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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

What will we see in 2020?

As we have experienced the passing of the Christmas season celebrating the birth of our redeemer Jesus Christ, undoubtedly we have all eaten our share of good food and sweets to last us until next Christmas. We hope you have enjoyed fellowship with family and friends throughout the holiday season. After ringing in the New Year, we now focus on what lies ahead for us in 2020. Before sharing the vision for the year ahead I would like to share a few words about the year past. 2019 for Grand Oaks was a solid year with a consistent number of visitors when compared to the previous year. In our last edition of Oak Leaves we outlined several events that took place here in 2019, and reviewed some actions taken by the Grand Oaks Executive Board at the latest

meeting.

To review previous editions, go to: <http://grandoaks.camp/oak-leaves-newsletter/>. We were blessed to have over 1350 people over 44 events join us for their special activity whether that was a swim party, retreat, family reunion or special event. Likewise, our Summer Camps had good attendance with a total of just over 1800 campers and volunteers. It was great to see returning friends and make new friends as we connected with children, youth and adults from all over the region. We get to witness the awe-inspiring power of Jesus move in the hearts and minds of those that come to Grand Oaks, either knowing Christ or finding Him as their savior for the first time. We know of 72 proclamations of faith and another 68 rededications of faith. Grand Oaks holds a special place in so many people’s memories, hearts and lives. I am blessed routinely by people that stop by to see the campus and

visiting with them. I hear stories of someone giving their heart and life over to Christ here so many years ago. A good number remember their time in Parker Hall and it being the place for chapel services. I am reminded of just how far of a reach Grand Oaks has to impact lives from the local community to all over the nation and world. For some, Parker Hall is the building they were saved in. As a good number of people know we are dismantling the building and work is underway to remove it. In its place are plans to build a multi-purpose building that will provide protection during a storm, while also serving as an indoor basketball court. It will also have rooms for other conferences and activities. We are salvaging as much usable material that we can and welcome individuals or groups to come help in the removal process. If you would like to come help contact the office at 660-646-1906.



SRNB:PPNG Campaign Ticker

Received:

\$117,493.29

Overall Goal:

\$675,000.00

Fund Balance Toward Multi-Purpose Center:

\$247,285.72

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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Our 2020 vision is to have Parker Hall down and begin the site preparation for a new structure.

We have several groups coming to Grand Oaks over the next few months. The Navigators Women's retreat will be bringing ladies from the University of Missouri. Following that the Missouri Valley Baptist Association will hold a youth retreat and a women's retreat. The Calvary Baptist Church of Chillicothe is planning to have a leadership meeting. There is still time and space available for your event, contact us today to reserve your meeting space.

In addition to our groups we have several projects that we are planning to work on before camp. Those include continued work on Parker Hall, painting the gable of the Dining Hall, staining the Retreat Center, installing siding on the Riverview gables, and a few other various projects. As always if you would like to help or have a particular skill set that would work well with one of these projects, give us a call, we would enjoy having you. Please continue to be in prayer for God's vision and direction in 2020. We are looking forward in great anticipation of great things!

Pictures of Parker Hall progress



Interior floor nearly removed



Don's little helpers



Removing the upper siding

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