



Cherith CHATTER

A publication of North Central Camp Cherith



Steadfast >>>

Over 200 people came together to celebrate 70 steadfast years of North Central Camp Cherith. It was fun to see everyone reconnecting and reminiscing as they perused the picture boards from 7 decades, and had great ice cream with a variety of toppings. Several people had such a good time seeing old friends that they even missed getting any ice cream! Ten former directors were able to attend, along with time to celebrate and thank Sarah Ann Glewwe for her 11 years of service as Girls Director. The evening ended with all the CILTs in attendance singing "Pass It On" (just as we do after each CILT graduation). We even had the bell that was stolen from the Dining Hall in 1982 (and was returned this past summer) there to ring everyone to attention!

Join us as we "Journey to 75" with more events

- 2018-Family "Cookout" Picnic
- 2019-5K Fun run/Walk (with costume shop apparel)
- 2020-Family Hayride
- 2021-Golf Tournament
- 2022-75th Anniversary Dinner/End of Camp Reunion Weekend and BUILT/CILT Reunion

(If you would like to be a part of the planning of any of these events, contact Becky "BO" Nelson bonccc@aol.com)

Save the Date For 2018

- Boys week 1—June 17-22
- Girls week 1—June 24-29
- Girls week 2—July 1-6
- Girls week 3—July 8-13
- Girls week 4—July 15-20
- Girls week 5—July 22-27
- Boys week 2—July 29-Aug 3

Building Update>>>

We have raised 100% of the funds needed to proceed with our new storage/multi-use and woodshop building!

The new building will stand just west of the basketball court, nestled into the woods with access from both the field and the horse trails in the woods. The 80' x 40' building will serve as off-season storage and will be available for multiuse during the camp season. In addition to this large area, there will be a new 16' x 40' woodshop, allowing for larger woodworking classes, which will look out toward the basketball court and back forty.

Clearing of the area is scheduled to take place this fall and we are currently working with prospective contractors on a construction schedule.

<<< New Girls Summer Program Director! >>>

Our Girls Director, Sarah Ann (Mallett) Glewwe [Mooch] has stepped down from the Director role at the end of the 2017 camping season. Over the past few months we have been praying and searching for the person God has in store to fill this role. We are now excited to announce that our new Girls Summer Program Director is **Emily Rauch (Squirrel)**!

Emily is currently a Resident Director at University of Sioux Falls, leading a staff of six and a dorm of over 100 female students. She has a BS in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education and in May 2018 will complete her Masters of Education in Educational Administration/Adult and Higher Education. Emily graduated from the CILT (Campers In Leadership Training) program in 2012 and has over five years of leadership experience at Camp Cherith in varying roles. She has an incredible passion for camp, for developing others and her spiritual gifts of service and hospitality tie in perfectly with this role!

We are thrilled to have Emily step into this director role and are excited to see what 2018 has in store! Please join us in lifting up Emily in prayer as she enters this new role!

The Bell Returns >>>

This summer, a piece of North Central Camp Cherith's 70 year history was returned! The Dining Hall bell (stolen in Fall of 1982) appeared in a box at the gate overnight. How fitting that Linette Aldrich "Muffin" (assistant Dir. at the time with Dir. Ruth Behn) along with Staff members in 1982, Kim Westra "Sputzy" and Becky Nelson "BO" were here to welcome it back. God sure has a sense of humor and timing!

See the full story of the bell at www.camp-cherith.com





What Is Our WHY? >>>

I have recently read a book called, "Start with Why." The basic premise of the book is that companies starting with their "why" are much more successful than companies starting with their "what" and "how." Southwest Airlines is an excellent example of this. Their recent commercial has the tagline, "You are free to move about the country." Believe it or not, that is their "why."

Southwest Airlines entered the airline industry in the 1970's when the market was already competitive, and only 15% of Americans traveled by plane. That didn't matter to them because they weren't going after the 15%, they were going after the other 85%. Had you asked Southwest in the 1970's who their competition was, they would have told you cars and buses. Their "why" is clear, they wanted to make

airline travel affordable for the average Joe. Southwest has and still is the most profitable airline and this all begs a question: What is Camp Cherith's "why?"

Why do we exist? Why do we drive three hours north for minimal pay or no pay at all to hang out with 90 or so boys for a week? Why do we wake up at 7am for our staff meetings, followed by a full day with campers, until finally we lay our heads on our pillow at 11pm totally exhausted? Then we wake up the next morning and do it all over again, and again, and again, until it is Friday afternoon. We drive three hours back, calling each other on the phone so we don't fall asleep at the wheel. WHY?

Our WHY: "Christ in every phase of life." We believe that providing campers an outstanding experience filled with laughter and solid biblical teaching can change their life forever. We believe that if campers make a decision to put their trust in Christ and commit their life to him, Christ will seep into every part of their life. We believe that Christ brings forgiveness, healing, power, and wisdom that will be a light to our campers. We believe in "Christ in every phase of life."

As you look at your end of the year giving we would love for you to make a donation to Camp Cherith. Help us to continue to create a great camping experience for kids so they can learn about a God that wants to be in every part of their life. CHRIST IN EVERY PHASE OF LIFE! That's why we show up at camp year after year!

Rob Scott, Boys Week 1

The Greater Story >>>

Looking back on the summer is always full of wonderful memories and reflections of what God did in the lives of our campers and staff. The summer of 2017 is no different, but perhaps since this was my last summer serving as our Girl's Director it is a little harder to put down onto paper all of the highlights.

Our theme this summer was "The Greater Story." We focused on looking at the Bible as God's big story, instead of individual stories. It was fun to see campers of all ages make new connections and realizations as they looked at the Bible this way. We also talked about the part each of us play in God's Great Story—how wonderful to know he has a special spot in *His-story* for each of us.

Part of the reason for choosing "The Greater Story" theme this past summer had to do with celebrating camp's 70th anniversary. As I prepare to pass the baton to the next directors, I have great peace. Camp Cherith is God's camp. His faithfulness has been evident in so many miraculous ways by so many who have faithfully served over those 70 years. I am confident the Lord will continue to WOW campers and staff with His goodness as we continue to trust and obey Him. So many servants have been a part of "The Greater Story" at Cherith over the years and the ministry that has happened at Cherith is just one small part of "The Greater Story" that God has so beautifully written. What a grand story we are part of!

It has been a joy to serve camp as the Girl's Director since 2007. There are so many wonderful memories: worship services at the chapel, cookout nights, watching campers start as Pathfinders and seeing them years later graduate from CILT, the songs, the surprise of all-camp games to our campers and staff that manage to pull off the best costumes, the campers who experience Christ for the first time...and of course anyone who has experienced Camp Cherith knows the list goes on and on. There is also the list of things we might want to forget but never will...power outages, clogged toilets, emptying mouse traps, tractors breaking down in the middle of the woods, the ski boat not working...the trials of camp have kept us in constant need of God and given Him plenty of opportunity to show up and show off!

I have learned so much over the years and am humbled and grateful that the Lord allowed me to be part of something so sweet. I hope to be part of the continued ministry of Cherith in the years to come (I now have four kids who are hooked on being Cherith campers!) I challenge and encourage you to always let Christ be bigger than any fear you might have and to trust and obey Him always!

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



Summer 2017: WOW >>>

When I reflect on my summer at camp, the first word that comes to mind is 'WOW'. Every summer I look forward to going back to camp, seeing old friends, meeting new campers, but God always surprises me with my favorite memories at the end of the summer being the miracles that we see God perform. And this summer was no different. Taking on a new role at camp was both rewarding and difficult, but looking back at the whole experience I'm so glad that God put me at camp. Some days were hard trying to make sure that everything ran smoothly, but even when things broke, or the weather slowed us down God was still in every moment of our days. Watching God work through our days put me even more in awe of Him. Celebrating all summer long the 70th year of camp I kept coming back to the idea of the people that came before us and started our little camp. I wondered if this was what they envisioned our camp would grow to look like? If they thought our camp would last this long? And while we may never know the exact vision they had for Camp Cherith, we are able to see God's vision for us. To see us spending so much time each day building Christ into the lives of our campers. Watching camper and staff cheer each other on when they accomplish goals in activities and helping the youngest camper and the oldest staff member grow in their relationship with Christ. This entire summer God had his hand over us and I look forward to see what God has in store for the next 70 years!

Sarah Hlavacek, Operations Director



Check out Mooch's adventures to other Camp Cheriths on our website!

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- ◆ Sara Mallet Glewwe

Summer Reflection >>>

Camp Cherith is a special place for me that I have enjoyed for the past nineteen years and plan to continue enjoying for years to come.

I find the week of camp to be inspirational, spending time with the boys, and being in God's Word with others. In the weeks before camp, I spend my time in God's Word preparing for my talks and meditating on His Word so that I am prepared for the week. Every year, I come home renewed in my walk with the Lord.

Now that we are in December, and I am in the midst of the school year, I reflect upon camp and how the season away from camp perhaps reveals more about the spiritual depth of camp, than just the week during camp.

During the school year my staff works to educate the students and are held accountable in the spring for our academic growth with state tests that my students will take. At the end of the year, the state does not evaluate if my students had fun, but only if they have learned. This does not take away from a need to ensure that school is a place where my students enjoy and develop a love of learning. I think many would say that my students enjoy school, but fun is not the purpose.

When I think about the work that we put into camp, there is a lot of fun with the activities, evening activities, free time, Tuck Shop, cabin time, and so on. However, our purpose is not about creating just a fun place, but rather a place where the boys who come can look back with great memories and reflect upon how they grew in the Lord while at camp.

There are many camps that provide a fun environment, just as Camp Cherith does. However, the purpose at Camp Cherith is in sharing the love of our Lord. What an honor it is that God, who created the Earth, created the beautiful scenery at camp and created each one of us, allows us to be a part of His plan to share His love with the campers each year.

As we are heading into the winter months, it is the time to pray for the campers who attended camp this past year, that they would be not only reminded of the fun times that they had, but be drawn to His love and His plan for their lives. While He allows us to be a part of His work at Camp Cherith, we do not serve in our own strength, but His. You can be a part of camp by praying for the staff and the campers, all year long. If you have questions about serving at camp, I would be honored to visit with you, without expectation of a commitment, just simply to share.

Scott Taylor, Director, Boys Week 2



>>> From the Board

As Camp Cherith is a non-profit ministry, our funding comes primarily from camper fees and donations from our supportive camp family. Unfortunately those funds alone don't fully support the ministry of camp. As a result, we need to raise an additional \$95,000 to fund the camping operation for the 2018 camping season.

We have enhanced our website to make this *really* easy for you to give online! Please join with us in equipping campers and staff to know Christ, grow in their faith and have a positive impact on our world. Go to camp-cherith.com and click on donate.

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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:

AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator)
Perennial and annual flowers
Adirondack chairs (dark blue, yellow)
tinyurl.com/y79vma7h
Flat Screen TV
Motorola Walkie Talkies
Box fans
Batteries (Sizes AAA, C, and D)
Washing machine
Megaphone
Guitar picks
Plastic beach toys
Snorkeling goggles
Bean bags
Laminating paper 8 1/2x11

Drum stool
Ice machine

Craft Items:

Construction paper
Roll of poster paper
Colored poster board for song cards

Horse Dream List:

2-3 more cinches (large and small)
2-3 more snaffle bits
2-3 saddle pads in good condition
Sturdy fence in back pasture
Roof extension on barn (over 2 stalls)
Electricity in tack shed

Woodworking Tools:

Planer
Jointer
Bar Clamps

Please contact Ann Wellmann at 612-615-5842
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