

The Chumstick

News from Camp Camrec and
Washington Mennonite Fellowship

October 2017

Camrec Updates

Fall is settling in around camp. The vine maple is changing colors and things are definitely starting to cool down. It has even rained! Road repairs are finished on the lane, steps towards leveling the meadow are in motion, and we're in the final stages of purchasing a track loader for camp maintenance. Good things are happening here at camp!

We are **thankful** for:

- a wonderful 50th year celebration! You all made the weekend a huge success. We can't thank you enough. The weekend brought in close to \$28,000 including pledges for the future! We are so grateful and praise God for your involvement here at camp. Our staff housing goal is \$250,000 so continue to spread the word and help us reach the goal!

Enjoy a few pictures from the weekend. Picture credit: Andy Royce



Treasurer Opening

Washington Mennonite Fellowship, representing all Mennonite churches in Washington state, operates Camp CAMREC, a popular retreat center in the Cascade mountains. The Board of Directors consists of roughly 10 members and is responsible for the operation and vision of Camp CAMREC. The Treasurer position will be open effective November 1, 2017.

Responsibilities include monthly review of financial records and bank statements, filing a limited number of quarterly tax returns and annual reports, preparing simple financial statements and a brief presentation for Board meetings twice per year, and developing the annual budget.

Experience with QuickBooks, journal entries, and financial statements is preferred, but not required. The Treasurer is also expected to commit to a minimum 3-year term. If you're interested or would like more information, or know someone who would be a good fit, please contact Glenn Burkholder, Board Chair, at gmb3js@sosmail.us or (509) – 760-8752; or Rachel Miller, current Treasurer, at rachel88miller@gmail.com or (206) 954-1602.

Fall Work Weekend/Board Meeting – October 20-22, 2017

Come join together with other WMF folks to help clean up camp, split firewood, and get camp ready for winter! There will also be meetings going on throughout the weekend, including a board meeting Saturday evening.

People of all ages and skill levels 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 below), which will be pooled with everyone else's and prepared together.

Weekend Schedule and Menu

Friday

Arrive anytime and plan your own supper.

7:30pm Camp treat...popcorn around the fire pit!

Saturday

8:00am Breakfast – pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, juice

12:00pm Lunch - sandwich bar, chips, fresh vegetables, cookies

1:00pm Executive Board Meeting

4:00pm Committee meetings

5:00pm Supper - spaghetti (have sauce already made), tossed salad & dressing, parmesan cheese, French bread, butter & garlic, dessert of choice

6:30pm General Board Meeting

Sunday

8:00am 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 Women's Retreat – November 3-5, 2017

SAVE THE DATE! Washington Mennonite Fellowship's Women's Retreat will be held at Camrec November 3-5, 2017. Ladies from across the state are invited to join us for great food, creativity, relaxation, fresh mountain air and worship. Seattle Mennonite Church's Lead Pastor, Megan Ramer, will lead attendees in *LIVING A LIFE OF GRATITUDE*: the praises and petitions of our lives rise and fall with the tides of "good" news and "bad" news. How do we anchor the highs and bolster the lows in order to find a steadiness of gratitude in our lives with God, neighbor and self? We will explore: gratitude abundant, gratitude grounded, gratitude wrestled, and gratitude begotten. Registration is available on paper at church or online at camrec.org.

Calendar of Upcoming WMF Events

Fall Work Weekend/Board Meeting – October 20-22, 2017

WMF Women's Retreat – November 3-5, 2017

WMF Men's Retreat – December 1-3, 2017

Senior High Snow Camp – December 30, 2017-January 1, 2018

Seattle Mennonite Snow Camp – January 12-15, 2017

Evergreen Mennonite Snow Camp – January 26-28, 2017

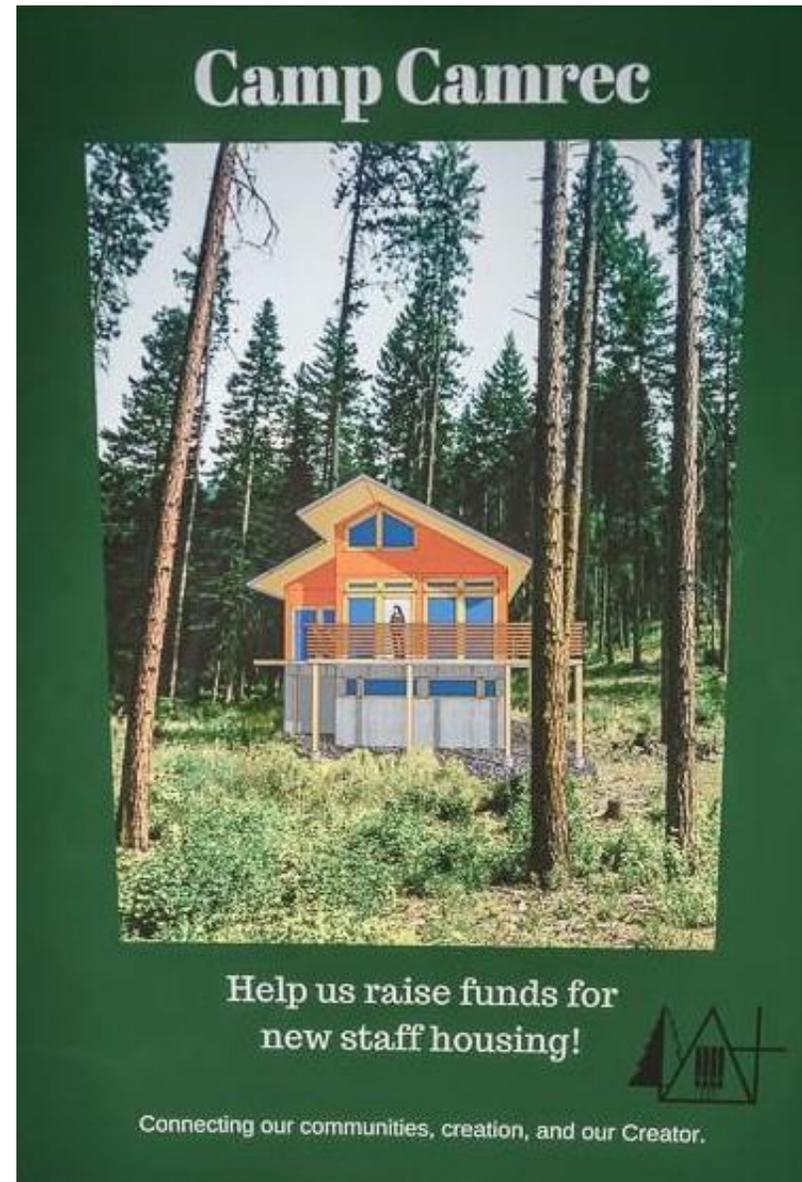
Camrec Wish List

- Riding mower in good shape
- 5-7 foot 3-point hitch tractor back blade. One like this has proven very helpful in creating nice trails!
- Special sewing project! We would like to put cushions on some of the benches in the lodge. Contact David or Saralyn (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.



Camp Camrec

Help us raise funds for
new staff housing!

Connecting our communities, creation, and our Creator.

The image shows a wooden lodge with a gabled roof and a balcony, situated in a forest of tall evergreen trees. The lodge has orange and blue accents. The text is overlaid on a dark green background.