

Summer Prep Starts Now

By Mike Frazier (Camp Director)

We have been on the hunt for a Camp Manager the last couple years. I believe God has put people in my life right now who can help fill that position in a way. Instead of the position being filled by one person, I am seeking to coordinate a group of people gifted in different ways to accomplish this goal. There are three main parts to what I am looking for: grounds care, building maintenance (13 buildings on site) and custodial. My vision for this coming season is twofold: 1) have a “turn over” crew that would clean and freshen up the camp before the arrival of our many events, camps and groups, and 2) have a grounds and maintenance crew that I can “turn loose” on the different projects and tasks that need to be done/maintained. I find great fulfillment in working on buildings and keeping things looking a certain way. However, making the switch from Manager to Director has redirected my time and focus. I need help and want to have a consistent group of people I can depend on, have regular interaction with and build relationships with.

Over the winter we have made some additions to the camp facilities. We had a new door installed on the west end of the Gymnasium building opening onto a sidewalk that connects to the Lodge porch. This is the most used door on the camp property and badly needed the upgrade! We also had a concrete pad poured outside of the Lodge kitchen for the outdoor grill. The concrete will keep the grill out of the dirt and the smoke more out of the kitchen than before. Spring is a time of new beginnings and fresh growth. The grass is beginning to “green-up” a little bit and soon will be needing weekly attention. No matter what is happening in the world around us we still have things that need to be maintained.

Along with having a few good men and women to pitch in throughout the summer we also rely on spring/summer work crews to help prep for the camping season. “Many hands make light work” is not just a saying, but the truth when it comes to projects. This spring we have horse pens and shelters that need to be torn down and better ones put in, painting and staining, landscaping and pruning and a number of other tasks. This is an area that no matter what skill and age you are I have ways you can help out to get us shined up and ready to go! Please consider giving some of your time this year.



Fundraiser a God-sized Success

By Micaila Frazier (CO-Director)

On Feb 22, we held a fundraiser banquet at Camp Machasay in the new Lodge. With the help of many volunteers and pre-planning, God moved and saw to it our goal was reached. The goal was to raise \$30,000 to fund our entire year’s operating expenses. We invited many people who have never heard of the Camp or seen it in order to invite them to become financial ministry partners with us. We are very humbled and grateful for the generosity and cheerful giving shown by the guests. We hope to hold this banquet annually around the same time every year and we plan to hold it in a bigger facility in order to invite more people. We were bursting at the seams of the Lodge, but were so encouraged by all the support shown and the excitement ignited by the vision we shared.

If you wanted to attend and didn’t receive an invitation, we want to extend our apologies for the exclusion. In planning for this event, we followed a fundraiser model that stipulated inviting new people to join our ministry for the purpose of expanding our reach and ministry family. With limited seating due to the size of the room, we couldn’t facilitate making the event an open invite to the public. We will be looking at extending our invite list next year to include any of you who would love to attend! Please let us know so we can get your names on the list!





See a Need, Meet a Need!

Ways God Provided in 2019

Successful fundraiser - \$30k operating capital

Five more horses added to the herd

Micaïla stepping into the Co-Director role

Horse feed/hay/vet services donated

Meat donated for camps & staff

Ways We are Trusting Him to Provide in 2020

Volunteers for our Event Turnover Crew

Volunteers for our Maintenance Crew

Three new horse shelters & new fencing

Storage building for vehicles & equipment

Tractor replaced



From the Back of a Camp Horse

By Jess Cartrite (Volunteer)

As I throw a saddle on different camp horses and climb up on them, I am able to notice many different things with the horses. From personalities, training levels, past jobs, past owners' passions to mental blocks, holding tightness, past injuries, and the trauma that is included. With much of the herd being retired horses from previous owners, they all carry their past with them. The individuality and strengths of each horse is something we never want to hide or lose, and my goal has been to help each one overcome their "issues" to create an even better experience. So how do we help them at this stage in their life? By incorporating proper stretching to help stay limber, relaxation techniques to help those who have had negative experiences, and mindful riding to teach balance and weight distribution. These new ways of working with the horses can not only help to fix some past problems, but also encourage positive experiences and preventative care to ensure longevity. As I throw a saddle on different camp horses and climb up on them, I am able to help each horse in the way they need it to promote success - starting with the horse.

A Note to Parents & Guardians

By Amanda LaGrange (COO)

This is such a weird time for us as parents, isn't it? It's confusing for adults let alone our kids. They have had so much taken away all of a sudden: school, friends, extra activities, etc. My own daughter broke down the other day crying because she misses everything and doesn't understand why. The thing that I keep telling her is that Jesus isn't surprised by what is going on. And He is the ONLY One who knows the outcome of this. If we trust that He works everything out for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28), we can have peace that even though we don't understand, we will be taken care of.

Our staff at Youth Challenge and Camp Machasay are praying and hopeful that your kids will be able to attend our summer camps. I think this will be a great summer for campers to be around their friends and to really hear and have a deeper understanding of God's love for them! Please pray with us that we will be able to continue in this ministry over the summer and please know that we are praying for all of our campers and their families!

Romans 8:28 "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose."

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