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MH Musings: May Recap & Staffing Needs

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Marvelous May at Menno Haven



May has been busy with **guest groups**, a **pastoral retreat**, and **school groups**. It was fun to be able to see people using and exploring all over the property. The **3rd and 4th graders** came from Princeton to have a time of hiking and outside exploration one day. A different day the Princeton **5th graders** came and spent time outside on the trails, using the climbing wall and playing yard games. **We greatly enjoyed the sights and sounds of youth** on the property again.



We also enjoyed hosting our own program events this month. First was our **Women's Retreat** where we learned about **what it means to be planted, bloom, and love in Christ** from **Gwendolyn Myers**. Participants could choose to come for the retreat or if they wanted increased time for rejuvenation, they could +Come Early or +Stay Longer. Those who chose extra time were treated to a 30 minute massage thanks to a local massage therapist (thank you so much!!) and some extra space and time to retreat. **We love hearing participants say things like** "This retreat was a needed break from day to day life, to be taken care of, and have God's word spoken to my soul." "A much needed break after a difficult year – Thank you!" **Check out pictures here.**



After a summer full of Family Camps in 2020, **Family Camp** returned to Memorial Day weekend this year! Families had fun boating, going on a creek hike, a hayrack ride, and having campfires...and s'mores just to name a few of the activities. We also enjoyed family worship sessions with Steve and Marcia Mattern. Our families summed up the weekend nicely: "I appreciated the emphasis on experiencing the presence of God through worship and the teaching." "Our entire family LOVES this place!" "It was a much needed relaxing weekend." [Check out pictures of this fun weekend here.](#)



Family Camp flowed right into **Rally Day**, starting with our **5k run/ 2k walk**. It was a beautiful, cool, dry morning to hit the trails and our runners really enjoyed the course. The new patio was a great place to hold our outdoor Rally Day celebration, meeting the 2021 summer staff, and dedicating this summer of camping ministry to the Lord. **Thanks to all who came** and shared the day. It was wonderful seeing you all here. [Click here to check out pictures of this day.](#)



Thank you for all who have been praying for our summer staff. Your prayers are being answered!!

Since our last email we have hired a crafts coordinator, more kitchen and maintenance staff, a lifeguard for June, program assistants for June and a Camp Medical Provider.

We are still in need of:

- a male counselor* for JH Camp (June 27- July 2)
- a male counselor* for HS Camp (July 11-16)
- a female counselor* for HS Camp (July 11-16)
- a lifeguard* for July 5- 30 midweek
- a Camp Medical Provider for June 27- July 2 OR July 11-16
- kitchen assistants* - While we could use help all summer, July 11-30 is the most needed.



You've been spotted - Our insulated tumbler made a snapchat debut holding a very yummy iced drink. Thanks for sharing your Menno Haven love while you go to work. Glad we could help keep that yummy drink cold.

* These positions can be filled by youth/young adult serving as a summer staffer or by adults in a volunteer or paid capacity

We could use **an office assistant in June-July** and/or **a program assistant the first 2 full weeks of July** to help keep things running smoothly.

Keep praying and passing the word around!!

Thanks so much.

Many thanks to Beverly Mercer, Food Service and Housekeeping Manager

Beverly has been on our Menno Haven team for over seven years, first as a Housekeeping Manager and then in 2019 she added Food Service Manager to her title as well. Her hard work, attention to detail, smile, and dedication to excellence has been a beautiful gift to this ministry.

Unfortunately for us, Beverly has decided this will be her last summer at Menno Haven and at the end of August, her time with us will come to an end. **Thank you Beverly for your time of service to the Menno Haven ministry.** You will be missed.



Job Openings: Food Service Manager & Housekeeping Manager

Menno Haven is currently seeking applicants to join the ministry team in the roles of Food Service Manager & Housekeeping Manager. Both positions are open as of September 1, 2021; however, this date may be flexible to start sooner or later for the ideal candidate.

Food Service Manager



Housekeeping Manager



This year-round full-time position oversees the operation of a full service kitchen including the hiring and supervision of cook's assistants, kitchen assistants and volunteers; menu creation; ordering; and dietary need accommodations. Interested candidates should have experience ordering, and preparing nutritious meals for groups (25-150 per seating). Prior experience with large quantity cooking is preferred and experience in a camp setting is helpful. The Food Service Manager helps exceed guest expectations of the overall camp experience by providing healthy, timely meals and a quality dining experience.

Salary, housing, and benefits are provided with this position.

This position oversees the operation of the Housekeeping Department in accordance with current standards, performing general housekeeping duties, ordering of needed supplies and equipment, and supervising housekeeping assistants and volunteers.

This position is full-time May - September and part-time October-April. This position can be full-time year round if assisting in other areas of camp operations (i.e. kitchen, office, program, etc.)

Both candidates must have a strong commitment to serve Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, a heart for service and a deep commitment to Menno Haven's mission; as well as have a willingness to lead and mentor teens and young adults; willingness to lead and work with volunteers; and possess strong organizational, planning, interpersonal, and leadership skills.

Submit letter of interest and resume to Doc Johnson at execdir@mennohaven.com.

If you or someone you know is interested in a part-time or interim Food Service Manager or Housekeeping Manager position starting September 1 until these full-time roles are filled, contact Doc.

2021 Summer Camp is almost here!!

We are so excited our summer camping season is here. We have been waiting for this for almost 2 years now! Our summer staff are here going through training to be ready to go on June 20th to welcome our 2021 campers. We invite you to keep them in your prayers this week and throughout the summer.

Spread the word - We also would like more campers to fill out our cabins. Specifically **if you know of any girls going into 4th - 8th grade**, we have space in our:

- Blue Jay Camp (grades 4-6) July 4-9
- Sports Camp (grades 5-8) June 23-25
- Junior High Camp (grades 6-8) June 27-July 2

[Click here to register](#)



GrandCamp: August 1-5, 2021

Have you thought of attending GrandCamp this year? If not, you should. Those who have attended have had a great time. Here is what one Grandma had to say: "GrandCamp was a very special time of bonding with our granddaughters. The week included an excellent mix of worship times and fun games. The girls still talk about the good times we had. We would highly recommend it to other families!" Another Grandma said, "This was the highlight of my summer!" [Click here to see photos and a video of Grand Camp 2019.](#) We would love to have you join us this year!

GrandCamps is a unique, grand faith adventure for grandparents and their grandchildren focused on leaving a faith-legacy for the next generations. Through purposeful activities that grandparents and 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!

GrandCamps are offered at 5 locations in the United States and Menno Haven is excited to host the Mid-West location! Menno Haven is partnering with Kidz Heart Ministries and the Christian GrandParenting Network (CGN) to provide a comprehensive program to help you have a successful GrandCamps experience. CGN has been doing GrandCamps since 1998, and that experience record ensures you are getting something that works, and that grandparents and grandkids want!

[Click Here to Register & For More Information](#)



Thank You

We have been blessed the past May by many faithful friends who gave of their time helping prepare the grounds and facilities for summer.

- * **Augie Calsyn** (Via de Cristo) - hauled mulch, cleaned pool filters, painted the pool
- * **Dave Colter** (Hopedale MC) - painted the pool
- * **Bob Erck** - cut down trees and electrical work
- * **Dan Litwiller** (Hopedale MC) - painted the pool and unwinterized the cabin villages and craft barn
- * **Volunteers from Bettendorf Christian Church** - cleaned the craft barn and spread mulch
- * **Rally Day Volunteers** - Marian Egli, Bob Erck, David Graybill, Phil Kaufman, Kate Kortemeier, Julie Musselman, Kelsey Schrag, Tom Sutter, Marge Weaver, Aaron Yoder

We are so thankful and we would not be able to minister to our guests without volunteers like you!



Upcoming Programs

Summer Events

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

Help us serve guest groups by helping with housekeeping / quick changeovers between groups.

Dates needed:

- * June 20: noon - 6 pm
- * July 17: 1 - 6 pm

Guest Host Help host weekend or weekday groups and learn more about our retreat ministry. Thanks to those who have already signed up to help!

Available dates are:

- * July 2-5
- * July 18-23
- * July 30-Aug 1
- * August 13-14

Help set up a large tent as an additional outdoor space for gatherings.

Email Sheena Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator, at sheena@mennohaven.com or call the office at 815-255-4649 if you are interested in helping with any of these activities.

Donate

Serving as Backyard Missionaries (Summer Staff)

Wish Lists

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