



Camp Cherith News >>>

Happy 70th, Camp Cherith!

In 2017, North Central Camp Cherith will celebrate seventy years of ministry. Through the years, thousands of campers have come through the gate. They have played, prayed, and praised in the beautiful surroundings, built lasting friendships, and most of all, come to know Jesus in a deeper way. We look forward to God's leading as we forge new relationships and wonderful memories in the years ahead.

New Website Coming Soon

We are proud to announce the launch of our rebranded website! Designer Larry Taylor shares his inspiration behind the new logo: "After seeing pictures of the outdoor chapel and wooden cross by the lake, I wanted to depict that scene in the new logo—I wanted it to be colorful and have an energetic vibe to it. The clouds, rising sun, and rolling hills were used to convey that energy." Special thanks also to Megan Precht and Kyle Lassen, our hard-

working board members responsible for communications and marketing; and to Megan Gullifer, former camper and summer staffer who patiently sifted through a multitude of photos. And to all of you, Camp Cherith family and friends, who provided the wonderful camper faces that fill those pictures and who have donated time, talent, and treasure to make it happen. Please check out the site often for camp news and updates.

Volunteer Opportunity Partners

When you think of Camp Cherith, you may assume its activities are limited to summer camp. But actually, Camp Cherith events could be taking place all year long. And volunteers are the key. Has God revealed a way that you could be involved? Maybe it's in the area of prayer, our upcoming anniversary events, a mailing, contacting churches or other opportunities where volunteers are needed year-round. We encourage you to look at the *Volunteer Opportunities* insert for ideas on how you can participate. God will bless you as you help to bring kids closer to Christ in every phase of life.

"What was your favorite moment at camp this year?"

I sent this text message to the Divisional Directors (DDs) of Boys Week 1. Here were their responses.

Hawkeye – Explorer DD texted

Honestly my favorite moment this year was watching Josh lead worship for the Explorers on cook out night. Thinking of the little Pathfinder at age 7 who has grown into a fine young man and listening to him worship with other teenagers was amazing. *(Josh, Hawkeye's son, has gone through our BUILT leadership program.)*

Birdog – Shikari DD texted

Loved singing "you're a good, good father" – and being on lake 6 with my waterskiing class watching Alex Tram who I taught to ski, help teach other campers to ski. *(Alex is a camper going through the BUILT leadership program).*

Condor – Trailblazer DD texted

I love my interactions with campers. I loved singing and sharing truth with Pathfinders and Trailblazers at our waterfront night. I loved rocking out to "Twisting the Night Away" after the all-camp. Camp

Cherith has changed my life!

Kiwi – Pathfinder DD texted

Favorite part of the day is morning watch on the hill. Beautiful sunshine warming us all up. Watching big boys lead little boys in the word of God. Seeing creation all around us. Love it! Song fest is always the best too.....kids belting out the song, "My Lighthouse"....."My light house, my lighthouse, shining in the darkness, I will follow you...." *(Morning watch is a time for all the campers and staff to sit on the hill to pray and go through a devotional. The younger campers are paired up with an older camper to help them on their devotional).*

My favorite part – Some campers made first-time decisions for Christ. Other campers went home from camp in 2015 with a plan to spend time in God's word, go to church, spend time with Christian friends, live in kindness, and pray. Some reported back in 2016 that they actually did it! These kids are creating habits of godly living. They are and will continue to be transformed by our great God!

Rob Scott, Director, Boys Week 1



From the Board >>>

We are blessed with a very dedicated Board that highly values the Camp Cherith experience. The Board is working diligently to address various short term challenges, implementing operational changes, and strategically planning as we build toward our 75th Anniversary in 2022. As our long standing Girls Director, Sarah Ann (Mooch) has recently gotten married to Rick and enters her new role as wife and a mother of 4, we have begun to explore options for a revised organizational structure for camp leadership (don't worry, she'll still be up at camp in 2017!).

We are also mindful of the camp's annual operating deficit and are working with Executive Director Michael Engen (Eagle) to create and implement a donor management and fundraising program coupled with increasing revenues and trimming expenses. We recognize the importance of sound financial management in operation of this ministry and we are dedicated to that principle. Lastly, we are delighted to roll out a new look for our Camp Cherith web site and excited about the capabilities it will provide to enable enhanced communications. Thank you for joining us on this journey! If you ever have questions about the Board, our activities or have an interest in volunteering with us, please email me at eric5.bjelland@gmail.com.

Girls Director Update >>>

It seems this time of year comes much too quickly. Campers and staff anticipate the camping season. Our leadership team is busy planning most of the year. And just like that summer comes and goes. I love moments to sit and reflect on all that God does at Camp Cherith each summer. I would like to share some of the fun memories and spiritual highlights that stood out to me this summer.

- God showed up for one of our campers who was very homesick. She was in junior high but hadn't spent much time away from home. She was gripped with anxiousness to the point of feeling sick and not being able to eat. Our staff loved and supported her, her counselor and I spoke a lot of truth into her life and she did her part and acted on that truth even though it went against what she was feeling and by mid-week experienced her emotions and feelings lining up with the truth of God's Word as she held tightly to it. She and I talked about how great it was she had parents she loved and loved her so much and that since this was her first time away from them, maybe this was the first time she was having to Trust God with her emotions of missing them and feeling alone. What a mighty God we serve! I rejoice knowing that she can look back on her week at Cherith and know that God can be trusted.
- The staff at Cherith are always a huge blessing to so many. We had 25 All Summer Staff this season and so many wonderful one-week staff that came with fresh energy and hearts ready to serve.
- Our theme song this summer was "Trust in You" by Lauren Daigle. The words were so powerful and went perfectly with our theme "Trust and Obey...the Double Dare." I loved that one camper in the middle of the night who was being tormented by continual bad dreams just spoke some of the words to this song as a prayer and was able to experience God's peace showing up for her in that moment.
- We had 9 campers graduate from our leadership training program mid-summer and transition to roles on staff. Watching them lead campers is such a sweet reminder of the value of a multi-age camp where campers learn from each other all throughout the day.
- Each week we play a big surprise Thursday night game with the whole camp. This summer the different games each week were The Jungle Book, Family Game Night (each station was a giant version of different board games), Mary Poppins, A Polar Convention (imagine all the characters from cold movies), and a Cherith Rodeo with our own horses and our maintenance man's farm animals as part of the petting zoo. I love the joy that campers and staff experience on this night and how special it is to sit around a campfire afterward as a whole camp learning truth.
- During our Polar Regions-themed week, we took the whole camp down to the waterfront for a "Polar Plunge" swim and breakfast at the lake. Campers got to swim out for bobbing apples and oranges. After breakfast, we worshipped together before heading back to main camp.

I encourage you to take a few minutes to reflect on your memories from this summer and acknowledge all the times and places where you saw God at work. When we do this our awareness of God's hand on our lives is heightened and our hearts become full of thanksgiving. Keep on trusting and obeying!

To God be the Glory,
Sarah Ann Mallett (Mooch), Girls Director



>>> BUILT/CILT Grads <<<

Congratulations to our 2016 BUILT (Boys Under Intensive Leadership Training) and CILT (Campers Intensive Leadership Training) graduates! They completed this intensive two-year program to develop leadership skills with an emphasis on spiritual growth. As Rob Scott would say, "That's what we call LEADERSHIP!" We would like to thank their leaders who make the program meaningful and successful.

- ◆ Rachel Bauman ◆ Noah Bower ◆ Mimi Bowser ◆ Ellie Capistran
- ◆ Reagan Crawford ◆ Jaki Dembouski ◆ Josh DuPay ◆ Jack Ewing
- ◆ Taylorgrace Jurhs ◆ Majja Luckow ◆ Faith Rude ◆ Sophie Stone



Donations given in Memory of:

- ◆ Ardese Barrett

Boys Week 2 >>>

The beautiful Camp Cherith was full of energy with 102 campers!

The BUILT program has been in the development stages since the first Boys Week 2, however, this year the program was able to flourish as we now have a leader for BUILT who can give his undivided attention to the program. Camp Cherith's mission is to provide a place where campers are equipped to live a life for Christ in every phase of life. The BUILT program is specifically designed to prepare high school campers (Explorers) with the training to be on staff at camp, but more importantly with leadership skills rooted in our Lord that will be of value to them as they embark in a future serving our Lord.

While the BUILT program now has a leader who can devote his time to the program, it was amazing to see staff during BW2 who have been at camp for years beginning as campers themselves. Camp is a place where we have the privilege to see boys and girls grow in their faith, grow in skills, grow in confidence, and then serve. It is a blessing to be a part of God's work.

As an elementary school principal during the school year, I believe that education is important, however, there is nothing that can even remotely compare to the importance of sharing Christ, walking with Christ, and encouraging others in their walk with the Lord. There have been a number of years when I have been fortunate to bring a camper from my school to camp, and this year I had the privilege of having a 3rd grader from my school at camp during BW2. While I enjoyed all of the campers and my time up there, sitting on the hill during our Morning Watch was especially meaningful to me this year as I read the scripture with him, prayed with him, and shared the love of our Lord with him.

I want to encourage you to be a part of the tremendous adventure of Boys Week 2, with the excitement of camp and growing in our faith as we serve Him. Perhaps you are not able to come to camp, but you can join us in the most important way, by praying. We are in need of men who can serve. Perhaps you know of one or two guys who love the Lord and you could encourage them to apply. You may not have a kid to send to camp, but perhaps you have a neighbor you could offer to send to camp. There are many ways to be involved in camp and we welcome you!



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Mission Statement of Camp Cherith >>>

The mission of Camp Cherith is to help children and youth put Christ in every phase of life, to form healthy relationships, and to develop positive feelings about themselves. Camp Cherith also assists adults in understanding children and their development in order to be able to minister more effectively to them.



Camp Cherith Wish List >>>

General Items:

Truck for maintenance (4wd)
CFL bulbs-- 60/100 watt equivalent
Waterbee Paddle Boat
AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator)
Perennial and annual flowers
Flower Pots 24" diameter or larger (not plastic)
Sturdy wagons
Adirondack Chairs
Newer TV with AV outputs
Walkie Talkies
Box fans
Batteries--Size AAA, C, and D
Clear Bins with Latch Lids
(larger than shoe boxes)

Board Members >>>

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Craft Items:

Construction paper
Roll of poster paper
Colored Poster board for song cards
Tempera paint
Art canvas (12 x 12 ideal – no smaller than 7x7)

Woodworking Tools:

Planer
Jointer
bar clamps

Nature Hut items:

Binoculars
Lots of field nets and water
nets to catch fun stuff
Bull or Milk snake to use for

the summer

Horse Dream List:

2-3 more cinches (bigger and smaller)
2-3 more snaffle bits
2-3 nicer saddle pads
Sturdy fence in back pasture
Roof extension on barn (over 2 stalls)
Electricity in tack shed

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