



# CAMP ARRAH WANNA NEWS

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## Celebrating 80 Years... During a Pandemic

"Are we really still doing this?"

How often have we asked ourselves that question over the past year? Are we referring to the chaos and strife surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, or is it more than that? Are we tired of facing a new struggle every day, or are we simply exhausted by whatever it takes to keep ourselves together and functioning at the most basic human level? And then...the next question becomes..."can we keep doing this?".

Over the past 18 months, God has challenged the Camp leadership to face these questions from a new perspective - to reflect on them in a new light. Are we really still doing this...after 80 years? YES! Can we keep doing this for another 80 years? YES!

Although moments/months/years in Camps history, in our lives, have been dark, tough, and downright ugly, WE ARE STILL BEING USED TO DO GODS WORK! Are the bills hard to pay? YES - but we have somehow paid them. Have we faced months of wondering if we can still serve without knowing how? YES - and we have found new ways.

We do not claim to be prophets like Isaiah, but we have seen first-hand the fulfillment of a promise made over 2600 years ago: "To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the LORD has planted for his own glory." (Isaiah 61:3) We have had the opportunity to SEE the Great Creator BEING the joy-giver through these strange and sometimes painful days! The ashes of what our current struggles bring are being made into something beautiful HERE AT CAMP ARRAH WANNA! So if you need some inspiration to trust and believe that God wants to pour out (anoint) abundant love upon you, be your comforter, your care-giver, hope-giver, and friend, then keep reading... because there is a LOT of it going on right here in a place we all know and love!





## A View From Laura's Window

One way The Lord reminds me of His faithfulness through my job as Exec. Director is providing a front-row view of real, life-changing stories unfolding through our programs... more specifically, through our adult volunteers. I'm touched by the fact that smart, talented, busy people MAKE time to come and give a whole week to ensuring our campers have a memorable, safe, and formative experience at Camp.

My job is even sweeter when I get to watch a kid from our Mt. Hood community first find acceptance as a camper in 2011, return to be on Summer Staff in 2014, then grow up and give back in 2021 by volunteering as an adult Cabin Counselor. I was truly blessed this summer (and I'm not just using that as something to say... I truly experienced a blessing), to see God do beautiful things through our friend Mike - a genuine, perfectly goofy, and inspiring example of joy and sincerity. Has Mike had some tough burdens to carry in life? YES! Has that stopped him from learning how much he is loved and sharing that truth with our campers? NO!

Another layer to this already-rich piece of inspiration is the fun and



heartwarming bond that was forged between Mike and co-Counselor Trevor - a first-time volunteer who quickly felt at ease because of Mike's character: "He REALLY made serving the kids at Camp amazingly easy. His humor, laughter, and support of the kids helped make the entire experience one I never wanted to end. I look forward to every opportunity of serving with Mike and the rest of the CAW counselors and staff. I treasure it!"

It's an honor to witness this video-gaming millennial and leather-loving biker find purpose and fellowship at Camp through a shared love for Christ. Their example challenged our campers to pursue their identity as unique creations of God - it has challenged me to do the same.

You guys ROCK! Thank you!



## 2021 Seth Young Volunteer of the Year Award

Each year we want to thank and recognize the outstanding commitment of time, love, and energy given to the ministry here at CAW by a notable individual. This year the HUGE THANK YOU goes to "Grandpa Gene" Lankins for the discipleship you offer our campers each year and the hard work you put into all the odd jobs you handle on your own time every Thursday. THANK YOU!



CAMP ARRAH WANNA'S

*Fall 2021*  
**Harvest**  
**CELEBRATION**  
**& ONLINE FUNDRAISER**

Last fall you helped us raise over \$131,000 for the Lodge Back Roof Project through our Virtual Fundraiser and Auction. Because of this, we were able to complete that \$140,000+ project this summer!

**Will you help us do it again this year for Stearns Cottage?**

Over the next few weeks, CAW will be releasing videos & pictures showcasing what has been accomplished over the past 5 years through the Generations of Promise Campaign, culminating at our October 30th Virtual Event & Auction, where we will invite you to celebrate the "Harvest" of all the Lord has provided and look to what the Great Creator has for us next!

**OCTOBER 30 @ 7PM**

**~ A VIRTUAL EVENT ~**

**Live & Silent Auctions ~ Project Updates  
~ Prizes ~ Giving Opportunities ~**

A time to celebrate 80 years of ministry, share what has been sown & reaped through the Generations of Promise Campaign, and formally invite our community to invest in the powerful work of this vital non-profit!

**[www.camparrahwanna.org/giving](http://www.camparrahwanna.org/giving)**



## Check out these additional ways YOU can support Camp Arrah Wanna:



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## Announcing... Yalayna Rose

CAW is thrilled to announce the arrival of our newest family member,  
Yalayna Rose Lopez - born August 23, 2021.

Proud parents, Jesus & Mackenzie (CAW's Food Service Coordinator),  
would like to introduce you to their special girl: "Yalayna is such a blessing and we  
can't be more happy! God has truly blessed us with this precious baby!"

Congratulations, Mack & Jesus - we are honored to be a part of your journey.



**DID YOU  
KNOW?**



*You can order CAW  
merch any time!  
Including our new  
stickers, t-shirt or  
zipper-hoodie  
celebrating 80 years  
of ministry! To inquire,  
simply email Corey:*

[program@camparrahwanna.org](mailto:program@camparrahwanna.org)





*1941 Humbly serving in love for 80 years. ~ Galatians 5:13 2021*

# CAMP ARRAH WANNA

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS  
TO HELP DEMO AND  
GET STEARNS READY  
FOR REMODELING!**

**10 AM - - 4PM EACH DAY**

**LUNCH PROVIDED!**

**5 PEOPLE PER DAY**

**JOIN THE CREW!**

**DEMO DAY 1: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**DEMO DAY 2: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**DEMO DAY 3: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9**

**DEMO DAY 4: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22**

**DEMO DAY 5: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23**

**RSVP TO:**

**(503) 622-3189**

**PROGRAM@CAMPARRAHWANNA.ORG**



# UPCOMING DATES

DON'T MISS A THING...

**OCT  
4**

## YOUNG ADULT ZOOM

HTTP://MINISTRELIFE.ZOOM.US  
MEETING ID: 934 3386 0916  
PASSWORD: 334139

**07:00  
PM**

**OCT  
30**

## FALL VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER

**07:00  
PM**

**NOV  
5**

## VIRTUAL CAMPFIRE

FOR DETAILS, RSVP TO:  
PROGRAM@CAMPARRAHWANNA.ORG

**07:00  
PM**

**DEC  
6**

## YOUNG ADULT ZOOM

HTTP://MINISTRELIFE.ZOOM.US  
MEETING ID: 934 3386 0916  
PASSWORD: 334139

**07:00  
PM**

**DEC  
31**

## YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

FRIDAY -- MONDAY

**JAN  
3**

**FEB  
4**

## VIRTUAL CAMPFIRE

FOR DETAILS, RSVP TO:  
PROGRAM@CAMPARRAHWANNA.ORG

**07:00  
PM**

**FEB  
18**

## WINTER CAMP 2022

FRIDAY -- MONDAY

**FEB  
21**



## WE HAD SUMMER CAMP!

And it was **WONDERFUL**.

We are **SO VERY GRATEFUL** for our many Volunteers, Campers, and Families for helping to make this WEIRD session happen. It had been a year and a half since we were all together in real-life and there were a lot of learning curves, a lot of new things, and a lot of unknowns. And with a lot of patience, grace, and creativity from a lot of amazing people, **we pulled it off**.

**GOD is good. All the time.**



Our theme this year was **"WE ARE THE WORLD"**, based on the 1985 hit single by Michael Jackson, Lionel Richie and over 55 other artists. From the idea of this song we saw how God can use us to change the world, individually and together. We saw that **UNITY** brings **HOPE**, **SERVICE** brings **HOPE**, and **GENEROUSITY** brings **HOPE**. And we recognized that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus gives us the greatest **HOPE** of all.

As part of our worship at Summer Camp and Friends & Family Camp, we collected a special love offering in which we raised **\$512-, TOGETHER!** This money has been sent in the name of Camp Arrah Wanna to an organization providing clean water for people around the world called "Charity: Water". Find their amazing story at [www.charitywater.org](http://www.charitywater.org) and join us by looking up Camp Arrah Wanna's profile and donating yourself!



This summer we also ran our **AWSOM Internship Program**. Our six Interns spent the summer working on various projects around Camp as well as contributing to the Summer Camp program. As you enjoy the cleaned up and new activities around Camp, know that so much of the every-day happenings would not be possible without their blood, sweat, and tears. They also spent the summer studying "The Purpose Driven Life" and dwelling in 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus as they journeyed together to become faith-filled leaders. **THANK YOU Dani, Caitlin, Jonathan, Jonas, Logan, and Joel for being AWSOM!**



We will continue to offer various **VIRTUAL** opportunities to stay in touch with your Camp Family in the coming months, stay tuned for details! And, you can get your **Volunteer Applications** off our website **NOW** as you mark your calendars for **WINTER CAMP:**

**FEBRUARY 18-21!!!!**



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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**We don't know if you don't tell us and you don't want to miss out on what's coming!**