



## Summer Youth Program

Fall has arrived, marking the end of another spirited camp season! We had a delightful time with the 30 campers we hosted throughout July, including 7 newcomers. This diverse group of newcomers and returning campers strengthened friendships and connections across our communities. Thanks to all the camper families, counselors, and volunteers that helped make summer camp happen!

Camp highlights included campfire times with real fire thanks to the unusually rainy season, warm sunshine, a nearly complete team of staff, and the return of the variety showcase! Campers explored our theme of "Because Jesus..." through fun Bible, craft, music, nature, and service activities. Some of the topics discussed were Because Jesus we are peace makers, tomorrow matters, we care for creation, we have community, we share, we can say no, we have agency, we have courage, we have well-being, we have hope, we are neighbors to all, and we are a body

Check out the [CAMREC Facebook](#) page for more pictures of all the fun things we did this summer!



## Calendar of Events

- **Celebrate CAMREC's 55th Anniversary & Join the Fall Work Weekend: October 28-30, 2022**
- **WMF Men's Retreat: December 2-4, 2022**
- **Jr. & Sr. High Snow Camp: Dec. 30, 2022-Jan. 2, 2023**



## CAMREC Programs

Did you know the Washington Mennonite Fellowship organizes several opportunities for our community to connect with each other apart from our summer and winter youth programs? Traditionally we have a Men's Retreat in the Fall, a Quilting Retreat in the Winter, a Women's Retreat in the Spring, and an all-family Birds, Blossoms, and Bikes event in early Summer. These are wonderful ways to connect with Creation, refresh our faith and energy, and remind us how to embody the Anabaptist/Mennonite Values of peacemaking, simple living, service, and community.

If you are interested in attending any of these gatherings and/or helping put them together, please contact Brisa Peacock, Program Director, at [program@camrec.org](mailto:program@camrec.org)



# Mission Statement

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

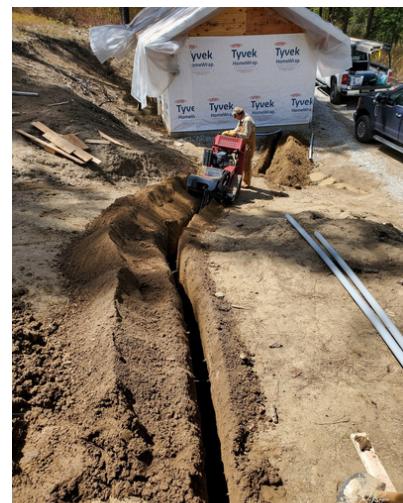
- Nurture children in the love of God, the love of others, and the love of Creation.
- Welcome adults to a place and spiritual framework for rest and restoration.
- Care for this beautiful part of Creation and the extended landscape around us.
- Embody Anabaptist/Mennonite values of peacemaking, simple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

# Staff Housing Update



In its 3rd season of volunteer-based construction, the staff house now has its roof, windows, rough plumbing, electrical, and HVAC completed. Before winter, the main focus will be siding installation and preparation for drywall installation.

During our build weekends, our project leaders work Friday and Saturday. Sunday is an optional work/play day. All ages and experience levels are encouraged to join as this is a unique opportunity to learn new skills and contribute to the future of camp. The next scheduled opportunities to volunteer are listed below. Please contact Andy Royce ([a.royce48@gmail.com](mailto:a.royce48@gmail.com)) or Carl Lind ([clind3110@gmail.com](mailto:clind3110@gmail.com)) for more information.



## Build Weekends

- October 7-9
- October 14-16
- October 28-30

(Coincides w/ the family-friendly Annual Fall Work Weekend & CAMREC's 55th anniversary activities )

## Forest Stewardship

CAMREC is situated on 240 acres of forest adjacent to the Wenatchee National Forest. The camp board, staff, and many volunteers take creation care seriously and have our stewardship of this land seriously and as a result, creation care is an important part of our work. The objectives of our work include:

- reduce risk of a catastrophic wildfire
- promote and maintain a healthy forest
- restore wildlife habitat
- protect riparian and wetland areas
- improve and protect camp grounds

Past efforts have included selective logging, removing low hanging branches and reducing the scrub layer. The next phase of our work is a brush clearing project that will begin in the Spring. This is a great opportunity to get involved and we need your help! Please call or email if you are interested in assisting with this important work.

## CAMREC Wishlist

- ATV for use on grounds and trail maintenance
- Cross-country skis and snowshoes
- Volunteers to clear brush for fire prevention
- Marked recycling bins
- Coloring books/ gently used art supplies