



Life Goes On

Back to School

Through all the blood, sweat, and tears a summer can bring, it's amazing that we can always say 'What an awesome summer we had!' We saw many familiar faces, several new ones, students give their hearts to Jesus, and most of all God being glorified. We've seen our volunteer base widen as new speakers, worship leaders, and counselors step in to help the ministry of camp. It's great to see how many local volunteers we had and encouraging to know they understand the importance of ministering to our students.

Back to school? What!?

I was always told that the older you get the faster life goes by. I have a deeper understanding of the song 'Blink' by Revive. The song reminds its listener that though time goes fast, we have to take the time to be still and know that He is God. Being still is something we take part in at camp; it's what we're all about. Our students love their daily quiet times because they can just sit, reflect, and listen to what God has to say. However, life goes fast and *life does go on*. Let's pray for our students as they begin this next school year, facing many new struggles and temptations. Pray that they remember to take time to be still, to listen to God's voice, and know God is with them!

Business as Usual

As you know Adeline Christian Camp is a non-for-profit organization, which means we are a business and it is important for us to look at it that way. If we don't look at it as a business our doors will eventually close. In the past camp has received its funding through the United Brethren Rock River Conference. This is no longer the case and as a result we have to generate our own income to support the ministries that we care about.

Prayer Points

Students in school this year

Continued interest from rental groups

Barker Hall funding

Condo building funding

My offseason plans and ideas



One way to generate income is to host rental groups. We are happy to say that we have had four rental groups use our facilities so far this year. We also have a group coming in on September 3rd, as well as a couple of other inquiries for this October. We are proud to say that each and every group that has come in has loved their time here. They have left feeling served, appreciated, and loved. A Pastor from the Loraine United Methodist Church in the area of Prophetstown, IL said, 'This was everything we hoped for and everything we needed, thanks'. Praise God!

Regardless of the minimal income these groups have brought in, as a result of their small group size, the word about camp is getting out!

We recently had well pump problems. The technician arrived on a Sunday afternoon with his wife. She was so ecstatic about camp. She said, 'I never even knew this place existed and we only live in Pecatonica!' Needless to say, she has been one of our inquiries for an October couples retreat. I love seeing things work out for good!

Please continue to pray for camp to expand its business side so that we can continue to minister to our students.

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-Kathy

Future Plans and Ideas for the Offseason

- Church Visits
 - As the summer whines down and camp shuts down for the season, I won't be able to spend as much time on the grounds. I plan to use this time to visit at least one area church/pastor each week to talk about our camping ministry.
- Plan a Fundraiser
 - I wanted to plan a fundraiser for this fall, but the summer got away from me. During the offseason my goal is to plan our first annual fundraiser for next year.
- Continue the Pine Tree Cleanup
 - A ton of work has been done from our tornado earlier this spring; however there is still a lot to do and I plan to continue the cleanup during the winter months.
- I need a 15 passenger van!
 - I plan to continue searching for a van donation for our camp ministry. I believe it is very important as a ministry to reach out and meet the needs within the local community. I have dreams of bringing local homeless people to camp for a hot shower, movie night, and warm bed. We could use the van to haul students, to take food to the needy and to take volunteers and supplies to disaster areas such as the Irene disaster. There's a lot we could do with a big van!

Love Never Fails,

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