



CAMP MENNOSCAH

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Greetings Camp Mennoscah Constituents,

Thank you for taking time to read this correspondence. We are grateful for the support that you have provided camp in the past and we will again need your support in the coming weeks, months and years as some difficult decisions need to be made.

In an effort to be transparent, this is an update of the current challenges facing Camp Mennoscah. Financially the last few years we have been working hard to keep costs realistic and function with a balanced budget. While income never increased substantially we did our best to cut costs and as a result large permanent facility needs were not addressed, while at the same time, wages and benefits were held low.

In an effort to increase income Tammy Duvenal Unruh was hired as our Development Director. While Tammy has a passion for, strong dedication and deep love for camp, the board has made the difficult decision to part ways. We have appreciated Tammy's positive energy and ideas and know that she will continue to be a good voice and advocate for the camp and its larger ministry.

Equally challenging to our bottom line has been the number of necessary upgrades that have been long overdue at camp. The board felt strongly that we need a functioning retreat center to pull in the additional revenue of outside groups, especially outside of the summer camp season. The hope was that this project would be able to happen both through kind financial contributions from our loyal constituency, as well as with the help of sweat equity from volunteers. We have been blessed with both generous contributions, and volunteers willing to give of their time, but not to the extent necessary to keep the project moving forward in a timely fashion. We also have been continually met with increases in material costs, and necessary project additions for long term viability of the structure.

We are grateful for our Director Olivia Bartel and her willingness to step in and step up where needed. It has been a mental and physical burden to bear the weight of dwindling finances, dilapidated structures, and limited options. We seek your continued prayers and kind financial support, as Olivia and the board look at ways to keep Camp Mennoscah viable and sustainable into the future.

Thank you again for your commitment and support of camp. As the giving season approaches, we really could use your support as things are very lean for camp right now, and many tough decisions need to be made. We trust in our steadfast and loving God that continues to provide and has blessed us with 75 wonderful years, and with your support, 75 more.

Sincerely,

Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors

