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Meet Our Summer Operations Director!!

I can't believe that it has already been 7 months since the 2016 camping season ended. It feels like just yesterday you could hear singing coming from the dining hall, laughter from the gaga pit and countless other memories being made. Even though it felt like that was only a short while ago, it seems even stranger that in 3 short months' campers will be back again at our wonderful Frazee property. With every new camping comes changes, and this year I'm excited to announce that the camp board has developed a new directors position and asked me to take on the role. This new role is the Summer Operations Director. In short I, will be stepping in alongside our current directors to help alleviate some of their responsibilities. I will be overseeing all non-counseling staff, coordinating site and equipment maintenance, and helping with the running of everyday operations at camp, while all the time working to make camp an unforgettable experience for campers. I'm excited to see what God has in store for our camp and the direction that he is going to take us throughout this upcoming summer.

Here is just a snip bit about my past experience with camp: I started attending camp as a first-year Trailblazer. I was instantly hooked and every year I waited for the new brochure to come in the mail so I could register for camp. In 2009 I started camps CILT (Camper in Leadership Training) program and graduated the following summer. Since then, I have spent the last six summers on All Summer Staff taking on many different roles. I have worked as a Pathfinder Counselor, Waterfront Director, In the office, and most recently as the Pathfinder Division Director. Throughout all of these different roles at camp the one thing that God has always shown me is that he will always be faithful if we continue to trust in Him. My prayer for this upcoming summer comes from *Proverbs 16:3, 9 – Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established.... The mind of man plans his way but the Lord directs his steps.* I pray that we continue to follow God in the path that he is leading us on.

In Christ,
Sarah Hlavacek (Glitter)



Save the Date!
North Central Camp Cherith (Minnesota)
"70th Anniversary Celebration"
October 14, 2017
North Heights Lutheran Church, Arden Hills
Celebrate NCCC's history!

If you have:

- 1) CIT/CILT/BUILT class lists or pictures
- 2) Pictures of former Directors
- 3) Old pictures from Head of the Rapids buildings/main areas/leadership
- 4) Items to display at the Anniversary event-- CIT/CILT hats, Activity Certificates/awards, vintage clothing, tuck items, etc.

Notify Becky Nelson at bonccc@aol.com by the end of June.

Casey Courneya at Camp Cherith MN.
 May 21, 2015 · iOS · 📷

Done cutting grass for the day. Time to go fishing.



In Memory >>>

Casey Courneya went home to be with our Heavenly Father this past November after fighting a long battle with colon cancer. In his three years of serving at Cherith, he blessed many with his ever present smile and words of encouragement. The memory of him riding along on the lawn mower with a smile on his face is one I will keep with me forever. Despite his chronic pain, he served faithfully and always chose joy. Casey is one of many who have helped carry the hope of Christ and the Gospel to others through his willingness to serve others. He spent much of his adult life in the military. He served in Bosnia on a peace keeping mission; Kosovo and Iraq. For nearly six years, and with the help of his military family Casey fought his most courageous battle, stage four colon cancer. He packed a lifetime into his 48 years and knew that every day counted. Casey's family chose to have Camp Cherith be a recipient of his memorial funds. We will miss you this summer, Casey! Can't help but thinking of you laying in fields of fresh cut grass lining streets paved of gold and breathing in the sweet healing air of heaven.



Happily Ever After >>>

It seems this time of year comes much too quickly. Campers and staff anticipate the camping season. Our leadership team is busy planning Every summer is so special - full of laughter, memories, and miracles! Last summer was my 10th year serving as Girl's Director. It will always be a memorable summer for me as I got engaged at camp on my day off during week 3. Rick totally surprised me and proposed with a ring and a Ford Bronco, which has always been a dream of mine to drive. It was so special to share such a wonderful story with my campers and staff. I loved being able to encourage all my campers to wait for God's perfect timing and perfect plan for their own lives and pray for all of our campers and staff when I was finished sharing my story. The wedding was October 22nd and was a wonderful celebration with so many friends and loved ones. I will be returning to camp this summer as a Mrs. and a mom! Rick lost his first wife in an accident so I have also become bonus mom to 4 amazing children. The Lord's sovereignty, goodness, and mercy has surrounded us all during this time of transition as we learn and grow together. I have never been happier (even though some moments are harder than others as I learn to navigate the role of being a mom).

Our family will be adventuring to camp together this summer. I feel so supported by all of them and their willingness to come and support me and the ministry of Camp Cherith.

Even before I met my husband, the Cherith board and I were discussing the need to rework my job description as my responsibilities had increased significantly over the years as my love and knowledge of camp continued to grow. We have in essence split my role in two and hired a new role we are calling the Operational Director. This position will oversee the site, kitchen, activity areas, and our office. Sarah "Glitter" Hlavacek, who has served on all summer staff since 2011, will be stepping into this new role. I will be returning as the Girl's Program Director and able to focus more of my time discipling and investing in campers and counseling staff. We are excited for the growth and benefits this change will bring.

The spiritual theme this summer is "The Greater Story". We will be looking at the beautiful gospel thread that is woven through the Bible and history and also the part Camp Cherith has played in proclaiming the gospel and the many lives that have been part of "The Greater Story" through their service at camp over the last 70 years! You are part of the Greater Story. Pages are waiting to be written that only you can write!

To God be the Glory!
 Sarah Ann Glewwe

(First time signing off with a new name warrants a lesson in the pronunciation of the name, right? The "ww" is actually pronounced as a "V". So just remember Glewwe rhymes with levy or Chevy.)



Our first family picture was taken at Cherith in costume, of course, when taking the pontoon out of the water for the year turned into an impromptu Island themed birthday party for 7 year old Taylor

>>> Hey There!! <<<

Do you miss camp when summer is over? Well there is an opportunity to come back in the fall and bring your Mom too! Save the date for Mother Daughter Weekend 2017, September 15 -17, 2017. This weekend is packed with fun: Trail rides, crafts, massage, manicures, worship, and more. See the website for additional details and registration.

Who do you know that would enjoy playing outside, making new friends, trying a new activity like horsemanship, and learning more about having a personal relationship with God? Bring a friend or two with you to camp this summer! Share your camp brochure with them or send them a link to the Camp Cherith website.



Summer 2017 The Greater Story

Boys Week 1

June 18-23

Slumber Party

Happy, Happy Birthday

Once Upon a Time

Cowgirl Up

Drama Queen

Girls Week 1

June 25-30

Girls Week 2

July 2-7

Girls Week 3

July 9-14

Girls Week 4

July 16-21

Girls Week 5

July 23-28

Boys Week 2

July 30– August 4

Donations given in Memory of:

- ◆ Casey Courneya
- ◆ Scott Gilles
- ◆ Dick Kveton
- ◆ Frances Seppala
- ◆ Raymond Lanners
- ◆ Arlene Strandberg
- ◆ Irene Long
- ◆ Earline Lee
- ◆ Nancy Schak
- ◆ Gary Miller

Donations given in Honor of:

- ◆ Talia & Joslin Bjelland
- ◆ Bjelland Family
- ◆ Nikki Hoffman
- ◆ Bill & Natalie Davis
- ◆ Mike & Colleen McLaren
- ◆ Beth Davis-Salonek
- ◆ Sarah Ann Glewwe
- ◆ Travis Strike
- ◆ Kim Westra

Camp Conference 2017 >>>

Six of our staff attended the American Camping Association Conference in St. Charles, IL this spring. Cherith staff attend each year and bring back all kinds of great information to share with other staff and implement at camp. Along with learning, staff also had fun checking out the exhibit hall for potential items to sell in the tuck shop, collaborating with other camping professionals, and even had time for some all camp planning on the car ride to and from the conference. Favorite sessions this year included topics on behavior management, leading large groups, transforming personality conflicts into personality complement, and first aid for mental health.



^ Sarah Ann "Mooch" got to do some tree climbing during one of the breakout sessions

> Relaxing after a hard day of learning! (Mooch, Crumpet, Spots, Grams, Dory, & Dude



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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 >>>

President — Eric Bjelland, Edina, MN
Secretary — Kevin Johnson, Fridley, MN
Treasurer — Andre Blaine, Andover, MN
Technology — Kyle Lassen, Arden Hills, MN
Human Resources — Steph Schmit, Burnsville, MN
Members at Large — Beth Davis-Salonek, Buffalo, MN
Megan Gullifer, St. Louis Park, MN
Site Team — Chris Kroohn, Maplewood, MN

Craft Items:

Empty Paper Towel Rolls

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

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

Please contact Ann Wellmann at 612-615-5842
or awnccc@aol.com with questions.

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Site Team — Chris Kroohn, Maplewood, MN
Girls Director — Sarah Ann Glewwe, Ham Lake, MN
Boys Director Week 1 — Rob Scott, Shoreview, MN
Boys Director Week 2 — Scott Taylor, New Hope, MN
Registrar — Gerri Wilson, Minneapolis, MN
Administrative Manager — Ann Wellmann, Lino Lakes, MN