

Camp Mennoscah 2022-2023 Annual Report Western District Conference

Camp Mennoscah has enjoyed 75 years of camping ministry! We are anticipating celebrating this anniversary with you. Throughout the years, the campgrounds and facilities have changed, but the vision of camp has been constant. Camp Mennoscah continues to be a place where all people can come to renew themselves and their relationships with God, nature and others.

This past year has focused on community building and looking at the future. A committee worked on creating and defining a Master Plan using constituent surveys to create and prioritize items to be completed in the next five years. The plan focuses on restoring the infrastructure at camp and preparing new programming.

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In tandem with the Master Plan, the Facilities Committee researched and determined a recommendation for replacing the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system (HVAC) in the Retreat Center. The board approved the recommendation of PTAC and VTAC units (packaged/vertical terminal air conditioners) to replace the boiler system installed when the building was built in the late 1990s. The current system is no longer functional.

The ambitious proposals of the Master Plan require bold actions. Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Development Director, has created the M&M Project, which stands for Mission and Maintenance. She has worked with a generous donor on a matching gift of up to \$100,000 for the HVAC system and other repairs needed to maintain the mission of camp. Churches, individuals, Sunday School classes, and families are invited to take part in this opportunity by hosting events to raise funds for the M&M project or making monthly pledges.

Camp's mission carries on, even as these plans and improvements begin. In 2022, 371 youth from grades 3 through high school attended summer youth camps, and increase of 20 from 2021. (Numbers were intentionally limited in 2021.) Registrations are on track to have a similar number of campers as in 2022. 48 churches, families, and individuals filled the campgrounds over the course of the year. Four Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats and the Youth Volunteer Day were held, as well as two Work & Play Days each, in the spring and fall.

Build Your House on the Rock, Come Play in the Sand Camp Mennoscah is a place to connect with God, nature, others, and yourself. This would not be possible without the prayers, encouragement, volunteer efforts and financial support of the people and congregations of Western District Conference.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of this Spiritfilled community that has supported Camp Mennoscah over the past 75 years!

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