



# Menno Haven Impressions



THE NEWSLETTER OF MENNO HAVEN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER ~ WINTER/SPRING 2018

## Menno Haven Programs

Rally Day May 28  
 5k Run/2K walk May 28  
 Facilitator Workshop June 4 - 7

## 2018 Summer Camps

Family Camp May 25 - 28  
 Summer Staff Orientation June 10 - 15  
 Blue Jay Camp (Grade 4-6) June 17 - 22  
 Junior High Camp (Gr 6-8) June 24 - 29  
 Cottontail Camp (Grade 3-5) July 1 - 4  
 Adventure Camp (Grade 7-9) July 8 - 13  
 High School Camp (Gr 9-12) July 15 - 20  
 Grand Camp\*\* August 5 - 9  
 (\*\* more info on back page)  
 Fall Work Day November 3  
 IMCA Annual Business Meeting November 17

## Winter (it was actually cold) Retreats

For the second year in a row Menno Haven hosted three Winter Retreats in January and this year all of the winter retreats felt like winter outside! The first weekend Menno Haven put on its second annual Young Adult Winter Retreat and this year invited participants to stay the entire weekend! Randall Koehler of Metamora Mennonite Church led the worship sessions and worked through *The Gospel in John* with the retreat participants. An “enjoyable weekend of worship, games, God, relaxation, and laughter” was had by all of the participants!



The second weekend shifted to High School Winter Retreat and welcomed Bryan Miller of Roanoke Mennonite Church as the speaker. Bryan talked with the youth about how we believe the Biblical narrative is for instruction in salvation and training in righteousness. College presentations were set up from three Mennonite Colleges giving students a chance to think about post high school. The students enjoyed “seeing all of my friends and worshiping together” and “reuniting with friends and meeting new ones.”



The third weekend Menno Haven hosted the Junior High Winter Retreat and Ashley Litwiller of Arthur Mennonite Church as the speaker. Ashley spoke about what it means to be a part of God’s team while talking about her topic #WeNotMe and sharing stories from her life. The students enjoyed the tournaments and being able to ice skate this year.



Overall at all three winter retreats we hosted 182 guests from 11 different churches! Join us next year for another great season of winter retreats!

**NEW!** Each week of summer camp ends with a cookout style meal for campers and their families and the closing campfire in the lower level of Lakeview Lodge on Fridays at 1:00 pm (for week long camps) & Wednesday at 1:00 pm (for Cottontail Camp).

See [mennohaven.com](http://mennohaven.com) for details.



This summer our theme is “**Kingdom Mysteries Revealed!**” We are going to look at the parables of Jesus and the stories He used to reveal The Kingdom to His followers. What are these mysteries? What makes it so mysterious?

Join us this summer to investigate the impact these stories have on us today and make memories that will last a lifetime.

Register online at [mennohaven.com](http://mennohaven.com).



Menno Haven is joining with Kidz Heart Ministries & The Christian GrandParenting Network to host **GrandCamp Midwest**

**on August 5-9, 2018.**

**GrandCamps** is a unique, grand faith adventure for grandparents and their grandchildren (aged 7-12) focused on leaving a faith - legacy for the next generations.

Through purposeful activities that grandparents & grandchildren experience together, to discovering from God's Word what it means to walk in the truth, to building a treasure chest of life-changing memories—all in an environment that invites having a pile of fun—this will be a time for building memories that will last a lifetime!

For more information go to [mennohaven.com](http://mennohaven.com).



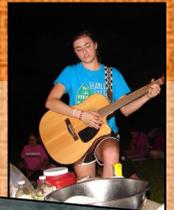
## Now Hiring: Summer Staff!!

Menno Haven is looking for Christ centered people who have a passion for kids and a desire to grow and be challenged. We still have many summer staff positions open ranging from Counselor, to Lifeguard, to Kitchen Staff.

Staff need to be at least 16 years of age at the time of employment. You may volunteer at age 15. For counselor positions we prefer a minimum of one year out of high school.



Working on summer camp staff will help strengthen your leadership skills, connect you with new friends, and prepare you for the responsibilities of life, all while having fun and spending time daily in worship and study! Email [program@mennohaven.com](mailto:program@mennohaven.com) or see our website for more details at [mennohaven.com](http://mennohaven.com).



## Blessings on your journey.....

In the past eight months we have said good-bye to two full-time staff:

**Jacob Landis** in August 2017 and **Kenny Lane** in March 2018.

Thank you Jacob for your work as Program Director developing programs and leading campers and retreat participants to deepen their walks with Jesus. We wish you many blessings as you continue your walk in ministry wherever it leads you.

Thank you Kenny for your work as Guest Group Coordinator and most recently as Guest & Program Manager for your eye to detail and the level of service with which you served Menno Haven guests and campers. Many blessings to you and Angela as you follow your calling to be a camp director in Virginia.

## Prayers & Praises

- We are thankful for the youth and sponsors that came to the Winter Retreats.
- Pray for the current Menno Haven staff as we fill the vacant roles and responsibilities both temporarily and as we search for who God has in mind to fill this position for the long-term.
- Pray for our new (yet-to-be-hired) Guest & Program Manager and Summer Program Director as they transition to their new roles and responsibilities in the next couple months.
- Pray for those considering being a part of this year's summer staff.
- Pray for the campers and guest groups that will join us this summer; that they will experience God's world & Christ's kingdom at this place.
- We are very thankful for all of you who have supported Menno Haven with your gifts of volunteer time, resources & prayer; we couldn't be the ministry we are without you!!



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Just give us a call at (815) 646-4344 or email [sheena@mennohaven.com](mailto:sheena@mennohaven.com).

You could:

- Help host guests during a weekend
- Split & stack firewood
- Learn how to lead the adventure course
- And much more!