

## Camp Arrowhead Completes Major Projects and Opens to Small Retreats and Rentals



THE WRIGHT PAVILION



THE PAVILION AT NIGHT



THE PIONEER CATS



SPACED OUT FAMILY CAMP MEALS



LIMITED FAMILY CAMP WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES



FAMILY CAMP MEAL SERVICE



DISTANCED TREASURE HUNTING AT FAMILY CAMP

Although there was no summer camp program, the staff was kept busy with finishing and hardscaping two much needed buildings. The Bishop Wright Pavilion, a 4,000 square foot meeting space was built on the site of the old Rec Hall. With its stage, fire pit, new sound system, lighting, and varied seating choices the site will greatly benefit both summer camp and retreat rentals. The pavilion exceeds all expectations and is a magnificent legacy for retired Bishop, Wayne Wright.

Meanwhile, out in the Pioneer section of camp, where the older campers live, we completed a new shower house. Originally due to be built in 2002 as a counterpart to the bath house in main camp, construction was halted due to difficult permitting issues and a lack of funding. Although a long time coming, it is a fantastic facility and will fully meet the needs of pioneer campers for generations to come.

Through social media, staff alumni, campers and their families were kept involved through activity packets, responsive posts, and staff-created videos. Teri Valente, our director, created a newsletter and mailed care packages to each registered camper and intended staff member this summer. Meanwhile, Nancy Lafontaine, our registrar spent hours working with our families to refund tuition or roll registrations forward to next summer. A big thanks to all who donated their tuition to support our operating budget, as well as to those who have sent support through mailed in donations and online donations made via the Covid-19 Relief button on camp's website.

By working with the Mission Support Office, planning, and using best practices for Covid-19 prevention, the staff was able to host a local high school multi-day retreat as well as a modified Labor Day Family Camp. All involved were pleased with how these events turned out. We were also able to offer our two largest self-contained cottages for weekly rentals to families looking for a quiet getaway. As we move into the fall, these are still available as long weekend rentals, Thursday to Sunday.

The leaders of the Camp Arrowhead *Ring the Bell* campaign to build a new dining hall and educational center, met in the spring and made the critical decision to move forward with the project. Paul Hurdle and Dominic DiFebo are the campaign co-chairs and Cal Wick and Erik Hirsch are the honorary chairs. Although still in the private phase of asking, \$1.5 million of the \$4 million has been secured through some early grants, private donations, and support from Diocesan Council. Plans to share the project with the camp family, staff alumni, our Delaware Episcopal community, and the public are in the works and we will be posting and distributing the amazing plans to all very soon!

Looking ahead to the 2021 summer season the staff is working hard to think outside the box in an effort to best use this amazing property if conditions prevent us from opening as usual. Smaller overnight groups, restructured day use, virtual program options, and an extended season will be critical pieces to this puzzle, while keeping to our mission. Please keep all involved with Arrowhead in your prayers!