CAMP ARRAH WANNA NEWS

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If there was ever a compelling time to get involved with Camp and the powerful ministries we are part of, NOW IS IT! While COVID-19 and the Oregon Wildfires have certainly forced some interesting and scary new approaches to our work, Camp Arrah Wanna continues to find ways to serve our community, churches, and guests. You are invited to participate in this year's Virtual Fundraiser & Auction so you can hear first-hand about what we have accomplished, and see what still needs to get done!



More About the Fall 2020 Fundraiser...

Although we would prefer to see your lovely faces in person, our current circumstances demand a different kind of opportunity – and we are excited about sharing an update and inviting you to participate in this virtual event with us!

October 24th: The ISTILL Love CAW - Fall 2020 Virtual Fundraiser & Auction will start with a Welcome Video filmed right here at Camp! It will include an overview of what to expect during the following two weeks, tell about our fundraising goals, and show you some of the things we have already accomplished around Camp. This video will be posted on our website, emailed to our contacts, and shared on social media. Don't miss it!

October 26 - November 6: We will be sharing more Short Videos from Camp Staff, families, guests, and volunteers who have been impacted by their time at Camp Arrah Wanna. This gives everyone the opportunity to see how much others benefit from being involved in our ministry and mission. These friends are very special to us and our programs!

November 1st: This is the day the online **Auction Goes Live** for bidding. We have collected some wonderful items from generous donors that we're sure will interest you! Some of them will make perfect holiday gifts, while others will provide travel opportunities, stay-at-home comforts, or bring CAW beauty right into your home. The bidding will remain open until Monday, November 9th. Stop in any time, day or night, to see what treasures you might find!

Saturday, November 7th @ 5:00 pm: This is the Main Event we hope you ALL will make a special effort to "attend". The LIVE-STREAMING video will be delivered right here from Camp and you will have the opportunity to participate through comments, social media posts, and of course GIVING ONLINE! You can join one of our coordinated Zoom watch-parties, or you can tune in from the comfort of your own private computer screen. During this Main Event we will share about Camp's biggest ministry passions, update you on the progress of this event, give away some special prizes to notable participants, talk a little about the online auction, and invite you all to GIVE, GIVE, GIVE so we can continue serving our campers and communities!

JOIN AND VIEW ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES THROUGH OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.CAMPARRAHWANNA.ORG/GIVING

Not Sure You Can Join the Event Virtually?

That's okay! We would still love for you to participate by:



Sending a contribution to Camp with the enclosed Pledge Form



Calling Camp at (503) 622-3189 so we can connect you with an "Event Host" Friends of CAW will be hosting "watch-parties" during the November 7th Main Event, and we are more than happy to connect you with one of them. Some will host a SMALL, socially-safe gathering at their home, while others will host a Zoom gathering via their computers. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, just let us know and we will get you the tools & connections you need.



Stay tuned for our year-end newsletter where we will include pictures, stories, and outcomes of this fun and impactful fundraising effort

From Our Generations of Promise Committee Chair:

Greetings Arrah Wanna supporters!

What a crazy year 2020 has been. I trust you are well, in spite of all that has happened.

COVID-19 put many challenges in front of us and Camp. Face-to-face interactions have been limited and extreme restrictions for hosting people overnight has made camp almost a ghost town. Although the wildfires put Camp on alert, and left our on-site staff without power & water for over a week, we were fortunate enough to escape any real danger to our property. We know some of you were devastated by the fires, and we continue to pray for your recovery.

Despite these setbacks, Camp was able to share our resources by providing some firefighters with overnight lodgings - a place to bed down and shower. Over the summer we hosted multiple Community Family Drive-In Movies, bringing over 300 people together for fun and safe outdoor activities. The staff also organized a multi-weekend yard sale to purge donated items, create safe shopping space for community members, and raise a few funds. And let's not forget the AMAZING programming Corey & A.W.S.O.M. Interns provided for our "2020 Virtual Summer Camp" participants (see previous Newsletter for details).

In regards to fundraising, last year's in-person auction raised over \$24,000 and secured a few more ongoing donors, which was a great success for our first auction! Our initial goal is to raise \$1.7 million for Phase 1 projects, and another \$1.9 million for Phase 2 projects through the Generations Of Promise Campaign. To-date, over \$1 million in pledges and donations have been committed since starting the campaign in 2017 – a GREAT show of support! These monies are currently sustaining minimal, bare-bones camp operations, have funded multiple projects, and started fund balances for others. But this difficult year makes it even more imperative that we find success in our fundraising efforts.

Some FANTASTIC news is that two donors have stepped forward and committed a total of \$60,000 in matching gifts - a challenge for other donors to participate in and give during the "I STILL Love CAW - Fall 2020 Virtual Fundraiser & Auction" coming up later this month. A matching gift means that these donors will match, dollar-for-dollar, each NEW financial gift or pledge up to \$60,000. This is GREAT news for Camp, and wonderful incentive for you to give to Camp Arrah Wanna this month!

Will you please make sure to participate in this important event? Here are some ways you can help:

1) GIVE an item before October 15 for the online auction; 2) HOST a "Watch Party" on Nov. 7th - either virtually through Zoom or an intimate in-person (COVID appropriate) meal/dessert at your house;
3) DONATE by making a new contribution or increasing your monthly gift; 4) BID on our Online Auction items. You can make a huge difference for this non-profit!

Blessings - Paul Young, Generations of Promise Committee Chair





Give online by selecting <u>Donate Now</u> @ www.camparrahwanna.org/give
Or mail this completed pledge card with your donation to:

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Prayer Garden Dedication & Open House



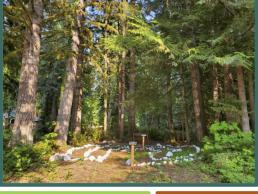






In leu of an overnight Friends & Family Camp program, friends & family were invited to join us for a special day-event on September 5th! As we enjoyed lunch on the patio, leisurely & physically-distant activities, and soaked in the warm sunshine, it was clear that the opportunity was needed and appreciated by all. The highlight was a Dedication Gathering for our new and BEAUTIFUL Prayer Garden – a peaceful space created by our staff for ANY guests to purposefully take time to lift their hearts to the Lord, renew their spirits, and bask in the beauty of this extraordinary space. Complete with a Prayer Labyrinth, private benches, and a Cross where visitors are encouraged to symbolically lay down our burdens, this space has quickly become a much-needed respite and comfort. We also celebrated Ms. Virginia Tondreau by presenting her with the "Seth Young Volunteer of the Year Award" for her dedicated prayer for our staff and ministry. Please call soon to schedule your private Prayer Garden visit!



















Need an update on what's new around Camp Arrah Wanna? Is your organization looking for a live-update on the Generations of Promise Campaign? Want some stories about our Programs? Does your church need a pulpit filled sometime in 2020? We would LOVE to come and share! Please get in touch to set up the details!

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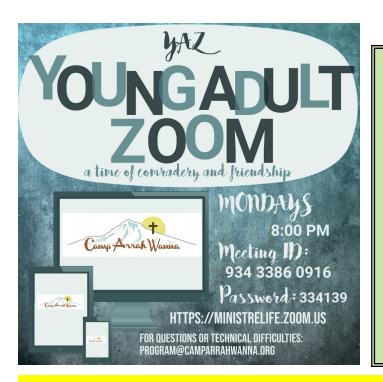




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You don't want to miss out on what's coming!

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