

## The Chumstick

News from Camp Camrec and  
Washington Mennonite Fellowship

### February 2018

#### Camrec Updates

Camrec has been full of group rentals coming to enjoy the facilities and area. We have had lots of snow and it's been a beautiful winter. The tubing run and camp trails have been well used!

Seattle Mennonite Church was here over MLK weekend and Evergreen Mennonite Church came at the end of January. What a blast to have these churches come and make Camrec their home for a weekend!

Pictured to the right is a group of Seattle folk cross-country skiing at Lake Wenatchee during their retreat.

We are *thankful* for:

- year-end donations that came in which continue to help us meet our operating budget.
- staff and volunteers that are already lining up for SUMMER CAMPS 2018.

#### Calendar of WMF Events

Young Adult Retreat:	March 9-11, 2018
Quilting Retreat:	March 15-18, 2018
WMF Women's Retreat:	April 6-8, 2018
Annual Meeting:	April 20-22, 2018
Fundraising event at SMC:	May 5-6, 2018
Menno/Warden Retreat:	May 11-13, 2018
Nature Retreat:	May 18-20, 2018
Summer Camps:	see Summer Camp Schedule
Annual Fundraiser:	August 31 - September 3, 2018
Fall Work Weekend:	October 19-21, 2018
WMF Men's Retreat:	November 30 - December 2, 2018
Senior High Snow Camp:	December 30, 2018 - January 1, 2019



#### Young Adult Retreat – March 9-11, 2018

Do you have spring break? Or maybe the weekend off? Come enjoy time playing games, hiking, mini golf, playing frisbee, and many other possibilities! If you consider yourself young, you are welcome to come (small children with parents welcome too)! We'll provide the food, you help provide the fellowship! More details on [camrec.org](http://camrec.org).

#### Quilting Retreat – March 15-18, 2018

The Quilting Retreat is coming right up! Utilize this long weekend to work on current projects, old projects that need to be finished up, and start new projects. Don't worry about preparing food or cleaning up; just sew to your heart's desire! To register and for questions about this weekend please contact: Debbie Shank Miller, [dsm56@comcast.net](mailto:dsm56@comcast.net) or Ann Marchand, [marchand.ann@gmail.com](mailto:marchand.ann@gmail.com)

#### Women's Retreat – April 6-8, 2018

Come enjoy the spring weather during Washington Mennonite Women's Retreat at Camp Camrec. Evergreen is in charge of the program. Menno, Warden, and women at-large are in charge of meals. Camrec will set up online registrations, please see [camrec.org](http://camrec.org). Stay tuned to church announcements and Camrec's website for more information as plans continue to develop.

#### Annual Meeting – April 20-22, 2018

Menno Mennonite Church and Camp Camrec are hosting this year's annual meeting! Bring the family for a free weekend at camp. Volunteer help is a huge asset in getting camp ready for the summer season! On Saturday evening make sure to attend the annual meeting and engage as beloved constituents of Camrec.

#### Nature Retreat – May 18-20, 2018

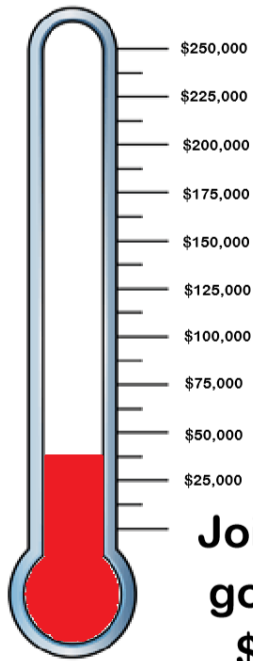
Nature Retreat is a great time for all ages and has potential for various kinds of activities: mountain biking, hiking, taking photographs, bird watching, searching for flowers, doing crafts, etc.

The retreat coincides with Leavenworth's Bird Fest. The highlight of the Bird Fest will be an appearance by David Sibley of field guide fame. A list of activities can be found at [www.LeavenworthSpringBirdFest.org](http://www.LeavenworthSpringBirdFest.org). For questions regarding the retreat contact Anita Stokes at [ajshowme@gmail.com](mailto:ajshowme@gmail.com).

#### Summer Camp Schedule 2018

Orientation ( <i>for summer counselors</i> ):	July 2-5
Pre-Junior Camp ( <i>completed K-2</i> ):	July 6-8
Junior Camp ( <i>completed 3-5</i> ):	July 10-14
Junior High Camp ( <i>completed 6-8</i> ):	July 16-21
Senior High Camp ( <i>completed 9-11</i> ):	July 23-28

## Staff Housing Fundraising Update



**It's time for additional staff housing!!**



**Join us in our goal to raise \$250,000!**

Additional staff housing is needed to carry Camrec into the future.

We have not settled on a final design, but current thoughts include multiple living spaces so that we can have room for year round staff as well as have a separate smaller apartment for long term volunteers.

At Camrec we are in a landscape of ongoing change and development! We hope to continue growing programs and facilities that can meet the needs of the church and communities engaged and connected here. We see the experience of camp as an opportunity to invest in the future of Anabaptism, as well as the Kingdom of God, through children and adults!

Included is one rendering of what the house and additional dwelling unit might look like set into the hillside here at camp! If you are interested in helping us reach our goal of \$250,000.00 checks can be made out to Camp Camrec with "staff housing" in the memo line. Donations are tax-deductible.

The **total amount** that has been raised as of 2/19/2018 is **\$38,658.00** including pledges! *Thank you* for all your support already!

### Staff Housing Fundraiser at SMC– May 5, 2018

Camp Camrec is coming to you! The next fundraiser for staff housing is going to be held at Seattle Mennonite Church on Saturday May 5! Come out for a fun evening with a delicious lemongrass, ginger, and chicken soup from Indonesia (where David grew up) called Soto Ayam. The evening will be rounded out with interactive games and general merry making! We will also be sharing on Sunday during the morning service. More information to follow on this event!

## Board Transitions

We want to give a huge applause to Rachel Miller for all her hard work during her 5 years of serving as board treasurer. She has undergone many transitions with staff and organizational structure. We, Saralyn and David, personally thank her for all her explanations and patience as we learned the ropes.

As Rachel moves on Camrec is excited to welcome Emily Goertz as the new Board Treasurer! She started this month, February 2018.

## Camrec Wish List

- Riding mower in good shape
- All-terrain vehicle for use on grounds and trail maintenance (current golf cart is on last legs)
- Special sewing project: We would like to put cushions on some of the benches in the lodge. Contact David or Saralyn ([director@camrec.org](mailto:director@camrec.org)) for more details.

## 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.

