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MH Musings: Feb & looking towards summer

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February Fun Facts



We hosted 4 families for a **Valentine's Weekend Family Getaway** and it was so great! We studied God's love and how we can love each other like God loves us, while also doing a bunch of winter activities: XC Skiing, Tubing, Ice Skating, Rock Climbing, Snow Ice Cream, Maple Syrup Candy, and of course much hot chocolate was enjoyed in front of the fireplace.

Check out the fun we had here. These getaways have been small fun healing weekends for participants and staff alike! Who thinks we should do another one in the fall?



Recruiting has been a new challenge to us as Ashley shifted to meeting college students over Handshake, a web program colleges are using for recruiting fairs virtually. We were able to be in person at Ozark Christian College in Joplin, MO and had some really great conversations with students there. Our Mennonite Camping friends joined together to create **this video to highlight "Why work at camp?"** and to encourage working at anyone's nearest Mennonite camp. To see what **a summer at Menno Haven looks like, take a peek here.** Let's keep the tradition alive!!



We finally heard from the insurance company that **after the insurance deductible is met** from the power surge incident in November, they **will cover the cost of repairing** the 37 inside and outside mini-split units for the hotel/dorm buildings, the 2 geothermal units in Lakeview Lodge and the commercial washing machine. This is wonderful! Thanks so much for your prayers. While we had been hoping they would cover the replacement of the heating/cooling units to ensure there were no hidden problems, that was not their decision. We are thankful they will at least be covering the repairs.

One big praise is that with the use of additional temporary heaters in the dorm rooms, we made it through the arctic blast of February with no frozen pipes! Additionally the commercial washer repairs are completed and the mini-split unit repairs are almost done.



A local youth group took advantage of Lakeview Lodge and Eagle Wing Activity Center being available one Saturday this past month and planned a day retreat. They had a worship time upstairs by the fire and spent time on the indoor ropes course - doing crate stacking (see photo above) and the climbing wall. It was great to be a resource for them!



You've been Spotted -

This past summer staffer and long time camper is staying warm with a Menno Haven stocking cap while taking advantage of the 2 months of glorious cross county skiing weather.

We love it - both the great

hat and cross country skiing weather!

Summer Camp is Approaching Fast



* **Register and pay in full by March 16** to **save \$15** and **get a free 2021 MH Summer Camp T-shirt**.

* **NEW** * **Recommend a new summer staffer** that applies by March 16 and is later hired and **receive a \$150 grant** towards your 2021 MH youth summer camp registration.

FYI - We know how quickly life can change right now. This year **your deposit & registration fees are considered refundable until 2 weeks before the camp attending**, so register today with confidence!

Did you get your summer camp brochure in the mail? While we're still figuring out specifics about camp, **we know that we (staff) are anxious to finally host summer campers again in the outdoors!** We know that quality time in the fresh air and in the dirt will be helpful to heal after a year in our houses. Did you know that in

Denmark, they have Forest schools for all ages that draw people into nature for better executive brain functioning, sunshine, exercise, and to remember to appreciate Nature? How will we know how to care for the earth God told us to steward if we never spend time in it? All of these gifts can be found at camp.

[Register Here for Summer Camps](#)

Summer Staff (aka Mentor, Storyteller, Hero, Trail Blazer, Fun-Facilitator)



Our Summer Staff application deadline was March 4th and while we've got a great group started, we still have open positions. So we are extending our deadline until March 31st. **Did you know (or read above) if you refer a summer staff** that applies by March 16 and is later hired that **you can get \$150 off** a week of youth summer camp for your camper?

Applicants are still needed for male head cabin counselors (college-age), assistant girl cabin counselors (high school age), kitchen assistants, maintenance assistants, a lifeguard, and an office assistant. If you know someone, send them to our website mennohaven.com/summer-staff.

[Click here to apply & for more info](#)

Save the date for Women's Retreat ~ May 14-15

Nothing is quite as Selah (a pause often used in the Psalms) as gathering, worshipping, and studying the Word with other women of God. **Get away from everyday life for an overnight retreat alongside other women who want to find connection with the Word and with other women.** Our speaker will lead us through the ancient text we love so much and we'll also have some fun and relax together! More details to come soon - keep an eye on our website!

[More Information & Register Here](#)



April 24 is Spring Work Day

We love a good winter hibernating, but the weather is reminding us we need a balance. If you're ready to shake off the winter cobwebs, come help us rid camp of some cobwebs to help us get ready for summer at our **Spring Work Day!** With tweaks to our summer program because of COVID, there are a few unique areas we need more hands on so there is a type of work for everyone!

Start the day here with continental breakfast at 8:00 am. Work projects will begin at 8:30 and continue with a lunch and snack breaks until 4:00. **Learn more about Spring Work Day here.** Email sheena@mennohaven.com or **RSVP at mennohaven.com/work-day** to let us know you are coming so we can make sure we feed you well!



The poster is a vibrant yellow-green collage. At the top center, it reads "Menno Haven's Spring WORK DAY" with "WORK DAY" in large, green, triangular letters. Below this, it says "Saturday, April 24". To the left, there are three hand icons with text: "Bring your family!", "Meet friends here!", and "Have fun outside!". To the right, it says "Join us in preparing our facilities and grounds for summer fun". In the center, a list of tasks is provided: "We need people who know how to do:" followed by "Construction - to do repair on the cabins", "Operate chainsaws - to do trail clearing and cutting wood", "Painting - to paint the pool", "Use a broom - to clean cabins, bathhouses, and the Craft Barn", "Carry things - to move and/or split wood", "Use a rake - to clean up lawns", and "Have fun while working together". At the bottom, it says "RSVP at mennohaven.com/work-day or e-mail sheena@mennohaven.com". The poster is surrounded by several small photos of people working: cutting logs, painting a door, and raking leaves.

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Spring
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Have fun outside!

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More Information & RSVP Here



Thanks to all of you in our Menno Haven family continuing to show financial support during this time of no groups. We are so thankful and blessed.



Thank You

We have been blessed by some wonderful friends who took time and volunteered this February sharing their skills and time. We are so blessed.

- * **Allyssa Burk** (staff family) - snow removal and general maintenance
- * **Eldon Eigsti** (Willow Springs MC) - summer brochure mailing
- * **Marilyn Eigsti** (Willow Springs MC) - summer brochure mailing
- * **Caleb Johnson** (staff family) - snow clearing
- * **Esther Johnson** (Willow Springs MC) - summer brochure mailing
- * **Stanley Mercer** (staff family) - snow removal, kitchen, and housekeeping
- * **Jill Stasch** (Feb Family Getaway) - summer brochure mailing
- * **Evan Stasch** (Feb Family Getaway) - summer brochure mailing
- * **Ellen Davis Zehr** (Willow Springs MC) - summer brochure mailing
- * **Anna Zehr** (Willow Springs MC) - summer brochure mailing
- * **Dennis Zehr** (Willow Springs MC) - summer brochure mailing
- * **Simon Zehr** (Willow Springs MC) - summer brochure mailing



Upcoming Programs

Spring Events

Work Day - April 24

Women's Retreat - May 14-15

Summer Events

Rally Day - May 31

Family Camp - May 28-31

Cottontail Camp - June 20-23

Sports Camp - June 23-25

Jr High Camp - June 27 - July 2

(includes Trailblazer & Adventure Tracks)

Blue Jay Camp - July 4-9

High School Camp - July 11-16

(includes Wilderness & Cardinal Tracks)

GrandCamp - August 1-5

Fall Events

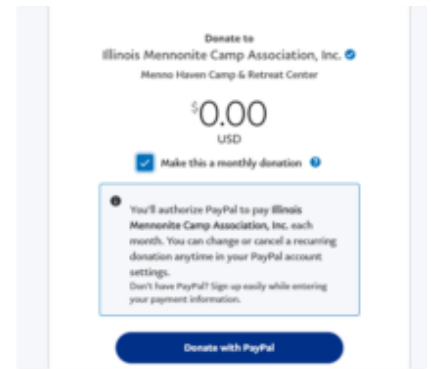
Men's Retreat - Sept 10-11

Fall Work Day - October 2

Association Business Mtg - Nov 13

Downloadable
2021
Program Calendar

Click on the event name to find out more information



Ways You Can Be Involved

Come to our **Spring Work Day** on April 24 and bring your family or group from church.

Set up your own volunteer day to do construction, electrical, plumbing, vehicle, and grounds related activities. Email sheena@mennohaven.com for details.

Engage with us on social media and engage in story polls. We love to hear and connect with you. It also helps other people see our posts as well.

Consider setting up an automatic monthly gift through PayPal or through your own bank.

Pray - click here to join a group of people who commit to praying for Menno Haven and get regular updates for prayer requests - **Let's Rally in Prayer for Menno Haven!**

Thank you for all your help the past month. We could not do what we do without faithful help from our volunteers.

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