

## The Chumstick

News from Camp Camrec and  
Washington Mennonite Fellowship

### April 2017

#### Camrec Updates

A lot of changes happen within two months of time. The snow banks are melting away and streams are flowing! We've gotten little sprinkles here and there but for the past couple weeks the sky has been pretty dry which is a nice break.

We are **thankful** for donation of three wonderful pairs of walkie-talkies. What a blessing this will be for our year-round staff and summer season!!

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Camrec Quilt Retreat was held March 16 – 19. The theme for this year was “Improvisational Quilting”, with a focus on houses. They had 19 participants. Debbie Shank Miller taught the class, encouraging sewers to cut without a ruler and work without a pattern. They started by learning some new techniques, and then let the fabric lead the way. The results were stunning! They had five cooks from SMC, including 2 youth, and in return they contributed to the fund to send their youth to the Orlando Mennonite Youth Convention this summer. And the food was wonderful!



#### Calendar of Upcoming WMF Events

Annual Meeting – April 21-23, 2017

Menno/Warden Retreat – May 12-14, 2017

Nature Retreat – May 19-21, 2017

Annual Fundraiser & 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration! – September 1-3, 2017

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#### Annual Meeting – April 21-23, 2017

This is a weekend get together for all of us! There will be various work projects to help out with, board meetings in session, and the WMF Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting is a time to give an update about camp as well as give input about camp direction and to approve the annual budget. This weekend is another great excuse to come and connect with fellow Mennonites from across Washington. Our new Facilities Managers, Jesse and Amanda Parker, look forward to meeting as many new faces as attend! Come enjoy a free weekend at Camrec!

See [camrec.org](http://camrec.org) for the **schedule** as well as a spot to **RSVP online!**

#### Nature Retreat – May 19-21, 2017

Camp Camrec's Nature Retreat is a time to hike, bike, take photos, do a little journaling or artwork, do a little exploration and generally relax with friends. The retreat coincides with the Leavenworth Bird Festival this year, which offers all kinds of activities for different ages and interest. All ages are welcome to the full weekend! More information is at [camrec.org](http://camrec.org). If you have questions you can contact Anita Stokes at 206-721-1902, or [ajshowme@gmail.com](mailto:ajshowme@gmail.com). We would love to have 12 adults committed by April 22!

#### Annual Fundraiser & 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration! – September 1-3, 2017

**Labor Day weekend** folks; save the dates, September 1-3, 2017! We are celebrating Camrec! **50 years** of operating summer camps and so much more! We want people that helped put together the first camp, built the first facilities, the individuals that came to camp for the first time last year, and everyone in between! Come **share stories**, remember “the good old days”, and dream of days to come while fellowshiping together. There will be lots of **food and fun** activities! And don't forget the **Chumstick FUNdRUN** will be happening this weekend too! More information at [camrec.org](http://camrec.org).

## Summer Camp 2017

Orientation – July 3-6

Pre-Junior Camp – July 7-9

Junior Camp – July 11-15

Junior High Camp – July 17-22

Senior High Camp – July 24-29

Young Adult Retreat – August 4-6

Get your registration in by May 1, 2017 for the early bird discount!

Registration deadline is June 25, 2017.

Registrations and more information are online at [camrec.org](http://camrec.org).



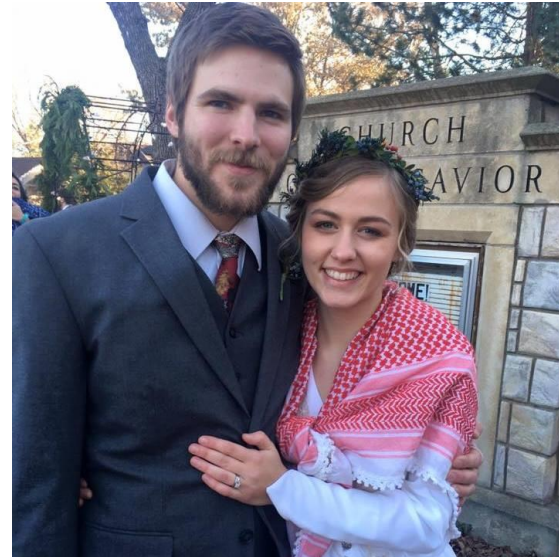
Get ready for SUMMER 2017!!!

## Camrec Wish List

- Backpacking stoves & cookware
- Binoculars
- 5-7 foot 3-point hitch tractor back blade. This has proved very helpful around in creating nice trails!
- Storage container (used, 20' or 40') or consider donating specifically towards this goal. The container will double as programming storage (inside) and a rock climbing wall (outside).

## Staff Updates

Camp Camrec is happy to have Jesse and Amanda Parker here! They are newlyweds from Wichita, Kansas. They are both sharing the Facilities Manager job as one full-time position. We are so excited to have them step into this spot and dream with us about where Camrec can go!



In case you missed it in the last newsletter, David and Saralyn are excited to announce that they will be expecting a baby this spring. The due date is April 18, 2017! They have chosen to let the gender be a surprise.

## Camrec Mission Statement:

At Camp Camrec, in thanks for all the gifts we receive from God, we will:

- Nurture children in the love of God, the love of others, and the love of Creation.
- Welcome adults to a place and spiritual framework for rest and restoration.
- Care for this beautiful part of Creation and the extended landscape around us.
- Embody Anabaptist/Mennonite values of peacemaking, simple living, service, and community.