



Branching Out

CAMP
Fontanelle
A Great Plains UNITED METHODIST CAMP

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Summer Camp In Full Swing

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Camp Wish List

Fuel-efficient vehicle
Quilts for live auction
Basketball hoops
NFM Gift cards (for Olson Lodge décor)
Tools (new or in good shape)
Electric Tools
Good-quality kick balls
Staples gift cards

FUN, FAITH, FAMILY, new-FANGLED, are great words to describe the summer of 2022 at Camp Fontanelle.

Our campers are having fun climbing the lush green trees, hiking the well-traveled trails, splashing in the refreshing waters at the pool. They are getting crafty and best of all, they are learning about our God and how God knows the name of each camper.

New friends are being made and distant friends are reconnecting and remembering the fun they have had together, in the past.

2022 has been a time to create new camp sessions and WOW, they have been a hit!

Campololeon was filled with so much energy, it

could be felt in the air. Giant bounce houses were brought in, it was a true carnival feel!

Camp dean Lyz Garwood, Kearney First UMC, led the campers that week. Campers felt inspired and filled with enthusiasm.

For Girls Only camp, campers met and heard from women who inspired the campers to never lose sight of their goals and even though it may take time to achieve those goals, always work towards being a better person.

There are still camp sessions for all ages. Please look at the calendar, in this issue, for the available sessions for the remainder of the summer.

There have been obstacles over the years

at Camp Fontanelle.

In 2019, flooding impacted people's ability to get to camp. We all know what happened in 2020 and 2021 saw transition in staff.

Like many businesses, it was a struggle finding staff for our 2022 summer ministry.

Because of that, for the first time, sessions have been maxed out. Week 8, July 18-22, is now on a waitlist for Survivor, Splish Splash and Sports Camps.

Fontanelle Finale, week 10, Aug. 1-5 is a great option, as this session is taking the best from the summer and combining it into one week of fun.

We look forward to seeing you at camp, yet this summer!





New Name/New Look

Since 2007, the fall season out at Camp Fontanelle has been known as 'The Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze at Camp Fontanelle.'

Camp Fontanelle is excited to announce the new name and theme focus for the fall season. We introduce to you, **Camp Fontanelle's Split Oak Hollow, corn maze and pumpkin patch.** The new name comes from the split oak hollow tree that is located near the swimming pool. With the Fontanelle/Hartung Cemetery located on Camp Fontanelle,

it seems obvious to develop an historical feel to the area. Curriculum about the history of the area in the late 1800s will be developed. This will be a great draw for schools and history buffs, to learn about the history of the Fontanelle area. Did you know that the first Nebraska territorial college was in Fontanelle? Did you know that Fontanelle missed being the territorial capital by one vote? Did you know that Fontanelle used to be in Dodge County. The history is deep in the area and Camp Fontanelle is excited to create this ministry to keep history alive.

Camp Fontanelle has received a grant to move the Fontanelle Town Hall to camp property. Working with the Washington County Historical Society, we are all excited about having the opportunity to put the building to good use. It will be a perfect edition to the camp. Look for additional information as the planning progresses.



BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE In photos



Lodge entrance

Good progress is being made on the Olson Lodge.



Back of Lodge



Inside, looking at great room

Our general contractor is BD Construction

Framing complete downstairs



Door frames are installed below.



Showers are installed



Lower level windows Are installed

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Camp Fontanelle Calendar of Events



* July

- 4—Happy Fourth of July
- 5-6—Guardian Angel Camp
- 6-8 —SonShine Camp
- 8-1 —Family Camp
- 11-15—Boys Only & Nite Owls
- 18-22—Splish Splash. Sports & Survivor
- 25-29—Legendary & Road Rules

* There is still time to get registered for summer camp. Give your children/youth one last adventure before school starts. It is well worth it!

* August

- 1-5—Fontanelle Finale
- 5-6—Guardian Angel

September

- 10—Service/Work Day
- 17—BBQ Prep Day
- *18—BBQ & Opening Day of Corn Maze

*We look forward to seeing you at our annual BBQ & fundraiser. Look for more information in Aug/Sept.

Volunteer Opportunities at Camp Fontanelle

For a moment, think about Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts and 4-H; How do these organizations function? Their youth leaders are primarily volunteers. These individuals are trained and provide leadership and direction to the youth who are involved.

Now think of your place of worship; there are more volunteers than paid staff. There are people who sing in the choir, teach Sunday School, are worship leaders, newsletter assemblers and maybe the person who cleans your building are volunteers.

It is the same way at Camp Fontanelle. The camp depends on volunteers to ensure that its mission of

'transforming lives through an intentional Christian community' is being fulfilled.

Do you have time during the week, or a few hours during the month to assist the paid staff?

- ◆ Do you like being outdoors? How about helping with mowing or weeding or come out to camp during our work days, which happen four times a year.
- ◆ Do you like working with children/youth? Consider helping at summer camp or Christmas Camp
- ◆ Do you like seeing everything neat & tidy? You could come out to camp and help clean

inside our buildings

- ◆ Do you like to see people having fun? You could volunteer at the corn maze & pumpkin patch. There are numerous opportunities during our fall season.
- ◆ Are you a youth group leader in your congregation? During our corn maze season, there are two shifts available each day on Saturdays and Sundays. Bring your youth group & adult helpers out. Volunteer for one shift and then play the remainder of the day.
- ◆ Like cooking, or helping in the kitchen? During the summer and in the fall, help is needed to help in

food preparation and clean up.

It is because of volunteers that Camp Fontanelle can continue to provide a much needed ministry to this area. Whether it is through summer camp, or the corn maze in the fall, or Christmas Camp, Camp Fontanelle cannot survive and thrive without support of people who want to make an impact in the lives of those at camp.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help Camp Fontanelle. We truly are God's Hands here on earth. Your service to Camp Fontanelle will make an impact.

For information about volunteering, please contact Jane Van Horn @ 402-478-4296 or 402-278-0526.

The Grinch is Back!!! Christmas Camp Returns



Christmas Camp began in 2014 and served children/youth, who needed blessings during Christmas time, for six years. 2020 put everything on hold. We are pleased to announce that Christmas Camp is back. Our relaunching theme for 2022 is "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes", an Advent devotion by Matt Rawle.

The weekend will have the camp buzzing with laughter and praise as campers, between the ages of 9-12, learn about the transformation of the Grinch, who learned you can't steal Christmas. If there is snow on the ground, there may be some sledding and snowball fights and afterwards, there will be hot chocolate with marshmallows. There will be worship every day and on Sunday, the campers will help with a worship service for their families. Look for additional information in the near future. Be thinking how you can help, either by volunteering, purchasing gifts for the campers or making a financial gift. [Be a blessing for those in need of blessings!](#)

**December
9-11, 2022**

Tales from the Camp Office or The Fontanelle Files?

You may think that an office would be a boring place, while that may often be true, it is certainly not the case here at Camp! While our new lodge construction progresses, the four of us continue to share one office in Riverview Lodge. If you were to visit, us or even pass by the lodge, it would be quite clear that we have great fun while still getting plenty of work done.

Jane can be found placing food orders, booking rental groups, making sure bills get paid, writing newsletters, and a hundred other things depending on the day. When Ryan is in the office and not out and about around site, he is putting together all the fun schedules for each program, making staff assignments, fielding phone calls, and planning for the fall and beyond. Ethan spends most of his time working on site improvements, facilitating tree climbing, lifeguarding, and keeping us all laughing. Amanda is the newest addition to the office, she has been taking on the role of camp registrar, coordinating crafts, and helping out with office duties.

Other office residents include: Chuckles the giant rubber chicken, Squeaky the Clean Cabin Duck Award, and the occasional staff kiddo. All in all, it's a fun place.

As you can see from the photos below, we have a pretty great time, while also getting a whole lot done! We are patiently counting down the days until we get to move into the offices in the new lodge.

It's always a
fun time out
at Camp
Fontanelle!



New photos!!! The trusses are being installed

