



WINTER NEWSLETTER 2021

Northern Pines provides experiences of Christ, creation, and community here among the tall pines.



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S PEN - Deaconess Leslie Hobson

Greetings from among the tall pines,



We had 377 campers of all ages on site during one or more of our camps sessions in 2021. As we planned for the summer, we figured families would be excited to be coming back to camp, and we were correct! We had our largest Grandparent/Grandchild Camp in several years. Our family camps were very well attended this year and families signed up early. Due to the need to have campers in pods, we set our camp numbers lower than previous years. Our attendance at children and youth camps were lower than we had expected. Those who were in attendance had great experiences of community as they lived and played in pods. Thanks to the great summer weather we were able to do most activities and meals outside, making it possible for more than one pod to be together for worship and some large group activities.

We had wonderful cabin leaders that led programming and supervised 8 weeks of camp. They did a fantastic job planning and leading while following our protocols. We were able to provide great hospitality to our campers and guests because of the hard work of our assistant director, our dedicated kitchen and dining room staff, our housekeeping staff and our maintenance and grounds staff.

We have been blessed with gifts of time, talents, and donations. Because of gifts and memorials, we were able to keep up with maintenance needs around camp and provide programming materials to support our curriculum. We were able to provide camperships to some campers who would not have been able to come to camp without assistance. Your gifts tell us that you believe in the ministry we are doing, and they help us continue to offer the best camp ministry possible. Please consider Northern Pines Camp and Retreat Center as you plan your end of year giving. You can send your donations directly to Northern Pines or send it through the conference office. We thank you for your continued support and your desire to help us provide experiences of Christ, creation, and community.

Blessings,
Deaconess Leslie Hobson

FUNDRAISING GOAL SET! HELP US REACH OUR \$35,000 GOAL--

Why do we ask for donations? We count on receiving 3-5% of our income from donations. These donations help us purchase items to enhance our ministry and our ability to provide radical hospitality to our guests. They allow us to channel other income to operational items, wages, and everyday expenses. Donations from our supporters helps us know we are providing a special ministry that others also trust and care about.

2022 Wish List – Donations may be given to help purchase items or the items may be donated to the camp

40 hp motor for our pontoon or larger
New to us ski boat and motor/ or a new motor for our ski boat
Pontoon trailer
Wooden picnic tables
15 passenger van to transport campers to offsite activities
Donations to help pay for creation of a road and a path on the new property
Hammocks for Hammock Heaven



Contact Leslie Hobson at Northern Pines Camp and Retreat Center, 218-732-4713, to ask questions or discuss a donation.



TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer deans and staff are so important to the camping ministry, especially in 2021 when we were short-staffed. Volunteers made it possible to make camp improvements in a year when we did not have funds for many of our projects. We are very grateful to those who shared their time, talents, energy, and skills to help the camp provide amazing camp experiences and a safe, welcoming space for our guests and campers.

Bob Ford
Tyler Leikvoll
Carl, Cassie, Zane, Bram Jacobi
Garry Nelson
Janet and Gary Johnson
John Larson
Richard Dykoski

Ernie Parker
Mark and Trish Grimes
Keith and Cheryl Broady
Randy and Rose Easter
Robert Ferdinandt

Our volunteer camp deans:
Michael Solberg
Rev. Marianne Ozanne
Rev. Amanda Larsen
Garry and Bonnie Nelson
Robyn Vitch
Dan and Rachel Burnett
Patsy and Lizzie Bellman



PLAN NOW FOR SPRING WORK DAYS—We will be offering work days at the end of April and in May. You can come help for a day or stay on site and work for a few days. We plan to reroof the pavilion, paint cabins, and clean the grounds as we prepare for summer camp. If you wish to volunteer at camp, call us at 218-732-4713 to let us know when you are available.



*Thank
you*

TO ALL OF OUR GENEROUS DONORS! YOUR GIFTS ARE SO IMPORTANT TO OUR CAMPING MINISTRY.

Beth Artmann
Breanne/Erik Blomquist
Bonnie Boots
Aaron/Denise Buesing
DeeDee Burns
Peggy Cooper
Lori Cossitt
Richard and Karen Dykoski
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Thomas/Marie Hass
Holly Haugen
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Jeff and Arlys Hess
Steve and Leslie Hobson
Nancy Ireland

Carl, Cassie, Zane, Bram Jacobi
Will/Peggy Line
Garry and Bonnie Nelson
Rev. Andrew Petter
Sue Sattler
Monica Simmons
Nancy Stephenson
Patti Wayman
Hubbard Methodist Women
Nashwauk UMC
Pengilly UMC
Perham UMC
Sauk Centre UMC
Gift of 2 benches in memory of Sean Carroll
Funds in memory of Sean Carroll for our wish list items

We are ready to hire our summer cabin leaders!

We are looking for cabin leaders for our 2022 season. Cabin leaders provide leadership for all camp activities, such as worship time, water sports, game time, crafts, and small groups. Cabin leaders sleep in the treehouses or cabins providing supervision for the campers. Campers range in age from 6-16 and includes campers 16 and over who have developmental delays. Staff typically have 24-36 hours off each weekend and a short break each day. Cabin leaders have 2 weeks of training before beginning 8 weeks of camp. Cabin leaders should enjoy outdoor activities, be able to lead a lesson such as crafts or a Bible study, have a Christian background and desire to share their faith, be responsible, be able to follow directions, have to ability to relate to youth and adults in a positive manner and understand the developmental needs of children and youth. A full job description is available from the camp director. Call Leslie at 218-732-4713 if you have questions about the position. Applications are available online at www.campminnesota.org

Cabin leaders should be at least 18 years old (can hire a 17-year-old if they are very mature.)

We are also looking for volunteers to assist cabin leaders during Christian Friendship Camp (camp for people with developmental delays) and Mini Camps (for 6–9-year-



olds.) These volunteers would stay in the cabins with the campers and assist with activities at camp. Training is provided and a stipend is paid.

Christian Friendship camp weeks: June 19-24; June 26-July 1; July 3-8; July 24-29

Mini camps: June 12-14; July 10-12; July 31-Aug. 2

100th Anniversary Celebration

2022 marks the 100th year that Northern Pines Camp and Retreat Center has offered camps or assemblies. Join us as we celebrate 100 years on July 2, 2022, 11 am. We will gather at the campfire ring for songs, worship, celebration, and fun. Write it on your calendar and watch for more details to come!



Quotes from our campers---Why camp was so special this year!

We were blessed to receive a full camper ship to family camp. This was something that was so healing for me and my son. After some traumatic situations this last year this was exactly what we needed to heal. THANK YOU!!

Much appreciated time away after a rough 2020.

Meeting new people and learning that there's people out there just as weird as I am

The magical sunsets. Each night was a little different. But it's always the thing I remember.

There is something very special about this camp. It's very clear that God speaks to me and others I know when we are there together. I LOVE Northern Pines!



