

The Chumstick

News from Camp Camrec and
Washington Mennonite Fellowship

April 2018

Camrec Updates

The recent rain has been melting the last few patches of snow here at Camrec. The trilliums are poking through and the daffodils are just about to bloom and this week we are getting to feel that spring sunshine!

The road repair that happened in the fall has helped the snowmelt and rain drain towards the ditches, keeping a fairly nice roadway this spring! Come visit and see for yourself. ☺

The Quilters Retreat took place March 15 through 18. It was a full house with around 25 participants. Katie Petersen was the guest teacher this year, bringing in some excellent talent and unique perspective on sewing strata. As always, it was a beautiful transformation to see the beginning variation in colors turn into pieces of art by the end of the weekend. These ladies truly are artists.



We are *thankful* for:

- neighbors and WMF constituents that lend us equipment to maintain trails and Camrec's grounds.
- staff and volunteers that are already lining up for SUMMER CAMPS 2018.
- year-end donations that came in which continue to help us meet our operating budget.

Calendar of WMF Events

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| Annual Meeting: | April 20-22, 2018 |
| Fundraising event at SMC: | May 5-6, 2018 |
| Menno/Warden Retreat: | May 11-13, 2018 |
| Nature & Bike Retreat: | May 18-20, 2018 |
| Summer Camps: | see Summer Camp Schedule |
| Annual Fundraiser: | August 31 - September 3, 2018 |
| Fall Work Weekend: | October 19-21, 2018 |
| WMF Men's Retreat: | November 30 - December 2, 2018 |
| Senior High Snow Camp: | December 30, 2018 - January 1, 2019 |

Annual Meeting – April 20-22, 2018

Menno Mennonite Church and Camp Camrec are hosting this year's Annual Meeting weekend! Bring the family for a free weekend at camp. All are welcome. This is a time to help get camp ready for the summer season! Some of the projects this year will include: planting more trees, raking new trails, and deep cleaning.

On Saturday evening make sure to attend the Annual Meeting and engage as beloved constituents of Camrec. The meeting is a time to hear an update about camp as well as give input about camp direction and approve the annual budget.

See camrec.org for the schedule as well as a spot to **RSVP online!**

Staff Housing Fundraiser at SMC– May 5, 2018

Camp Camrec is coming to you! The next fundraiser for staff housing is going to be held at Seattle Mennonite Church on Saturday May 5! Come out for a fun evening with a delicious lemongrass, ginger, and chicken soup from Indonesia (where David grew up) called Soto Ayam. Jesse and Amanda will be gracing us with their musical talents during supper. The evening will be rounded out with interactive games, giant size Dutch Blitz, and general merry making! Please **RSVP online** so we can prepare enough dinner for everyone.

Nature & Bike Retreat – May 18-20, 2018

Nature and Bike Retreat is a weekend for all ages and has potential for various kinds of activities: biking, hiking, taking photographs, bird watching, searching for flowers, doing crafts, etc.

The retreat coincides with Leavenworth's Bird Fest. The highlight of the Bird Fest will be an appearance by David Sibley of field guide fame. A list of activities can be found at www.LeavenworthSpringBirdFest.org.

May is also a great time to explore the mountains, rivers, lakes, forests, and roads in the Cascades around Camp Camrec. And, what better way to do it than by bike! At 2500' elevation and plenty of hills to climb, Camp Camrec is a great base camp to kick your bike fitness into high gear. Carl Lind and Ric Troyer will serve as your tour guides.

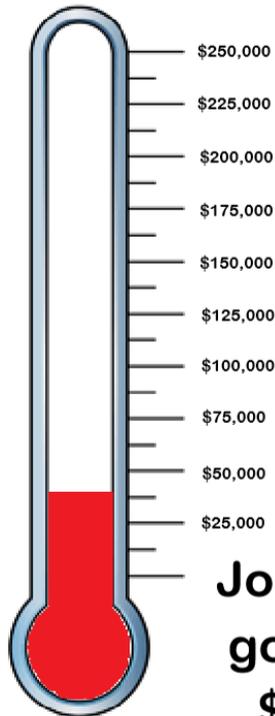
Please go to camrec.org to **register online** and find more information.

Summer Camp Schedule 2018

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| Orientation (for summer counselors): | July 2-5 |
| Pre-Junior Camp (completed K-2): | July 6-8 |
| Junior Camp (completed 3-5): | July 10-14 |
| Junior High Camp (completed 6-8): | July 16-21 |
| Senior High Camp (completed 9-11): | July 23-28 |

Volunteers needed! Every summer we have close to 45 to 50 wonderful volunteers help make camp happen. We need extra hands to lead crafts, nature, and bible, to be medical staff, to help cook, and lead various other activities. If you have a heart for summer camp and enjoy working with the next generation please let us know and we would love to get you involved!

Staff Housing Fundraising Update



It's time for additional staff housing!!



Join us in our goal to raise \$250,000!

Additional staff housing is needed to carry Camrec into the future.

We have not settled on a final design, but current thoughts include multiple living spaces so that we can have room for year round staff as well as have a separate smaller apartment for long term volunteers.

At Camrec we are in a landscape of ongoing change and development! We hope to continue growing programs and facilities that can meet the needs of the church and communities engaged and connected here. We see the experience of camp as an opportunity to invest in the future of Anabaptism, as

well as the Kingdom of God, through children and adults!

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. The **total amount that has been raised as of 4/11/2018 is \$39,908.00** including pledges! *Thank you* for all your support!

Annual Fundraiser & FUNdRUN – Aug 31-Sept 3, 2018

Do you want to help raise funds to support the mission of Camrec? GREAT! This year's money raised will go towards our continued fundraiser for staff housing.

This is a fun party all weekend long. Scheduled events will be Friday, August 31st to Sunday, September 2nd. WMF members and their guests are welcome to stay through Monday, September 3rd and enjoy Camrec trails, games, and free time. Cabin lodging is first come, first serve. Areas to pitch a tent will be available as well.

The whole weekend, including the FUNdRUN, meals and lodging, will be by donation. Bring your energy and enthusiasm, running or walking shoes, your check book...and something to sleep in. Please **RSVP online** at camrec.org. Thank you very much.

Camrec Wish List

- Someone able to tune the lodge piano
- Corelle - big plates and big bowls
- Riding mower in good shape
- Floor or table lamps for cabins/upstairs apartment
- All-terrain vehicle for use on grounds and trail maintenance (current golf cart is on last legs)
- 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.