



Camp Mennoscah

2023-2024 Annual Report

Western District Conference

Camp Mennoscah continues to celebrate, as we did last year, 75 years in camping ministry, and we truly believe that as great as the past has been, as God has worked at this wonderful place on the river, there is still so much ahead as we continue to follow God's leading! Camp strives to be a place where all people can come to renew themselves and their relationships with God, nature, and others.

Last year, from April until December, Camp Mennoscah managed the Mission and Maintenance project, which was known as the M&M Project. Mennoscah was offered a generous gift of \$100,000, and then was challenged by the giver to try to match that money in fundraising efforts. Through your generous gifts, pledges, and other projects designed to raise funds for the match, we were able to raise \$150,000, more than matching the original gift and adding \$250,000 to our maintenance coffers. Thanks go to all of you for your gifts of money and time for this effort.

In July, Camp will be launching a new money raising endeavor called Foundation 75 in honor of Mennoscah's 75th anniversary. We are going to be making a bold ask of our donors and supporters, but we think Camp, as we know you do, is a worthy place to give and a place that God is blessing. We would like to raise \$750,000 to finish the HVAC project, finish several other physical projects at Camp, and to rebuild our maintenance funds to ensure that our facilities are well cared for and can be used for the many people who come to Camp.

Right now our almost all consuming task at Camp is that of installing a new HVAC system in the Retreat Center and the remodeling of the building that has to be accomplished with that. The Facilities Committee recommended and the Board approved the installation of packaged/vertical terminal air conditioners (PTAC and VTAC units) to replace the boiler system installed when the building was built in the 1990s. The system being replaced is no longer functional. And, as often happens with big projects like this, more things than had been originally planned have been added to the construction manager's list in order to meet new codes and make proper installation possible, which has extended the time needed to complete the project.

Nonetheless, Camp's foremost mission is to hold summer camps, and we are continuing to do just that. In 2023, 383 youth from grades 3 through high school attended summer youth camps, an increase of 12 from 2022. Campers represented 13 different states - California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming, and, of course, Kansas. Campers from Kansas represented 50 different hometowns. Registrations are up for the 2024 camping season for most of the camps, and Camp Mennoscah will likely serve more than 400 youth this summer.

Camp Mennoscah and its ministry is your ministry. Your prayers, encouragement, volunteer efforts, and financial support of the people and congregations of the Western District Conference make Camp Mennoscah the place it is, where we can offer you the opportunity to "Build your house on the Rock; Come play in the sand!"

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