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Camp Ne-O-Tez 2023 MEMBERSHIP EDITION

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Letter from the President

Allen Burnett



Even through these challenging years, God has continued to bless Camp. Generous support from you has continued to be there and a beautiful porch, updated cabins with AC, and many other small projects have come to fruition. A special thank you to Steve Awtrey for his leadership in making

the Jeff Earnhart memorial porch a reality. I also want to give thanks to our volunteer staff, including Nate and Christea, as well as the campers, all of whom rolled with the changes these past three years. We ask for your continued prayers for Camp, the youth in the area, and the Board, as

we continue to look to make Camp relevant and a place where the St. Louis youth want to spend their summers. Looking forward to seeing all of you at our dinner on March 17, 2023. Thank you for you love and support of Camp Neotez.

Allen Burnett

- Board President

Cabin Renovations

Nate Reiser

In 1971, the first residential cabin was built. Over the next four years, the other five cabins were added. For decades the cabins consisted of a wooden frame and ½" thick plywood walls. This bare-



bones frame received a shiny coat of red paint. The cabins remained in their original form for over 45 years.

In 2011, the board decided to create a new nurses cabin. Marlin Henley found a beautiful log siding to use on the outside of the building. Once that cabin had the fresh look, it was obvious that the rest

of the camp should match. By 2014, the thin walls of the cabins gained new windows and new siding. This addition provided the opportunity to consider improving the interior of the cabins.

This past year, we added four major improvements to the cabins. The walls of the cabin were insulated and enclosed. This small



change drastically changed the temperatures in the cabins. The years of sleeping in one hundred degree temperatures were over. Along with the beautiful walls, new floors and lights were installed. It was always a challenge to clean the floors of the cabins. Now campers can wake up and place their feet on a clean floor. This is a good thing because the new lights allow us to see if the floors are clean.

The final improvement was an air conditioner. Talk about a divisive topic. Some felt that camp should not have air conditioning. They were concerned if the campers would leave the cabin. This summer demonstrated that Neotez happens outside. The campers enjoyed cool nights of quiet rest and awoke the next day refreshed to enjoy camp in the outdoors.

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The New "Hangout" - Rocking Chairs

Kara Limburg



The Merriam Webster Dictionary defines "hangout" as a favorite place for spending time. Also, as a place frequented for entertainment or for socializing. To say that the new Jeff Earnhart Memorial Porch was the "hangout" of the summer is an understatement. There wasn't a moment when you looked at the porch that you didn't see someone there.

The highlight? The new rockers that were added to the porch this year! Beginning in June, I headed a drive to furnish the porch with rocking chairs. Camp asked for donors to purchase the chairs and we offered the option to personalize the chairs with a custom name plate. We offered a total of 15 chairs and, due

to our awesome Camp Neotez supporters, all were spoken for within a couple of days.

Camp Caretaker Nate Reiser and our summer intern, Coby Beauchamp.

assembled the chairs as they were delivered. The chairs are made from recycled plastic, so they should be easy to maintain and last for years to come.

It was heartwarming to see counselors and campers alike spending time together talking, laughing, reading their bibles, napping and enjoying the ceiling fans that kept the air moving at all times of the day As a cook, I'm among the first awake each morning. Once I was in the kitchen, it was only minutes until the first staff member had a cup of coffee and occupied the first chair. They trickled in until all the chairs were full, which was only mere moments.

Again, the first to finish lunch often found themselves on Jeff's porch in a rocking chair rocking away while friends joined them.

What a blessing the chairs have already been to camp and will continue to be. Thank you again, from the bottom of our hearts,

to those of you who donated to purchase a rocking chair for camp. I predict the new "hangout" will be the spot of choice again next year and the year after that. We're looking forward to filling the chairs with as many amazing campers and staff as we can in the future.

We have availability for 6 more rocking chairs! The cost is \$300 and comes with commemorative tag. To order please use www.neotez.org. Don't delay if you want to purchase a rocker as they go quickly.

Rocker Remembrances:

FLORENCE JONES ROWLAND

GENE JONES

THE BUEHRER FAMILY

JIM AND SANDI LINGUA Happy 50th Anniversary We love you! The Grandkids

CHRIS, GENA, LAUREN, JACK & CAROLINE WAGNER

'MISS RAMONA" THOMPSON Head Cook Friend of Camp Award, 2017

BOB & CALLIE HARRISON Member and Founding Neotez Board Member Faithful Servants CAROLYN HENLEY Our Much Loved Mom and Grandma

MARLIN HENLEY Our Much Loved Dad and Grandpa

Happy 40th Anniversary MIKE & SHARON WARD

It's hard to forget someone who gave us so much to remember LYNN MAPLES (1942-2021)

"Never forget to enjoy just hanging out." Jeff Earnhart July 14, 2001

MARGARET WARD



2023 Summer Camp Registration

2023 Summer Camp Schedule

 DATE:
 SESSION:

 June 11 - 17
 Hi Teen (9th - 12th Grade)

 June 18 - 20
 Pre-Camp (Kdg - 2nd Grade)

June 25 - July 1 Middle School (6th - 8th Grade)

July 9 - 15 Boys Week (3rd - 5th Grade Boys)

July 16 - 22 Girls Week (3rd - 5th Grade Girls)

July 23 - 29 All Teen (6th - 12th Grade)

Based on director, staff and parent feedback some changes have been made to the 2023 schedule. *Please read carefully.*

Summer 2023 camp application will be available on the camp website, <u>www.neotez.org</u>. Don't delay registration as some sessions fill up very quickly.

>> Camper grade placement is the one just completed in 2022-23 school year.



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2023 Annual Membership Drive

Your Support is essential to Training Youth to Walk with Christ

Thank you for your faithful support of Camp Ne-O-Tez this past year. The funds raised from the annual membership drive help with upkeep expenses over the winter and spring months. Please complete the enclosed slip for membership, include the dues, and mail them in the envelope provided for your convenience.

Our membership options are:

Associate Camp MembershipCost \$25.00 Special Gifts: Vinyl Logo Sticker.



2022 Camp Membership

Fairgrounds Road

Greg & Dixie Martin Lauren Thompson

Fairview Heights

Eric and Linda Childress Joe and Terri Taylor * Kevin and Kara Vick Mike and Sandy Lind Peggy McCasland Rick and Debbie Burrow

Florissant

Alex and Holly Melchers * Arthur and Mildred Matthews Bonnie Lanterman * Danny and Lucille Younger Dewayne and Evalyn Donley * Earlene Washburn Jerry and Wanda Judd John and Jeri Worth Larry and Patti Stewart Leonard and Carla Payne Lois Beauchanp Max Hatley Mike and Donna Root Norma Nelson O'Dellas and Linda Murrell Steve and Sandee Holloway Steve Smith The Vuagniaux Family *

Friend of Camp

Allen and Angela Burnett * Amanda Bodine Bill Maples Cathy English

Friend of Camp (cont.)

Constance Smith Don and Joyce Joplin Donna Limburg Ed Zahler Edna Hoefer Harold and Sharron Powers Rod and Lori Kruse

Harvester

Ed and Karen Tritschler Ed and Nancy Tritschler Melinda Willoughby

High Ridge

Danny & Gale Loesch Vickie Heady

Lafavette

Dale and Bev Brannon Dale Lundy Dan and Donna Roper Herb and Kathy Crown * Jackie and Carol Roland Janet Huddleston * Nate and Christea Reiser Paul Cope Rich and Kara Limburg * Robert Copeland Roger and Sherrie Glebur Sarah Buehrer * Tom and Charlotte McIlroy

Maplewood

Jane Gillihan * Maplewood Church of Christ ★ Ruth Bell

Maryland Heights

Barry and Lenora Landuyt Clint and Gladys Brown Dan and Geri Turner Dave and Mary Thompson David and Kelly DeJarnett * Doug and Susan Patrick Eric Henley Erin and Alissa Roades * Flo Rowland * Jan Rice JD and Carla Henley Jeff and Connie Horton Jim and Jan Williams Jim and Sandi Lingua * Jim Martin * John and Carol Hall Josh and Melissa Leedle Kay Morris Kyle Henley LaJuana West Linda Ward Marlin and Carolyn Henley * Mary Anthony Michael Suddarth Mike and Diane Brown Nancy Henley * Patrick and Satephanie O'Keefe Paul and Donna Lombardo Phil and Carolyn Stevens Ramona Thompson Retta Crocker

Maryland Heights (cont.)

Tim and Jeanne Landuyt Zachary and Leah Pitchford *

McKnight Crossings Alec and Wanda Hill

Andy and Grace Clapper Ansley Picker Ben and Julie Mehringer Bob and Mary Jo Connally * Brad and Sue Stevens Brett and Kari Ferguson * Chris and Gena Wagner Chuck and Joyce Helt Dave and Amy Weiler **Dolores Miller** Don and Debbie Fitzgerald * Don and Paisley Matthews * Elliot Grissom Glenn and Janice Davania Ian Picker Jeff and Beata McGlawn * Jeff and Becky Kryder Jeff and Heather Goff ★ Jeremy and Laura Picker Jerry Mickey Jon and Angela Earnhart * Judy Bundren Karl and Jennifer Reigers ★ Kay Heintz Kennedy Picker Kirk and Darrah Kasicki * Marion Earnhart * Sara Henagean Steve and Ann Haupt

Steve and DiAnn Jones *

McKnight Crossings

(cont.) Steve and Susan Awtrey Tim and Mary Ann Nicholson ★

O'Fallon

Bil Moody Burney and Mary Dell Baggett Carl and Ellen Hillis Eric Marr * Grant and Donita Kniffen Josh Ayers Linda Burnett Patty Terry Richard and Marcia Dooley Steve and Mary Conner

Overland

Greer Vickers Indie Vickers Julie Tucker Leah Huesing Lennox Vickers Pam Hazer Shawn and Tara Vickers

Twin City

Andy & Christy Hueter Richard & Beverly Gansner

Vaughn Hill

Jim and Rita Edmonds

* - Jeff Earnhart Memorial Membership

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Rich and Janet Stephens

Scott and Brenda Cody

Steve and Marsha Kloske

Camp Ne-0-Tez 2022 Honorarium

Jim and Sandi Lingua 50th Anniversary Marlin & Carolyn Henley

Steve Jones Birthday Marlin & Carolyn Henley Frances Palmer Birthday
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Carolyn Henley Birthday Francis Palmer Carla Henley Birthday
JD Henley

Selection Sunday JD Henley Marlin Henley Birthday
Flo Rowland

Fio Rowland Kyle Henley Eric Henley

Camp Ne-0-Tez 2022 Memorials

Kay Plaster

Jeff and Connie Horton
Scott and Brenda Cody
Flo Rowland
John and Terri Dykes
Lajuana West
Marlin and Carolyn Henley
Michael Suddarth
Maryland Heights Church of Christ
Kay Morris
Nancy Henley
Jim and Sandi Lingua

Hannah Marie Landuyt

Barry and Lenora Landuyt

Tom and Deanna Earl

Barry and Lenora Landuyt

Bob Harrison

Jack and Nell Crawford

Jim Longar

Carl and Ellen Hillis

Chris Monroe

JD Henley Ruth Bell

Doug and Maxine Awtrey

Family of Doug and Maxine Awtrey JVA Desgins

Geneva Stuckey

The Peters Family
Carl and Ellen Hillis
Elena Luebbering
Mindy Wagner
Gerri Gilot
Michelle Steckler
Heather Goff
Angela Neff

Norman Estep

Donna Limburg

Doyle and Cindy Williams

Lois Beauchamp

Debbie Johnson

Dan and Geri Turner

Bobby Tate, Sr. Dan and Geri Turner

Charles Martin

Jim Provence
Rick and Sue Harris
Howard and Karen Davenport
James and Laura Knoesel
Ann Hajicek
Linnemeyer Family
Marvin and Laura Windham

"It was a huge blessing to be the intern for camp this summer. I really enjoyed getting to work with Nate, and see a side of camp that most people don't normally see. I learned a lot, and I loved getting to work with all of the amazing staff, and campers and see all of them grow in Christ throughout the week." - Coby Beauchamp





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