



The Chumstick

News from Camp Camrec and
Washington Mennonite Fellowship

October 2018

Camp Camrec Updates

Here at Camrec we are thankful for a safe fire season! The threat of the nearby Cougar Creek forest fire kept us busy and on our toes. We spent quite some time discussing evacuation priorities, raking pine needles, mowing brush, and making piles away from buildings. The threat has resolved and fortunately we never had to evacuate! Now with the start of the fall rains the reduced fire restrictions allow us to burn our many brush piles.

As many of you know we unfortunately had to cancel our Annual Fundraiser due to the Cougar Creek fire. We missed having everyone here that weekend yet feel it was the right decision given the circumstances. If you were intending to come enjoy the weekend and help us raise money for Camrec you are always welcome to send a check in to camp! ☺

In other news, take some time to check out camrec.org! The new site went live at the beginning of summer. If you see hiccups or notice a link doesn't work please let us know.



We are thankful for:

- fire fighters helping to control forest fires
- rains to replenish the earth and bring the dry summer season to an end
- the time Jesse and Amanda dedicated to Camrec (see Staff Transitions)

Calendar of Camrec Events

Fall Work Weekend:	October 26 - 28, 2018
WMF Men's Retreat:	November 30 - December 2, 2018
Senior High Snow Camp:	December 29, 2018 - January 1, 2019
SMC Snow Camp:	January 18 - 21, 2019
EMC Snow Camp:	January 25 - 27, 2019
Quilt Retreat:	March 14 - 17, 2019
Birds, Blossoms, Bikes, & Beyond:	May 31 - June 2, 2019

Fall Work Weekend – October 26-28, 2018

This year will be unique! Due to our cancellation of the Annual Fundraiser we will be doing some additional activities during our Work Weekend. On Friday and Sunday enjoy a trivia night, a hymn sing, and a guided walk through some new trails along the 5k loop. Saturday lace up your boots to help seed the meadow, clean up around camp, split firewood, and get camp ready for winter! There will also be committee meetings going on throughout the weekend including a board meeting Saturday.

People of all ages are welcome so bring the whole family and enjoy a weekend away together. Don't forget your boots, gloves, work clothes, and tools (rakes, hoes, shovels, etc.)!

Lodging is free, but you provide your own food (per the menu provided), which will be pooled with everyone else's and prepared together. Please see **menu** (also below), **schedule**, and **RSVP** link online at camrec.org.

Saturday

Breakfast – pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, juice

Lunch - sandwich bar, chips, fresh vegetables, cookies

Supper - spaghetti (have sauce already made), tossed salad & dressing, parmesan cheese, French bread, butter & garlic, dessert of choice

Sunday

Breakfast – cinnamon rolls/muffins, cold cereal and milk, boiled eggs, fresh fruit, juice

Camp will provide coffee and tea, syrup, pickles & condiments. Bring any extra snacks or drinks you would like to share.



WMF Men's Retreat – November 30 – December 2, 2018

Don't miss this opportunity to get away from it all for a weekend of recreation, fellowship, and great food. This is a chance to spend some quality time with our brothers from Washington Mennonite Fellowship. Price details and **registrations** are online. Please take the time to let us know if you can join us!

Sr. High Snow Camp – December 29, 2018 – January 1, 2019

We're extending the fun by a whole day! Senior high students come join us to bring in the New Year. This camp is open to anyone currently in 9th-12th grade. There will be time for worship and reflection, good food, hot chocolate and good friends to enjoy a beautiful winter-time camp experience. This year we plan to spend a half-day at a ski resort with options to downhill ski or enjoy the beautiful lodge. Registration and more info are online. We have an early bird discount so be sure to get your papers in before December 1!

Staff Transitions

Jesse and Amanda completed their final day of work here at Camrec on Friday, September 14. Since then they have packed up and are currently discerning their next steps.

We are so very grateful for their time here at camp. Their dedication to Camrec through their creative energy, hard work, and countless hours going above and beyond are evident in this place and will continue to be evident in years to come. Their friendship will be missed as co-workers and as friends! We invite you to take a minute to thank them and wish them well in their next endeavors. Find them on facebook or email them at amandanoelwhitemore@gmail.com.

Job Openings

Camrec is seeking someone with multi-faceted maintenance skills to fill a year-round position. Job includes managing camp facilities, equipment, grounds, and forest resources. Hosting responsibilities are shared with other staff. On-site housing provided. Ideally looking for applicant to fill .75 -1 FTE but can be negotiated. More info at www.camrec.org/staff-volunteer-opportunities. Contact David and Saralyn Jantzi at director@camrec.org or call 509-548-7245 with questions.

Staff Housing Fundraising Update

The total amount that has been raised **as of 10/10/2018** is **\$62,244.00** including pledges! *Thank you* for all your support!

If you are interested in helping us reach our goal of \$250,000.00 checks can be made out to Camp Camrec with "staff housing" in the memo line. Donations are tax-deductible.

Camrec Wish List

- Someone able to tune the lodge piano
- Heavy duty metal shelving for storage in shipping container or someone with skills and time to build wooden shelving
- Rake for three point hitch
- ATV for use on grounds and trail maintenance (current golf cart died)
- Metal carport to create much needed space to efficiently store equipment through winter
- Special sewing project: We would like to put cushions on some of the benches in the lodge. Contact us (director@camrec.org) for more details.



Camrec Mission Statement:

At Camp Camrec, in thanks for all the gifts we receive from God, we will:

- Nurture children in the love of God, the love of others, and the love of Creation.
- Welcome adults to a place and spiritual framework for rest and restoration.
- Care for this beautiful part of Creation and the extended landscape around us.
- Embody Anabaptist/Mennonite values of peacemaking, simple living, service, and community.