

CAMP ARRAH WANNA NEWS

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Happy Spring to our CAW friends!

Thank you for helping keep Camp Arrah Wanna sustained during such an extraordinarily tough year. Without the prayers, financial generosity, and inspirational support we received from individuals who care about this place and our staff, it might have been impossible to make it through 2020. However, despite the challenges, we want to make it known that Camp didn't just survive...this ministry is coming out the other side stronger than before!

As it has been said by countless people in countless ways: the last 12+ months have been full of questions, worry, and strife; but we can ALSO say it has shown CAW how to be more creative, given us some helpful perspective, and ultimately reminded us how important it is to trust in our God who loves us. The fact that you are reading this Spring 2021 Newsletter is just one example of how the Lord continues to fulfill His promise to always provide for our needs.

Yes, Camp has been "closed" to guests due to COVID-19 shutdowns for over 12 months, AND we have also accomplished some important projects, continued to interact with campers and donors virtually, and learned to serve our community in new ways. Although our staff has been "unemployed" for a good portion of the year (and still is), we have also been able to move forward with some on-site improvements that would have been difficult while camp was full of people. This is a pretty great silver lining!

Please take some time today to read about all the things we are excited to share with you, and also plan to participate in the upcoming events to show your support for this really worth-while ministry. We love being a part of The Creator's Kingdom with you!

Sincerely in Service - Laura Young Executive Director



Mic-Drop Moment: Despite the need to hold a virtual event rather than host people on site, our <u>Fall 2020 Fundraiser & Auction</u> was a total show-stopper (or should we say show-STARTER?)! Two families committed to giving Camp a total of \$60,000 in "matching funds" if we could raise another \$60,000 from other donors in November & December. As of December 31, our friends and supporters had given \$64,128 in NEW pledges & gifts, and also spent \$7,841 on our online-auction items. In total, with your gifts/pledges, the matching funds, and the auction sales, Camp was able to raise \$131,969 through the Fall Fundraiser. God is GREAT!

Fundraising Fulfillment: Because of our FABULOUS donors and supporters, not only did we have a successful fall event, but CAW exceeded all of our 2020 fundraising goals! In fact, without including a generous \$40,000 grant from the Gray Family Foundation for the Lodge Back Roof project, our ABC Churches and individual donors gave over \$210,000 throughout the year. In total, Camp received over \$255,000 in cash donations PLUS another \$33,200 in pledges from individuals, churches, grants, and businesses in 2020 – almost DOUBLE the typical yearly amount. If that isn't a testament to how important Camp is to the community we serve, I'm not sure what is!

Roof Revision: Because our fundraising goals for the year were met, we were able to break ground on the <u>Lodge Back Roof Project</u> in October. A portion of the Main Lodge roof, that wasn't replaced when the metal roof was installed years ago, has been springing multiple leaks into our kitchen, walk-in cooler, and brand-new Dining Hall restrooms for a few years now. We finally made the decision to tackle the project when parts of the ceiling started to collapse and black plastic diverting the water to multiple bus-tubs was the only thing keeping

us dry. Watching the light fixtures turn into water-features was the last straw.

What began as an \$80,000 project is now turning out to cost around \$140,000 – mainly because the walk-in cooler needed to be replaced, along with the platform it sits on, and the return-air unit for the kitchen exhaust system was also a total loss.



BUT IT'S OK, BECAUSE WE RAISED ENOUGH FUNDING IN THE FALL TO COVER THIS DOUBLED EXPENSE! We hope to have this project complete by July.

Remodel Ramp-Up: While work on the Lodge Back Roof progresses, we have already started preparing for the next capital improvement project –expanding and remodeling <u>Stearns Cottage</u>. We will be sharing more details as this project progresses, but the most exciting news at the moment is that, on April 9th, we received word that CAW will be receiving \$196,600 from the OSU Extension Services: Outdoor School Program for this endeavor! That is almost 60% of the total estimated cost of \$338,400. The architects have already started putting our hand-drawn sketches into professional drawings, and we can hardly wait to break ground!

Fun-Run Frenzy: In order to complete the Stearns Cottage Remodel, CAW will need to raise another \$142,000 as soon as possible... PLEASE considering joining us for our June 19th Fun-Run event to make this happen. We invite ALL donors, campers, parents, families, businesses, and friends to participate on ANY level – come to camp in person, challenge yourself to get up and walk around your neighborhood, donate in honor of a registered team, or simply help us promote the event to everyone you know. This is a wonderful opportunity to stretch your legs, safely interact with others who love CAW, and support a community non-profit that is making a positive impact during a confusing time in history.





Greetings everyone! I am excited for what has been accomplished with last fall's fundraiser, as mentioned, and what we have planned ahead for this year of 2021. God has been gracious! Did you know that since the Generations of Promise Campaign started in 2016, CAW has secured just over \$1,007,000 in cash PLUS another \$256,000 in pledges? We are SO excited to share more detail with you at our next event!

Speaking of the next event - this June 19th we are hosting a Fun Run: Come And Walk/Run Fundraiser, and we really hope you will join us in person or virtually from your hometown. All money raised is for the Stearns Cottage Remodel, and our goal is \$140,000. The in-person event will take place outside at the CAW Lodge, on trails, and roads throughout the property. If that doesn't work for you, you can walk/run wherever you are comfortable and then join us virtually for the closing ceremony. Participants are encouraged to collect pledges, based on distance or time, from friends and family to support Camp Arrah Wanna. If you would like company, form a team to do the same thing together, all for this special Camp Ministry. This is a healthy, fun and safe opportunity for ALL ages, so keep an eye on our website and social media pages for more information soon!

There are LOTS of opportunities to get involved in this amazing ministry, including our Summer Camp, Friends & Family Camp, the annual Fall Auction, and so much more. So please stay connected, pray for us, give and tell your friends, too!

Thank you, everyone, <u>you</u> make a difference!

Blessings,
Paul Young
Co-chair Generations of Promise
paul.young@comcast.net

CAW PROGRAMS

Many of you have been asking...and a couple of you have already sent Volunteer Applications and references! Yay! While we have received guidelines from the State of Oregon regarding how to run overnight camps this summer, we are still perusing those guidelines and praying for guidance as to what is best for Camp Arrah



Wanna. At this time we are still planning to hold our Program Camp during the week of **July 11-16**, and we plan to do so unless we absolutely cannot pull it off. You should expect a video and mailings about an announcement very soon with the details of what this summer will look like.



Since we cannot throw it all together at the last minute we are moving forward with plans even now as best we can. If you hope to Volunteer, please go ahead and turn in a **Volunteer Application** so that we can be prepared and not have to recruit everyone last minute. While we have not raised our prices for well over a decade, we also realize this is not the year to do so. And so we will be running with the prices as seen in our original 2020 brochure,

as noted below. We will not be opening registration until closer to the time but we can give you the following dates to save on your calendars:

July 11: Program Volunteers Arrive

July 12-15: All Campers Arrive (Grades 1-12)

July 15: Campers Grades 1-8 Depart

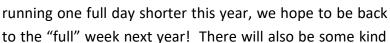
July 16: Campers Grades 9-12 Depart

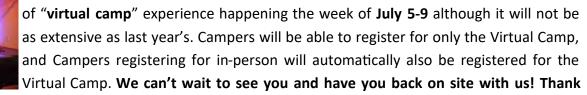
Grades 1-2: \$275- Grades 3-5: \$285-

Grades 6-8: \$290- Grades 9-12: \$295-

We are now all together during the same week under a model much like we follow for Winter Camp which now includes **Grades 1-2**. **Grades 11-12** will have the **option** to **APPLY** for a **Volunteer** position instead of being a Camper. And, yes, **Grades 9-12** will stay one night longer and those who volunteered during the week will have the option to stay the extra night as a Camper. We will be following appropriate Covid guidelines as applicable to CAW Programs. While we are







you for your continued support of Camp Arrah Wanna, CoreyD



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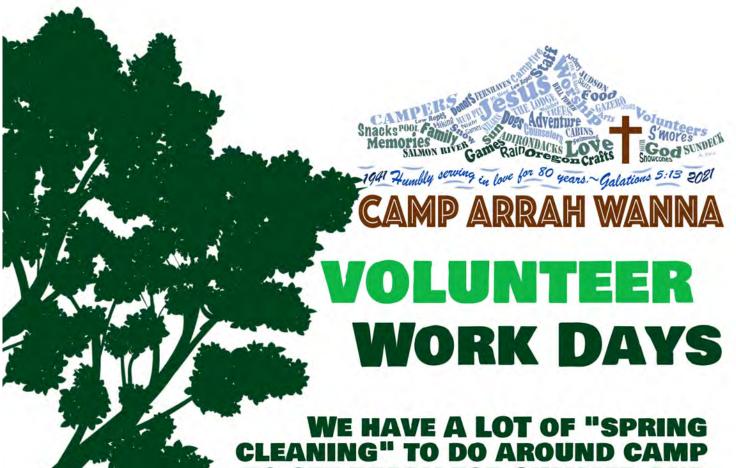
OR virtually from wherever you feel most safe!

Just be sure to #CAW2021FunRun in your photo or video!

Create a team or participate on your own to help raise money in support of Camp Arrah Wanna!

TO REGISTER & GET MORE INFO VISIT:

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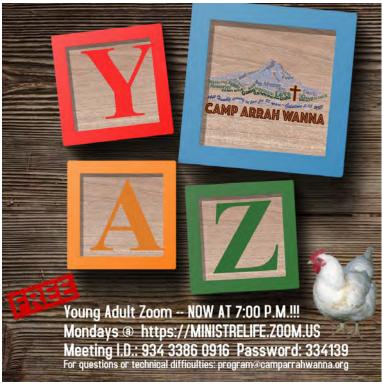


CLEANING" TO DO AROUND CAMP TO GET READY FOR SUMMER AND WHATEVER THAT HOLDS! WE ARE LOOKING FOR CREWS OF PEOPLE READY TO WORK HARD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

SATURDAY, APRIL 24 9:00AM--4:00PM SATURDAY, MAY 22 9:00AM--4:00PM SATURDAY, JUNE 12 9:00AM--4:00PM

LUNCH PROVIDED!

PLEASE RSVP BY EMAILING COREY @ PROGRAM@CAMPARRAHWANNA.ORG \$503-622-3189





Need to get out of the house?

Miss seeing your Camp Family's faces?

Check out these great opportunities for hanging out and blessing one another!





THANK YOU to our AMAZING Volunteers who helped clear 14 trailer loads of forest debris on April 24! Join us for our next Volunteer Work Days: May 22 & June 12!





We are looking for more "I STILL Love Camp Arrah Wanna because..." videos, as featured on our YouTube channel.



Have YOU considered sharing
YOUR Camp Arrah Story?
Get in touch with Corey
for details:

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

