



## The Chumstick

News from Camp Camrec and  
Washington Mennonite Fellowship

### June 2017

#### Camrec Updates

Some of you might have heard about the forest fire on Chumstick Highway. We were not affected by this but we were definitely on high alert. We are grateful for the periodic rain showers that have continued this spring and the sunshine in between! The flowers are blooming a little later this year because of the longer winter and cooler spring. So we are just now getting to enjoy the lupine flowers!

We are **thankful** for the storage container that is being donated! Plans for getting the container here and having it set up are underway. As you will likely recall, the container will be fit on the outside with plywood and a climbing wall and will also double as much needed storage! We are excited to get some climbers on it!

The Nature Retreat (previously Birds & Blossoms) was a success! There were about 15 people who came to enjoy the beautiful weekend. Attendants hiked around camp property enjoying the flowers, the trails, the birds, and the sunshine! People shared their photography skills and botanical knowledge throughout the weekend. Below is a new rare orchid that was actually discovered at the Menno/Warden Retreat but was a special treat for this weekend as well. It is called Fairy Slipper or Calypso Bulbosa.



#### Calendar of Upcoming WMF Events

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

Fall Work Weekend – October 20-22, 2017

WMF Women's Retreat – November 3-5, 2017

Summer Camp Schedule to the right!

### 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

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. One like this has proven very helpful in creating nice trails!

## Staff Updates

Baby Leon Paul Jantzi joined the Camrec family on April 26, 2017. He weighed 9lbs. 3oz. and was 21.5 inches long. He missed the Annual Meeting but is surely enjoying meeting his WMF friends as they visit and attend different retreats. Come and introduce yourself!



## 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.