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# HOPE, COMMUNITY & MISSION



Heather Eggert,  
Executive Director



I recently returned from an Executive Director's retreat in Tallapoosa, Georgia. The retreat was held at Lutheranch in their brand new retreat center - all tucked into beautifully wooded and lush green acreage. The days away with wonderfully gifted colleagues was wonderful. Our conversations and discussions were plentiful and lively. They included topics centered around: the future of the ELCA, the future of outdoor ministries, strategies for strengthening our abilities for collaboration and partnership with churches, organizations and other camping organizations. There are plenty of areas for us to be playful and ask good, hard questions about the present state of and future dreams for... but mostly the message that arose within this crowd was one of **hope**.

organization will be welcoming over 5,000 people into our programs at Wapo, Wilderness Canoe Base and Ox Lake. We know it in our bones, and the most recent research supports our gut instincts. What we do at camp does indeed make a difference in the faith lives of people. Through play, prayer, and praise, we are building leaders for the church, and our communities.

This summer, as we gather under the theme of "Together: Created for Community", we will celebrate the gifts we are to one another. We will look to scripture and imagine what it might mean for us to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds".

Thank you for being a part of our community. We need your prayers and support for this vibrant ministry. I would encourage you to think about how you can continue to engage with us. Are there kids in your family or church or neighborhoods that would welcome an opportunity to attend camp? Would you like to gather a group from your church to come out to camp for a day this summer to see the place in action? Can you support camp with a financial gift or by setting up a monthly gift? Give us a call - we'd love to connect with you.

Friends, this is most certainly a time for us to celebrate our mission. **Places of grace forming people of faith.** Camp has a very special place in this world. We see firsthand what happens at camp as kids grow and learn. What glorious opportunities we have ahead of us as we share the good news of Jesus' love.

We are mere weeks away from an exciting summer season. Our



**Places of grace forming people of faith!**

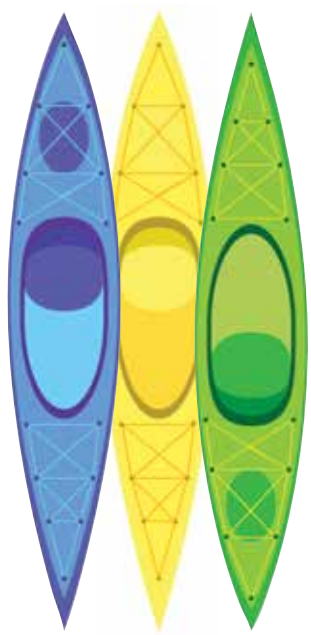
**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**Pancake extravaganza**  
WITH ALL THE FIXIN'S  
MONDAY, MAY 28 ~ 8 AM-NOON

Not your average breakfast. Enjoy buttermilk, oven, Finnish and "Cooks Choice" pancakes. Load up with toppings, maple syrup, sausage, fruit, and beverages.  
**Free Will Donation to Benefit Summer Camperships**  
*Why Camperships? It has always been the policy of Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp that no one be denied an opportunity to come to camp because of their financial situation. With your support, countless more kids can experience the life-long faith formation that happens at camp.*

**2018 Boat In Worship at the Camp Wapo Beach**  
9:20 AM Sundays May 27 - Sept 2  
Come by boat or come by car.  
Bring a chair and come as you are!

**16th ANNUAL**  
**WAPO HACKERS + WHACKERS**  
**Golf Scramble**  
SUPPORTING CAMBERSHIPS  
MONDAY, JULY 16 ~ AMERY GOLF CLUB

Feel good about your play—no matter what your score. Take joy in knowing you are doing good; while you make a round with friends.  
*A foursome covers one full Campership!*  
\$100/Person - Covers 18 Holes, Cart, String Aid, Lunch & Dinner  
Contact: Heather Eggert [heathere@campwapo.org](mailto:heathere@campwapo.org) 715.268.8434  
11AM-12:15PM REGISTRATION & LUNCH / 12:30PM SHOTGUN START  
5PM DINNER / [CAMPWAPO.ORG/EVENTS](http://CAMPWAPO.ORG/EVENTS)





## Are you Spring Cleaning?

Take a look at our needs list for the upcoming summer! [campwapo.org/donate](http://campwapo.org/donate) You just might have what we need to help our operations run smooth. **Questions?** Email us at [campwapo@campwapo.org](mailto:campwapo@campwapo.org)



## Worship at Wilderness

Join us for worship this summer at Wilderness Canoe Base. **Sundays 10:00am June 17-August 12** Pontoon leaves the Cove at 9:45, brunch is served following worship.

# Summer's Almost Here!

Despite the recent blizzard we endured in April, it's hard to imagine that staff training begins in just a few weeks! We cannot be more excited for all that the Lord has planned for the campers that will arrive in June, the staff that will lead them, and for how God will use Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp to glorify the name of Jesus.

We have already seen God's provision in the increase of registrants for our various programs at both Wapo and Ox Lake. At Camp Wapo, our Seeds weekend program, has record registered campers in comparison to past years; our One Day program continues to grow allowing our youngest campers to experience camp for a day in preparation for coming for an overnight stay in the Seeds program; and our Youth program is on its way to reach capacity again this summer.



## Ox Lake Upgrades

This spring we are adding electricity out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> site where youth camp happens. We are also redoing the road out to that site for easier access. Ox Lake is also seeing an increase of summer campers! Therefore, another project for the spring will be to construct another new cabin to accommodate this increase in campers. We are thrilled to see the growth of Ox Lake, for it provides a unique and different camp experience to continue encouraging campers in their walk with the Lord!

## New High School Programs

**Servant Leadership Program (SLP)** is a discipleship program at the Wapo site allowing high school students to explore leadership in the camp setting and step into opportunities with youth campers to give them a taste of counseling. **Senior High Camp** will be set at Ox Lake and provide a week of fun and faith formation designed for high schoolers. In both programs, campers will experience dynamic growth and incredible community to spur them forward in their walk with Christ.



Thank you for all the prayers and support for our preparations for summer, for the campers that will come to camp and for the staff that have committed their time and summer to serve the congregations and kids. We are grateful for the opportunity to see how the Lord works through every kid, parent, church staff, summer staff and all those in between that will come through camps gates this summer!

# Come to Wilderness!

Take Sabbath and come to the Wilderness. With so many activities and priorities and things to do, it's important to take time to get away. And lucky for you, there is still time to put a group together and come to Wilderness Canoe Base. We still have room to take more guests throughout this summer – whether it is for a canoe trip, spending time on the islands, or enjoying some days to retreat. Join us this summer, and take some moments to breathe and rejuvenate.

## Open Canoe Trips

This summer we are offering **Open Canoe Trips** for individuals who are interested in going on a trip but are not a part of an organized group. We've got three groups reserved for individual registrations. July 15-21, July 30-Aug 5 and Aug 6-11. Share with any young people that you know and encourage them to consider an opportunity to spend time in the BWCA this summer.



## Stillwater Summer Project

We are excited to be working on a major renovation of the Stillwater Cabin this summer. Stillwater is our biggest camper cabin and has served as a place of refuge and shelter for many people over the past 35+ years. This summer we will be replacing the roof, siding, and decks. Join us in praying for good weather, strong arms to carry materials to the site, good aim with the hammer, and safe work throughout the entirety of the project. If you would like to support this project (and have your donation matched dollar for dollar), consider giving a gift today! Click on Special Projects at [campwapo.org/donate](http://campwapo.org/donate)

## Alumni and Family Camp August 16-19

A perfect end to our summer trip season! Join us for family and alumni camp. It'll be a wonderful gathering of people who have been touched and shaped by Wilderness Canoe Base. Join us as we take day-trips into the BWCA, sauna, go on nature hikes, and spend time enjoying one another's company. To learn more about this weekend and to register, visit [campwapo.org/events](http://campwapo.org/events)



## Sharing your legacy with a planned gift

How will you choose to continue sharing your faith story and commitment to ministry for years to come? We invite you to consider your own legacy and **establish a planned gift** that supports Wapo, Wilderness Canoe Base, or Ox Lake. All planned gifts can be directed to support the endowment fund and/or the annual fund.

For more information, or to notify us about your generous decision so that we may recognize you through our **Hope & Heritage Society**, contact Jennifer Hellie, Director of Development, at [jenh@campwapo.org](mailto:jenh@campwapo.org) or (715) 268-8434.

*"Rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith and overflowing with thankfulness." Colossians 2:6*

# Sustaining Roots Monthly Giving Program

- A faithful and convenient way to partner with camp year-round, year-in and year-out
- A secure, automatic, recurring monthly transfer
- Continuous, until you decide to increase, decrease, or discontinue your gift

\$100/month supports two campers on a week-long Wilderness Canoe Base canoe trip  
\$70/month provides scholarships for two campers  
\$35/month will provide one full scholarship for a camper  
\$21/month sponsors a counselor for one week of the summer

**It's easy to set up your recurring gift at [campwapo.org/donate](http://campwapo.org/donate)!**  
**Need help?** Call us at 715.268.8434 or email [jenh@campwapo.org](mailto:jenh@campwapo.org).

