

# Oak Leaves



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### 2019 Associational Camps

**Harrison/North Grand River Youth:**  
May 28—31

**Saint Joseph Youth:**  
Jun 3—7

**New Life Combined Camps:**  
Jun 10—14

**Linn Livingston/1000 Hills Youth:**

Jun 17—21

**"Intro to Camping":**

Jun 21—22

**Missouri Valley Children:**

Jun 24—28

**Thousand Hills Children:**

Jul 1—5

**Harrison/North Grand River Children:**

Jul 8—12

**St. Joseph Children:**

Jul 15—19

**Missouri Valley Youth:**

Jul 22—26

**Heartland Children:**

Jul 26—29

**Linn Livingston Children:**

Jul 29—Aug 2

**Heartland Youth:**

Aug 5—9

## Summer is here and already half over!

Summer is here and so are our camps. We currently are hosting nearly 200 people from the North Grand River and Harrison Associations for Children's camp. Along with camps we are hosting several pool parties. The weather has been favorable and the water temp pleasant at the pool. We have had a couple of family reunions and are expecting more this month and next. Our summer started off right after Memorial Day with the North Grand River and Harrison Associations for Youth camp. The total attending was 108 campers and staff. It was good to visit with the new camp director Chase Roberts and see what ideas he brought. The Fusion team from Mid-Western Baptist Theological Seminary helped with praise and worship along with being camp leaders and

counselors. Our second camp was the St. Joseph Baptist Association Youth led by Jesse Fisher. Camp was filled with 182 campers and by weeks end 12 new professions of faith were made. Much like the previous group, SJBA brought in a college group to help with camp. New Edition led by Sabrina Brookshire came and provided much needed help as cabin leaders, counselors, praise/drama team, and helped gather media to present. New Edition also attended the next two weeks of camp with the New Life and Linn/Livingston 1000 Hills Youth groups. They were such an instrumental part of each camp and highly enjoyed by all. The New Life Baptist Association held their Children and Youth camp next. Brian Sparks led the 217 person camp. Many activities were held and the weather cooperated. It is a pleasure to see the well planned out workings of a camp of their size

and complexity. At the end of the week five people made professions of faith. Following New Life was the Linn/Livingston 1000 Hills Youth camp led by Travis Smith. This was his second year as Camp Director. Since the camp is close to home for this group, lots of support staff come out just during the day to cook and lead sessions. All told there were 141 campers for the week. As soon as they left, the camp was prepped for the next group that came in that same day. "Perfect Praise," our Into to Camp session geared toward children in grades one to three, took place on Friday afternoon until early Saturday afternoon. The response from those in attendance was very positive about their time and experience as a camper. Our hope is that this event will lessen the potential anxiety of both the children and the parents about attending camp.

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## SRNB:PPNG Campaign Ticker

Received:

@\$84,036.39

Pledge Balance:

@\$13,077.62

Overall Goal:

\$675,000.00

Fund Balance Toward Multi-Purpose Center:

\$213,828.82

See you at camp at Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly!

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We also desire to see this event grow to reach more people and future campers. We were blessed to have Reverend Greg Dixon as the camp pastor, Kyle Bridgeman as the worship leader, Judy Miller doing missions and Angie Hamilton leading the bible study. We had 31 parents and campers in attendance. Our next camp was the Missouri Valley Baptist Association Children's camp. Cathy Benson led the group of 153 people. Lots of fun was had by the children and plenty of swimming. By the week end 13 children had professed Christ as their Savior. The following week was the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and often times whichever association has camp for that week schedules around the 4<sup>th</sup>. The 1000 Hills Children's camp was scheduled during the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. As such their number of campers was slightly down, having 97 in all. Cindi Glenn returned as the Camp Director for the week. We were highly impressed with how organized everything was under Cindi's watchful care. The week went well and two children made a profession of faith.

As stated earlier we currently have the Grand River and Harrison Associations for Children's camp going on. Eric Spears and his wife Amanda are the Camp Directors this week. There are many elective activities that are offered from fishing, archery, leather craft, music, drama, geology and more. We hope to finish strong this week and for the summer. There are five more camps to go and we welcome your prayers and support. We hope to see the Spirit move in these young people and see lives transformed!

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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## 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 Hilltop Cabins
- ◆ Demolition of Parker Hall
- ◆ Trim installation on Nurse Cabin
- ◆ Adjust/tweak fence around the lagoon
- ◆ Installing siding on Hilltop cabins
- ◆ 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



The 1000 Hills Children's Campers



Missouri Valley Children's Campers



St Joseph Youth Campers