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Menno Haven Musings - September, Work Day THIS Saturday & Thanks for \$20,000

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September In Review



We have had an amazing fall the past month. Most of our weekends have been filled with guest groups - 3 church retreats, 2 youth retreats, 2 family groups, 1 men's retreat, 1 women's retreat, 1 girl scout group as well as hosting a day meeting on site. It has been great to see these groups experience the property (the high/low ropes course, boating, hiking, the Activity Center, etc.) as well as hear snippets of their worship times as we're passing by their meeting spaces and see them break bread together around the meal tables. God has been present and moving for those who set foot on this property dedicated for worship, fellowship, recreation, growth and renewal.



This past month while we have been short staffed, we have been blessed with two wonderful people helping out around camp.

Jerry Graham spent an entire week in September doing general maintenance tasks throughout the campus which was so very helpful! He even took a week of his own vacation time to do this - thanks so much Jerry!

Eli Schrock (pictured above), a long time summer staffer and winter retreat participant from East Bend Mennonite Church, has been working here the past month helping in the kitchen, with housekeeping, programming, and maintenance. When asked what he likes about being at Menno Haven he says, "I like the interactions with guest groups and walking around camp and seeing the creatures. I am thankful for being here!" Well, we are thankful that you are here too, Eli!



There are many things done behind the scenes to keep Menno Haven functioning and safe. One of those that you may or may not have thought of was caring for the trees on our Adventure Education Course (high ropes and initiatives). We strive to meet the national standards of the Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT) for ropes courses. **Per the ACCT standard, we are to have a professional arborist come and assess the health of the trees on the course every few years and this past month that happened.** It is wonderful to hear that the trees are in overall good condition.



Many thanks to all who have given this past fiscal year ...financially, with gifts from our Wish List, with time and with prayers!

In particular, we have been so blessed this past month by the many friends who responded to our request for help towards unfunded capital projects in this fiscal year, which ended on September 30th. You raised just shy of \$20,000 and for this we are so grateful!

Upcoming Events

Fall Work Day - THIS SATURDAY - October 12th

You are invited to join us for a day of working together & meeting others who love Menno Haven. Work Day starts with breakfast at 8:00am and finishes around 4:00pm. **Planned projects include: Winterizing Cabins, Deep Cleaning in the Dorms, Washing Windows, Splitting Firewood & Moving Wood to Shelters and Hanging Plywood in the Shop on Walls & Ceiling.** Feel free to come for all or part of the day. Check out **our Work Day page** for the most up-to-date information on planned tasks and what to bring list.

Contact Sheena at 815.646.4344 or sheena@mennohaven.com if you plan to come or if you have any questions.

[More Information](#)



MH Ministry Team Opening: Facilities Manager



Menno Haven is currently seeking applicants to join the ministry team in the role of Facilities Manager. The Facilities Manager oversees new construction, repairs existing structures, keeps transportation moving, insures forest/prairie/lake health and beautiful grounds, and maintains all equipment at camp.

Contact Doc Johnson at execdir@mennohaven.com for more information.

If you or someone you know is interested in a part-time or interim Facilities Manager position, until this full-time role is filled, contact Doc.



Thank You

We have been blessed by some wonderful friends who took time out of their busy schedules and volunteered this past month.

- * **Dale Bastian** (Freeport Mennonite Church) - Mailing
- * **Dana Bastian** (Freeport Mennonite Church) - Mailing
- * **Marilyn Eigsti** (Willow Springs Mennonite Church) - Mailing
- * **Beth Gerig** (Willow Springs Mennonite Church) - Mailing
- * **Jerry Graham** (First Baptist Church of Lamoille) - Maintenance
- * **Ed Johnson** (Willow Springs Mennonite Church) - Maintenance
- * **Esther Johnson** (Willow Springs Mennonite Church) - Mailing
- * **Brandie Lanier** (Willow Springs Mennonite Church) - Mailing
- * **Lisa Miller** - Office
- * **Paul Yoder** (Christ Community Church) - Maintenance

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



Upcoming Programs

Fall Events

Fall Work Day - Oct 12
IMCA Annual Business Meeting - Nov 2

2020 Winter Retreats

Young Adult WR - Jan 3-5
 Jr High WR - Jan 10-12
 High School WR - Jan 17-19

2020 Summer Camps

Cottontail - June 21-24
 Jr High - June 28 - July 3

(includes Trailblazer & Adventure Tracks)

Blue Jay - July 5-10
 High School - July 12-17

(includes Wilderness & Cardinal Tracks)

GrandCamp - August 2-6

**2020
 Program Calendar**



Ways You Can Be Involved

October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

Encourage your pastor to take advantage of Menno Haven's offer for free lodging and day use for pastors and spouses for a personal retreat. October is the perfect opportunity to take advantage of this! Lodging is based upon availability.

Help with Maintenance Projects

There are construction, drywall, electrical, plumbing, vehicle, and grounds related activities.

Come to the Fall Work Day & bring a friend!

Encourage youth from your church to come to Winter Retreats, maybe even sponsor them to make it more affordable to come. Check the **Winter Retreat link** for up-to-date information.

Talk with college-aged youth you know about being a summer staffer during 2020. Menno Haven is visiting Mennonite colleges November 4 - 14 for Camp Recruiting Days. If they attend one of these colleges, they can be on the lookout for us.

Guest Host - help host weekend or weekday groups and learn

more about our retreat ministry.

Thanks to those who have signed up to host this fall.

Available dates are:

- * Oct 18-20
- * Oct 25-26
- * Nov 2-3
- * Dec 6-7

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!**

* If you would like to participate in any of the above activities or have any questions about them, contact Sheena at 815-646-4344 or sheena@mennohaven.com.

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