes! I want to provide support for Camp Arrah Wanna, Inc.

All donations are tax deductible.

Give online by clicking our "Donate Now" button @ www.camparrahwanna.org

Or mail this completed pledge card with your donation to:

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Enroll me as a Camp Arrah Wanna Financial Partner! I will support camp now with a gift of \$_____ and continue with a monthly gift of \$_____.

I would like to increase/continue my current pledge and give \$_____ on a monthly basis.

I am enclosing a one-time gift in the amount of \$_____