

Oak Leaves



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2020 Associational Camps

Saint Joseph Youth:
May 26—30

New Life Combined Camps:

Jun 1—5

Linn Livingston/1000 Hills
Youth:

Jun 8—12

Missouri Valley
Children:

Jun 15—19

Thousand Hills
Children:

Jun 22—26

"Intro to Camping":

Jun 26—27

Harrison/North Grand River
Children:

Jun 29—Jul 3

St. Joseph Children:

Jul 6—10

Missouri Valley Youth:

Jul 13—17

Linn Livingston
Children:

Jul 20—24

Heartland Children:

Jul 24—27

Heartland Youth:

Jul 27—31

Harrison/North Grand River
Youth:

Aug 3—7

Flurries of Activity Precede Flurries of Snow!

As always seems the case, the fall season has flown by. When the summer camps end there is always a "catch your breath" time for the staff along with taking on repairs and improvements. This year also involved more mowing and grounds care than normal with all the rain. Group events also take place and here is a summary of some of the activity that has gone on at Grand Oaks this fall. Several pool parties were booked in August and until the weather cooled off. In mid-September the women's group from Pisgah Baptist Church were in retreat using several of our facilities. The annual North Missouri WMU day retreat was held with 50 or so ladies out for a day of

learning and prayer. October brought several events starting with our annual Board Meeting the first Thursday. Read more about that on the back page. The Pisgah Church men came out for a retreat which was to include a campout for some out by the lake. An unexpected bit of nasty weather changed that plan—and we certainly would have made the same decision! So, it was a mostly indoor event. The Missouri Baptist Convention/WMU-sponsored Missions Exploration day-camp brought well over 100 young people to campus one Saturday. The following Saturday saw the Heartland Association's Great Outdoorsmen Day event. Archery, fishing, other activities and learning opportunities were provided for the participants. Various showers and birthdays have been marked

here as well since the end of summer.

Recently, the women of Strong Tower Baptist Church in St. Joseph held a retreat. A good group of folks enjoyed their stay and we were so appreciative of their grace and understanding when a plumbing issue developing late in the evening limiting the use of the Retreat Center "facilities". Fortunately, our local plumber came to the rescue early Saturday morning. On the first Sunday in November, the folks from Galt Baptist Church drove in for worship and their annual "day at the Lodge". As you can see, lots of different activity takes place here in the off season. However, there are still lots of open dates for your church, family or other group to utilize this great facility. Give us a call, we'd love to work with you!



SRNB:PPNG Campaign Ticker

Received:

@\$107,247.22

Pledge Balance:

@\$7,766.79

Overall Goal:

\$675,000.00

Fund Balance Toward Multi-Purpose Center:

\$237,039.65

See you at camp at Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly!

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Since 1945 Grand Oaks has been a place to "win the lost, disciple the saved and train believers for Christian service." That is still our goal today as we provide a facility for our member Associations to conduct summer camps and other activities. Grand Oaks is supported solely through user fees and donations from individuals, churches and Baptist Associations. Grand Oaks does NOT receive funds from Cooperative Program giving.

The facility is open year round and is a great place for group retreats as well as family events. We encourage each of our churches to consider scheduling an event. Grand Oaks provides a quiet and usually uninterrupted experience in a beautiful outdoor setting. Won't you call soon?

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This past Friday, 18 young people and 2 sponsors from the Chillicothe Middle School came out as part of the annual CMS Cares Day. The students go out and volunteer somewhere in the community and a group comes our way each year. They raked leaves, moved chairs onto the chapel stage [so we can clean and wax the floor], carried lumber out of Parker Hall and dragged and burned lots of brush. We always try to provide some outdoor activities for them to enjoy the camp setting on their day out of class, and even with cool temps they enjoyed their time outdoors.

One of the camp improvements accomplished this fall was the installation of siding on the Hilltop Cabin front gables. Bill Ross and Jerry Burchette came a couple of days to help lead this project. This improvement is sure to provide years of weather protection for the gables that get hit with lots of sun, rain and wind.

Winter is fast approaching and with the exception of the Old Lodge, which is booked this weekend, the campus is winterized. The mowing is done—we think—and we will soon be resuming work on the dismantling of Parker Hall. We recently purchased a used semi trailer to store some of the salvageable materials from this project. We would welcome volunteers to come and help with this process. We are providing some pictures of some of these projects and activities on the middle pages.

Volunteers Welcome



A campus this size is in constant need of upkeep. There are several projects needing attention and volunteers in the coming months. We would welcome individuals with a day or week along with groups of volunteers working as a team.

Here are a few of the projects:

- ◆ Gable siding on Riverview Cabins
- ◆ Demolition of Parker Hall
- ◆ Trim installation on Nurse Cabin
- ◆ Adjust/tweak fence around the lagoon
- ◆ Painting and staining
- ◆ Tear out the old water system in the pump house below the lake to make the building more useful for storage
- ◆ Brush clearing, dead trees to fell
- ◆ Stripping paint in the Hilltop Showers
- ◆ Paint east gable of Dining Hall

By Action Of The Board

The Grand Oaks Board met on October 3rd for the semi-annual meeting. The 2020 budget was developed and adopted and new officers were elected. Coming on as Board president is Rev. Allan Lane of Calvary Baptist Church, St. Joseph. Elected as vice president was Alan Brock. Wayne Maness continues as secretary and Dawn Dupy as camp treasurer. Various nominations to the several committees were also approved.

Among the business transacted was approval of purchase of a 28' over the road box trailer to use for storing material from Parker Hall until sold, used or disposed of. A transfer of a large amount of the camp funds to an interest bearing and FDIC insured and fully liquid account offered by the Missouri Baptist Foundation was also approved. [Churches, you may want to look into this new offering from MBF.] Other action included the board authorizing the purchase of a new camp computer for the main purpose of editing video and producing media content for promotional purposes.



Pisgah Women's Retreat Group



Hilltop Gable Siding Installation



Great Outdoorsman Day



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Chillicothe Middle School Cares Day



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