

# Camp Lebanon News



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## MINISTRIES REPORT

### Busy Spring Blossoms into Summer Fun!



The big question facing Camp has changed. "Will winter ever end?" has now morphed into "Will the lake ever warm up?" Thankfully, a cool spring was warmed up with hot action at Camp's "FAB FIVE" events. Coming off a strong March quilt season (435 guests!), an inspiring **Men's Advance!** got things going with 129 men on site. Three weeks later it was 162 **Dads N Lads** campers who played, ziplined, laser tagged, and swam (not for long!) their way to an incredible weekend. **Mother-Daughter (and Grandmas)** were next and a record 198 turned out for creative studies of God's creation ("Remarkable by Design"), complete with a mechanical cow! Soon to follow was a sold-out **Young at Heart** "Spring ReTweet" for senior adults (55!) combined with the annual **Spring Senior Day** (240 guests!). What a sweet taste of heaven! So was **YAR** (Young Adults Retreat), but for a younger set and with a lot more activity, like a life-sized Mario Kart! The pace has been non-stop and won't stop any time soon! A fun **Memorial Weekend** (184 guests!) marks the official start a wild and blessed summer season. For much of the spring, **youth camps** registrations were pouring in at a rate 400+ ahead of last year's record pace. Wow! Heading into summer, four sessions were already growing "Waiting Lists" and family camps were filling up. So, hurry up sunshine!

### New Logo Tells Camp's Story

The new logo unveiled at the Annual Meeting on March 23 is more than an attractive design. Captured in the art is the heart of the ministry. Can you see the Bible? The centrality of the cross? The focus on relationships (hint: trees)? The welcome of Cedar Lake? The light of the Gospel? The year of Camp's founding? One camp friend saw the straight and narrow roadway to heaven. What else do you see?



### PRAISE & PRAY!

- **PRAISE! Spring Senior Day: 240 guests, \$8833 love offering, sweet fellowship!**
- **PRAISE! Scholarship Donations:** \$4000 Foundation gift; \$1000 friends of Camp.
- **PRAISE! Record spring events:** Men's Advance, Mother-Daughter, Senior Day!
- **PRAISE! Summer registrations booming:** Youth 37% ahead, family up 20%. Wow!
- **PRAISE! Volunteers to the Rescue:** office, grounds, waterfront, program. Thanks!
- **PRAISE! Staff Openings:** Women's Retreat Coordinator, Facilities Manager.
- **PRAISE! Summer Ministries:** Spiritually effective; full sessions; safety.
- **PRAISE! Summer Staff Search: WANTED! 3 male counselors, 1 more lifeguard.**

## INBOX Blessings

### FROM A DONOR

"Thank you for this ministry!! Thank you for the ways you change lives!! Thank you for changing and impacting our family's lives!! Keep doing what you're doing!! May God multiply this gift and this ministry at Camp Lebanon...where we always have a meeting with God!" J & W. H.

### STAFF OPENINGS

#### Facilities Manager

The sudden departure of Chris and Debbie Mock to embrace a wonderful opportunity in hometown Pella, Iowa has created an immediate opening for Facilities Manager. Camp seeks a capable, experienced leader with a heart to serve and the skillset to oversee facilities, site, staff, and equipment. Competitive salary with generous benefits (PTO, holidays, healthcare, retirement.)

#### Women's Retreat Coordinator

Camp's booming year-round women's ministries calls for an additional team member to lead Women's Retreats (fall & winter) and Mother/Daughter. Full-time, part-time scenarios. Fall opening.

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### The view is beautiful from both sides of new deck!

Finished with inviting, maintenance-free composite planks, the "new and improved" deck is open for outdoor dining, come rain or shine! The underdecking was added when the deck was rebuilt in February. The \$65K total cost of the project was paid for by estate gifts. What a blessing, especially with our big camps this summer.



### SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

- **MEN'S ADVANCE!** April 5-6 (7) "Go Deeper" event for men!  
Topic: "Prayers of Paul" 129 men! (RECORD!)  
Teacher: Dr. Michael Wise – UNW-SP
- **DADS N LADS (& Grand-Dads!)** April 26-28 162 (up 15!)  
Theme: "God's Legos – Building Blocks of Creation"
- **MOTHER / DAUGHTER (& Grandmas!)** May 3-5 198 (RECORD!)  
Theme: "Remarkable By Design."
- **"YOUNG AT HEART" Senior Adults** May 13-16 55 (RECORD!)  
**Spring Senior Day at Camp** Tuesday, May 14 240 (RECORD!)  
"ReTweets from the Mount: Life & Lordship"  
Pastor Peter Johannsen and the Benson Family Singers!
- **YAR** (Young Adults ages 18-35) May (16) 17-19 130 guests & staff  
Super fun. Super chill. Super wet. "The best one ever!"



### SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS "Awesome Creator"

Super Kids 1 (3-6)	June 9-13	159
Junior High 1 (7-9)	June 16-21	149
Adventurers (1-4)	June 30–July 3	215 WAIT LIST
Junior High 2 (7-9)	July 7-12	171 HURRY!
Super Kids 2 (3-6)	July 14-18	209 WAIT LIST
Senior High (10-grads)	July 21-26	196 HURRY!
Super Kids 3 (3-6)	July 28-Aug 1	212 WAIT LIST
Junior High 3 (7-9)	August 4-9	210 WAIT LIST
Super Kids 4 (3-6)	August 11-15	194 HURRY!
(as of 5/20/19)		1715 (+368 cf. 2018)

### FAMILY CAMP OPENINGS Hurry!

Memorial Weekend	May 24-27	0 Lodge, 1 Dorm, 1 cabins
Summer Fun	July 4-7	0 Lodge, 0 Dorm, 0 cabins
Sandy's Swim for Scholarships	Friday, July 5	
Family Week	June 23-28	2 Lodge, 4 Dorm, 3 cabins
Labor Day Weekend	Aug. 30-Sep. 2	0 Lodge, 0 Dorm, 3 cabins
Summer Sew Quilt	June 2-6	66 and growing!

Thanks for helping us fill Camp Lebanon this summer!

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