



CAMP ARRAH WANNA NEWS

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Dear Camp Arrah Wanna Family,

We hope this finds you and your family well during this unsettling time. We know that the COVID-19 pandemic has changed all of our lives - some more acutely than others. Our prayer is that we will all be caring for one another in creative and safe ways, and that we can look to the Lord for guidance in ALL things. If there are specific ways our staff can be praying for you, please reach out and let us know!

We also wanted to fill you in on how things are going at Camp. As you may have suspected, Arrah Wanna is essentially “closed” through May, and possibly June, as our ministry is all about bringing groups of people together in this beautiful place. That means that in order to survive this time, we have TEMPORARILY laid off ALL employees and shut down as much of our operating systems as possible. Sean, Shannon & Corey continue to live on camp and take care of basic up-keep and essentials, while myself and others volunteer from home in order to stay up-to-date on financial resources and stay in touch with our supporters. We have submitted our application for the *Paycheck Protection Program*, and continue to seek out other financial resources. It is our hope that enough money comes in that we can re-hire some employees and do some projects while camp is empty. We continue to meet weekly as a staff via virtual platforms and find encouragement through praying with one another.



Although we are missing our campers and guests, we have found hope and renewal in the quiet, too! This has made it possible to focus more on the things that often get pushed to the side this time of year— catching up with secondary administrative tasks, improving our interactive social media presence, spending time planning for when camp re-opens, and truly taking time to slow down and meditate on what the Great Creator has already blessed us with – WHICH IS A LOT!



Like many of you, we wonder what the future will look like after the stay-at-home orders are lifted, but we have faith that the Lord truly is creating beauty out of the disaster and confusion. We have a sense of peace in God’s promises to continue work here at Arrah Wanna, so now is not the time to end this adventure!

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AT THE MOMENT, WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH ALL PLANNED CAMP ACTIVITIES FOR JULY & BEYOND! We still want more A.W.S.O.M. Internship applicants, Summer Camp registration will still open in May for the July programs, and volunteer trainings will still take place virtually! We know this could all change at the last moment, and we are preparing alternate plans for that case, but until we announce otherwise, PLEASE PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN JULY ACTIVITIES!

What can you do to help?

Pray for God's wisdom as we make decisions for Camp

Pray for our staff, that we can continue to think creatively and with one heart

Tell others about us: invite your friends to social media events and pass along this letter

Give financially as much as you are able

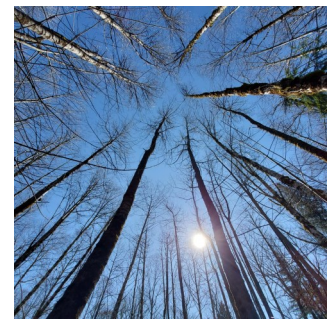
Many of us need every penny of the stimulus check coming in the next few weeks, and in that case, it should absolutely be spent where it's needed. But what if you can afford to send it on to Camp Arrah Wanna? If that's the case, then your gift would be helping us survive the uncertainties of today, which will help us be an even stronger ministry tomorrow!

Stay well. Stay in touch.

Love one another!

Sincerely in service,

Laura & Your friends at CAW



Our 2019 Young Adult Retreat and 2020 Winter Camp events were well-attended and absolute successes! Both weekends had good life and Bible conversations and teachings, BroomBall, tubing, hot sauce, great worship. We have instituted a lot of new standards

and "way things are done" in our Programs and our Volunteers and Campers have stepped up to the plate, and it shows! Many thanks to all!





Leading up to the Stay Home Save Lives orders, we were super blessed by volunteers from Outdoor School as well as individuals from the greater CAW Family and our Wednesday Guys who made AMAZING progress on several projects. This includes: cleaning up winter tree debris around Camp, ripping out carpets, dropping the ceilings, installing updated lighting, and painting the Lake Cabin interiors and bunks, AND some exciting paintings in the Craft Shack which will guide Campers in creative endeavors. Stay tuned for the finished product of each of these projects in the coming weeks before summer! We love our Volunteers so much! THANK YOU!





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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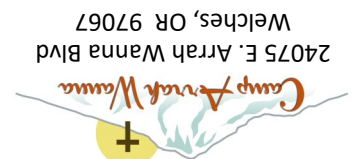
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