

SPRING FORWARD

It's everyone's favorite day of the year. The day you get to lose an hour of sleep overnight! While that might not be the most exciting thing, I think we can all agree that the extra hour of sunlight in the evenings is a fair trade. It means spring is coming! And as Pennsylvanians, we know that once spring comes, summer is only a week or two later.

While summer is definitely the most exciting time of the year for those of us in camp ministry, spring sure does have its positives too. It means we get to start planning for a summer full of campers. We get to complete a few building projects that we have been putting off. We get to transform this place into what it needs to be to get us through the busy season!

Now, we typically refer to the summer as our "busy season" but in reality, the camp is busy year-round. Between weekend retreats, day events, family gatherings, and gym rentals, we keep ourselves busy all year. If you keep reading you will find out a little more about the exciting things that have been happening here at Greenview.

WINTER RECAP

Over the past 6 months, we have hosted 6 church retreats, 6 youth events, 17 family gatherings, 3 weddings, and 2 church picnics, and have rented the gym out over 100 times! The variety of the events that we played host for is one of the exciting aspects of camp ministry. It could be a youth retreat, a baby shower, a scrapbooking retreat, and everything in between. Another is the fact that over 3,900 people have come to camp since our 'off-season' started in September.

In February, we hosted our annual Winter Retreat for high schoolers, and many of those who came were former campers and staff. This weekend serves as a fantastic opportunity for the young people to fellowship with one another, worship together, and learn something new about themselves and their relationship with Christ.

PRAYER MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

We certainly have been blessed over the years by a very faithful and giving supporter base, especially this past fall. In November we sent out a newsletter that mentioned several equipment needs. You may remember, we were looking to replace the camp truck, add a commercial mower with a bagger, and fix or replace our camp ATV. Within TWO WEEKS of sending that letter, we had verbal commitments to donate everything we asked for!



New Camp Truck: In February we were able to purchase a 2014 Dodge Ram with donated funds to replace the old 1999 Dodge.



New Mower: A gently used Hustler 72" zero turn mower with a bagger was donated to the camp in January.



New ATV/RTV: A Polaris Sportsman ATV and a Polaris Ranger RTV were donated this spring.

FACILITIES UPDATE

These past few months have been busy in terms of ongoing projects here at camp. Either due to necessity or availability of workers, we have started (and completed) several building projects this Spring.



Crafts Pavilion:

Sometimes a certain building project gets bumped to the top of the list for the simple reason that the workers needed for the job are available. This February, we were able to get a new 30'x40' pavilion put up, which will be used as the main crafts area, a day camp gathering area, and equipment storage year-round. We are greatly blessed to be able to add this to our expanding facilities and hope to have it fully completed before the start of the summer.

Cedar Lodge Main Bathrooms:

Anyone who has visited the lodge over the years has noticed all the improvements we've made to the dining hall, the lobby, the exterior, etc. One of the areas that had not been touched were the main bathrooms.

This winter we were able to take 3 weeks to reconfigure and remodel the two bathrooms with new floors, new walls, new fixtures, and lighting. The difference is very noticeable. We also were able to make the one handicap accessible.



Cedar Lodge Basement Bedroom Remodel:

We were able to gut and remodel one of the bedrooms in the bottom of the Lodge. It's the third of six rooms in the basement to be remodeled in the last 5 years.

Check out the new look – new flooring, wooden walls, new paint, and lighting – a huge improvement from what it used to look like.

Repairs to the Old Barn:

With the completion of our new horse barn last year, we were finally able to put in some needed repairs to our old barn, which is still home to 3 of our horses. The old rock foundation walls have been crumbling and in need of attention for many years.

This March, we had the rear wall re-poured, which allowed us to rip out the old stalls and rebuild them to better accommodate the bigger horses that we currently have.



UPCOMING PROJECTS

We're not done yet! There are still a few projects that we would like to get finished before the start of summer camp. This spring, we plan to construct a foot bridge across the creek. And in the fall, we are looking to replace the roof on Glory Hall.

SUMMER CAMP 2023



This summer will be one of our biggest ever. More campers, more staff, and more days that we will have people onsite! Registration has been open since the end of the year and campers have been signing up each week.

This summer, we are offering 3 weeks of day camp, and 3 weeks of overnight camp – which include Primary Week (grades 1-3), Elementary Week (grades 4-6), and Jr High Week (grades 7-8). To date, we are about 70% full for day camps, and 50% full for overnight camp. I wouldn't wait too much longer to sign up if you are planning on it. Early registration (\$25 off) ends on May 1st.

SUMMER STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few” Matthew 9

Every summer, Greenview relies on over 50 young people from colleges and high schools around the county plus our not-so-young staff and volunteers. There's a variety of jobs to do, from counseling to working in the kitchen, and the Lord has always provided the necessary people for the job.

As a volunteer worker, you will have the opportunity to spend your summer having fun with the campers and other staff, while making an impact in the lives of the children attending. You will get to see the growth in the campers and in yourself. The friendships that form during camp last well after the week of camp ends. If you haven't ever served at a camp ministry before, I would encourage you to give of your summer and make some memories that you won't soon forget!



A great thing about serving at camp is that there is a wide variety of positions and roles that need to be filled each week. Positions are divided into several categories: program staff, counselors, activity directors and supervisors, activity assistants, volunteer assistants, and other support roles. There really is something for everyone. Young and old. Experienced and not so experienced.

It is the goal of the camp leadership to provide discipleship to all of our staff and volunteers, so that they can disciple campers in return. Camp would not be possible without our summer staff and weekly volunteers. Everyone has a variety of roles each week, with the most important one being that you are representing Jesus to the campers that come. You might be the only glimpse of Christ that they will get, so we are looking for dedicated Christians who truly desire to share their faith with others as they serve along fellow believers.

Not sure if you could volunteer because of time constraints, or because you have a young family at home, etc.? We could figure something out for you! We've had people volunteer just a few hours a week: cleaning, mowing, or helping with a meal. We've had an entire family come and serve together as counselors, support staff, and campers. If you are willing, we can find a place for you to serve.

PRAYER REQUESTS & MINISTRY NEEDS

As the summer approaches, we find ourselves trusting that the Lord will provide for us in the following areas:

- The necessary summer staff and volunteers for our summer programs
- Financial support to complete current building projects before the start of summer.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

We may only have a few year-round employees, but the volunteer base which keeps this place running is vast! We have individuals who volunteer their time and expertise helping us complete building projects and fixing things around the camp. We have individuals who help us clean and get ready for groups as they come in. We also have over 50 summer staff that serve alongside us each summer.

Would you be interested in getting more involved here at camp? Reach out to us directly at (717)445-4828 or info@greenviewbiblecamp.org

SPRING WORKDAYS

Individuals, families, churches, youth groups – you're ALL invited to join us for a day of serving at Greenview! Please consider joining us on **Saturday, March 18th** and **Saturday, April 15th** from 8:00 AM – Noon. Lunch will be provided.

This year, some of the projects include:

- Installing siding on the new pavilion
- Installing new horse fencing
- Servicing mowers, tractors, and equipment
- Cutting and splitting firewood, clearing brush and debris
- Various painting, light construction, and repair work
- Skilled labor needs: plumbing, electric, welding, etc.

If you are willing to come and help one of these days, please contact us!

