

# WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE E-MEMO

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## **From the messy, overfull, stacked with papers, "it's in here somewhere" office of Olivia**

Today started with a bunch of craziness. We had septic issues that resulted in a late night, a bunch of signs, and a temporary solution. But camp folks are resilient folks and this year's summer staff is especially great. Kevin is creating a labyrinth. Patrick is working at the pool. Aaron is devising strategies for music fun. Lizzie is interpreting my late night scribbles. Julia is crossing off tasks on our white board. Amanda is cheerfully preparing for crafts. Chris is tirelessly mowing. John is feeding the critters in the nature center. These folks--our intrepid summer staffers--make no excuses and they show up every day, ready for the banquet of God's creation and ready to share it with others.

I asked Patrick and Aaron to write something about Camp Mennoscah. These folks are dedicated. Dedicated to God. Dedicated to sharing God's love with others. Dedicated to having a whopping good time doing so. Their letter is below.

*Dear Camp Mennoscah followers,*

*The summer is off and going, and the campers as well as the staff have hit the ground running! The new pool has been fabulous thus far, and is truly a blessing to have. The summer has just started, but already God has moved through the campers and the staff in many ways. Here at Camp Mennoscah we are trying to instill a desire to know God. We believe that through our activities and surroundings of God's creation kids will enjoy their time here becoming closer to Christ. We hope to see you and your children out at Camp sometime this summer!*

*--Patrick Loganbill (Head Lifeguard) and Aaron Rudeen (Music Man)*

### **Splashing Good Times!**

The new Camp Mennoscah pool is up and running--just in time for our summer youth camps. We are so terribly excited and happy and thrilled and overjoyed! (Bet you couldn't tell.) It's great to have campers and guests using this great new pool. The old pool leaked, whined, and moaned until it was excavated by volunteers in January. Construction began at the beginning of February and the new pool was completed at the beginning of June. What a gift and a blessing to our camping ministry--and what a relief on 100-degree days.

We hope all of you have a chance to visit with your family or church group or as a camper and make your own splash in the pool. There are still funds that need to be raised to pay for those last square feet of pool, so give us a call about how to help out. We also need a few more donations of \$2000 or more to meet our pool Challenge Grant. Contact us at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) for more information. Come make a splash with us!

### **Furniture for Bluestem**

Camp Mennoscah is seeking furniture donations for the Bluestem house on the new property. There are 3 bedrooms and a living room area that we would like to furnish before the end of July so we can use the building for our senior high camp staff. Got a couch in good condition or a bed hidden in the attic, just waiting for a new family? Call us at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) or email at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org)

### **WDC Announcements**

1. How to: Plant a church, turn a church around, support immigrants, plan for end of life, welcome children, appreciate Anabaptist identity, seek God, eat healthy, celebrate a 75th birthday, teach children, serve holistically, eat a cupcake, create a 200-word testimony. It's all happening at WDC Annual Assembly, July 29-30 in North Newton, KS. Be there – you are invited to attend this Banquet, planned just for you!

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2. From Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, KS: One of our youth had a medical emergency and will be having surgery, so will not be able to go to the youth convention in Pittsburg. If we can find someone before July 1, we can do a name transfer on the ticket at no cost. We would be willing to negotiate the cost and make a good deal. Departure is early morning, July 4 and return is midmorning July 9. Please contact Cynthia at [secretary@hopemennonite.com](mailto:secretary@hopemennonite.com) or call [316/722-0903](tel:316-722-0903).

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