



Menno Haven Impressions



THE NEWSLETTER OF MENNO HAVEN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER ~ FALL 2013



2014 Winter Events

- Jr. High Winter Retreat**
Jan. 10-12
- High School Winter Retreat**
Jan. 17-19
- Family Winter Retreat & IMCA Annual Retreat**
Jan. 24-26
- Menno Madness 3on3 Basketball Tournament**
March 1

Attention IMCA Members!

Come enjoy Family Winter Retreat and sit in on the Members Meeting on Saturday afternoon.



Fellowship 55

If you had been at Menno Haven October 1-3, 2013 you may have noticed a few things. You may have seen service projects going on, heard laughter from the Fellowship 55 participants during Jep Hostetler's presentation, tasted some delicious food, learned how to be spiritual grandparents from speaker Elsie Rempel, and enjoyed the sights and sounds of nature.



About 20 people attended the entire event, with another 15 joining the group for Senior Day on Wednesday. Elsie Rempel, Mennonite Church Canada Faith Formation Consultant and author of Please Pass the Faith: The Art of Spiritual Grandparenting was the main presenter for the week. She began by sharing her life journey and inviting others to reflect upon their own. Participants learned who the seniors and the youth are today, in addition to insights into how to be spiritual grandparents not only to their grandchildren, but to children in their church as well.

After the worship session on Tuesday, many of the participants joined a trip to the Lovejoy Homestead in Princeton to see the home of Owen Lovejoy and hear about his involvement in the Underground Railroad. On Wednesday, Jep Hostetler, a



Mennonite Humorist and Magician, presented on "Growing Older with Grace and Joy" and made sure everyone had a good laugh. Other activities included the hayrack ride, campfire with kettle corn, hymn sing, and service projects. Consider joining us next year September 23-25, 2014 for another quality program.

Winter Retreats

Junior High Winter Retreat January 10-12, 2014

Speaker: Bryan Miller, Roanoke Mennonite Church, Roanoke, IL
Worship Band: Menno Haven Staff Band

High School Winter Retreat- January 17-19, 2014

Speaker: Michael Danner, Metamora Mennonite Church, Metamora, IL
Worship Band: Bluffton University Students

Family Winter Retreat January 24-26, 2014

Speaker : Charlotte Lehman, Reba Place Church, Evanston, IL
Worship Band: River Bend, a bluegrass band from East Bend Mennonite Church

More details coming soon! Check out the [website](#).





Fall Work Day



October 12th was a great day to work outside! The rain held off and we were able to get many projects done. Thank you so much to our volunteers! We had almost 50 people from 8 different churches come out to help. Together we were able to refill the wood shed at Green Cathedral, mulch paths, clear honeysuckle, finish taking down a retaining wall and much

more. We had a great time of work, fun and fellowship.

Join us for Spring Work Day on March 15, 2014 as we do more projects and get the grounds ready for another summer!



Staff Transitions

Rachel Bastian, our Food Service Manager for the past 10 years, left Menno Haven at the end of November. Rachel has served thousands of people each year since she started. Her hard work, dedication and spirit will be deeply missed. Rachel has moved near her extended family to spend more time with them.



Ben Bouwman has switched roles and is now the Retreat Coordinator. He is in charge of communicating with and coordinating the needs of the guest groups that come to Menno Haven.

Looking for Something New?

Consider holding your next youth, church, or family event at Menno Haven. We offer a range of housing options, use of the gym, game room, and equipment for different



seasonal activities. Check out our facilities online and call for availability. Get away from your daily routine to come experience God's World and Christ's Kingdom.



Want to Help Out?

We will be renovating one of the staff houses on camp this winter. If you have time and carpentry skills give us a call and we can work out a time for you to come help.



We also need help cutting and splitting firewood. Let us know if you and a group of people are interested. Come anytime! Just give us a call or send an email.



Prayers and Praises

Please pray for us as we look for a new Program Director and Food Service Manager. We pray that God will be with the current and future staff in this time of transition. We also think of Rachel as she begins a new chapter in her life.

Thank you to all who have helped make this year successful. With your help we are able to provide an environment where people can draw close to their Creator and to each other. Thank you for your work, prayers, and generous gifts.

Menno Haven Year Round Staff

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Join us for

Menno Madness

3 on 3 Basketball

Tournament

**Sat. March 1,
2014**

