

The FRIEDENSWORD

Camp Friedenswald

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Camp Friedenswald provides people of all ages the opportunity to grow in relationship with God, self, others and nature.

Letter from the Director

In this issue of *The Friedensword* we acknowledge the many individuals, churches, and organizations who contributed as Builders in 2017 (see pages 4-5). Without their commitment to Camp and their generosity with time, skills, and financial resources, Friedenswald would not exist as it does today.

The Builders' Association was initiated in 1965, and since then the Builders have provided essential services to Friedenswald's ministry. While our records don't go back to the '60s, when looking at the past several years we can say without a doubt that this year was record-setting: nearly 230 households/churches. Thank you! Please take note of the significant projects (see page 5) completed in the past year, all made possible through the generous support of the Builders and other Camp friends.

I am equally happy to share that because of your generosity we continue to move closer to our \$2.1 million goal for Renew Friedenswald, with only \$37,000 remaining to be pledged or given.

As we look back with much gratitude and joy for all that happened at Camp Friedenswald in 2017, we also look forward with energy and excitement as we live into our Resilience and Sustainability Plan 2022 (see page 3). It is our prayer that through the implementation of this plan, created in 2017 by Amy Huser with participation from Camp staff, board, and constituents, we might more fully live into our core values, especially those of stewardship, nature, and simplicity:

Stewardship – We care for the resources and relationships that are entrusted to Camp Friedenswald with a mind for the future.

Nature – We value the natural world as an expression of God's spirit to be explored, delighted in and cared for.

Simplicity – We provide a retreat from our fast paced culture and technology and a space to practice intentional ways of living.

We also look ahead to another summer of camping, and to welcoming the summer staff and campers who will join us as together we explore Jesus' call to "follow." Please continue to remember all who make Friedenswald part of their summer. May we continue to learn what it means to be "Followers of The Way."

Once again, thank you for being engaged and committed to the ministry of Camp Friedenswald! We couldn't do it without your support.

In peace,

Jenna Liechty Martin, Executive Director

Right: Builders enjoy a morning hike across the prairie fen bridge

Left: Blooming daffodils planted by Women's Retreat participants.



From Friedenswald's table to yours

As the snow and ice melt, the work to prepare for summer camps heats up! We're recruiting summer staff, camp pastors, and nurses to help create a home-away-from-home for each of our campers.

Summer camps remain the heart of our programming, and we know many of you have memories close to your heart from summers spent at Camp Friedenswald. We've included a classic Friedenswald table grace to take you back to your camping days. Perhaps it might even help you spread new memories to the next generation of campers. If you sing this with your family, let us know with a video or photo!

(to the tune of Edelweiss)

*Bless our friends, bless our food
Come, O Lord and sit with us
May our talk glow with peace
Come, O Lord and surround us*

*Friendship & peace may you bloom and grow
Bloom and grow forever
Bless our friends, bless our food
Come, O Lord and surround us*

Jenna Liechty Martin, Executive Director, leads the Builders in grace before breakfast during Builders weekend 2017.



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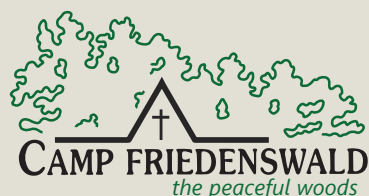
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Wonderful winter

We started 2018 off with a bang – three fun and full Winter Camps! There's no hibernating around these peaceful woods; we dive into the fun that snow and cold brings. We were especially blessed with snow this year – for the first time in two years the tube run was open for each of the three camps. From tubing to broomball, snow balls to snow sculptures, we are grateful for the many ways we were able to enjoy God's wintry creation.

After a year of construction, it was a special delight to see the renewed facilities being used to their full potential. With over 100 youth from over ten different churches for each of our Youth Camps, plus over 100 people for Family Camp – we needed all the space we had! Seeing children making memories together is a special joy – and with over a third of our family campers under eight-years-old, there were lots of noisy and rambunctious memories being made!

Cottonwood Center was filled with singing and laughter throughout the winter as our center of worship. Speakers and music leaders helped create spaces and times for growing with God. Worship centered our times together and helped us create a place for retreat, renewal, and reconnection.

Ask a youth or family you know who attended a camp this winter; each person has a different story which tells why camp has an ongoing place in peoples' lives.



Far left: Eva Horning & Claire Reichenbach
Top: Huntington & Maplewood youth playing boomwhackers
Bottom: Junior High worship in Cottonwood Center

CAMP FRIEDENSWALD BUILDERS

The persons listed below contributed as Builders to Camp Friedenswald from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. If you contributed during this time and your name is not listed or is listed incorrectly, please accept our apologies and notify Jenna Liechty Martin. Camp Friedenswald staff and Board of Directors thank you for your generous support, which makes it possible for people of all ages to grow in relationship with God, self, others and nature.

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Left: Jonathan, Abby, and Phoebe Graber

Right: First Mennonite Church of Bluffton volunteers

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Who is a Builder?

A *Builder* is someone who believes in the work of Camp Friedenswald and is committed to supporting its mission by providing essential financial support (\$500 or more annually) and/or volunteering five or more days each year.

THANK YOU!

2017 MEMORIAL GIFTS

Stan Naylor
 Romaine Lehman
 Mary M. (Marge) Graber
 Lucille Shewmaker

2017 ESTATE GIFTS

Mary M. (Marge) Graber
 Benjamin & Patricia Streid



From left: David Mark and Wesley Mark; Faith Mennonite Church volunteers; Salem Mennonite Church volunteer group

Projects completed in 2017 with the help of Builders:

- Renew Friedenswald Campaign
 - Renovated Cottonwood Center
 - Renovated Sandhill Lodge
 - New Boys' Cabins
- Permanent Dock/Pier
 (in memory of Susan Sommer and Ted Sommer)
- Renovated Friedenhaus basement (for staff housing)
- Purchase of "new" Kubota tractor

Projects for 2018:

- Updates and repairs to staff housing
- Replace sea wall at Main Beach (*Renew Friedenswald project*)
- Increase insulation in buildings
- Install energy efficient lighting across Camp
- Amphitheater repair and updates

Resilience and Sustainability Plan 2022

In 1950, Camp Friedenswald was dedicated to “the Glory of God,” but how do we ensure that the happenings of Camp are in line with this fundamental value? Can we glorify God as we take out the trash, wash dishes, or install a light bulb? In the fall of 2016, Camp began drawing up the Camp Friedenswald Resilience and Sustainability Plan 2022 [RSP] in an effort to make the answer to this question an unequivocal “yes.” The plan, initiated in 2017, helps us frame decisions so that we’re working toward a greater good, and provides opportunity for even more intentional daily implementation of Camp’s core values, such as peace, stewardship, nature, simplicity, and community.

The RSP addresses goals in three key areas – social, environmental, and financial – forming what is often referred to as a “triple bottom line.” Implementing a plan built on this foundational triad will make Camp Friedenswald a more resilient and sustainable organization, ensuring that Camp is around for future generations and contributing to the good in the world. Here are a few highlighted goals from each area:

Social

- Strengthen education for sustainability and creation care
- Build trust, connectivity, collaboration among staff
- Increase social diversity
- Build trust, connectivity, and hospitality in community of camp constituents

Environmental

- Reduce use of fossil fuel based energy
- Protect and increase biodiversity
- Reduce waste
- Improve sustainability of food practices

Financial

- Sustainable growth
- Increase affordability and accessibility
- Improve staff retention & ensure compensation meets living wage standards

Sustainability and Outdoor Education Director Amy Huser has been working with staff on implementation of the plan, and through surveys and discussion developed a list of prioritized goals for 2018. Here are a few of our target areas for 2018:

- Connect people to nature through land use
- Educate staff and board in sustainability
- Achieve 5-10% financial surplus
- Improve energy efficiency
- Continue mindful land management practices
- Reduce waste
- Increase intercultural competence of staff
- Increase use of organic/local food

While there’s certainly a lot of work to do, we’ve also already made a lot of progress. This is some of what’s happened just over the past several months:

- Compiled a list of baselines to help us measure our progress.
- Added Resilience and Sustainability page to website
- Initiated regular blog posts with sustainability/environmental focus
- Worked on Meditation Points signage to integrate environment/spirituality
- Updated recycling/compost/trash signage
- Created a plan for energy efficiency improvements, including switching to all LED bulbs in 2018 – providing a savings to Camp of approximately \$70,000 over 20 years and reducing our kwh used for lighting by about 22,000 kwh per year, equal to 16.2 metric tons of CO₂, or the electricity use of 2.4 homes.
- Scheduled staff and board education and collaboration sessions
- Met our financial goal for 5-10% surplus in 2017!
- Continued moving forward with land management work
- Developed relationship with Union produce stand owner, Jim Baldwin, for local produce donations

We truly believe that when we respect and honor the Earth we are honoring our relationship with God the Creator, and that improving our relationship with nature can help us improve ourselves, too. Because the Resilience and Sustainability Plan will provide concrete steps for improving our work as stewards while also strengthening Camp Friedenswald as a whole, we’re excited to see (and help) it unfold, and will be sure to keep you updated.



Above: Volunteer Tim Luginbill and Facilities Director Jonathan Fridley work at installing LED light bulbs in the Dining Hall. March 2017.

Camp Friedenswald

Summer 2018

2018 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Please consider the grade completed in 2018

- June 11-16: High School Camp (grade 9-12)
- June 18-23: Junior High Camp (grade 7-8)
- June 18-20: Primary Camp (grade 1-2)
- June 25-30: Pre Junior Camp (grade 3-4)
- July 2-7: Junior Camp (grade 5-6)
- July 9-13: Family Camp I/Music Camp
- July 14-15: Builders Weekend Celebration
- July 16-20: Family Camp II
- Aug. 17-19: Summer Camp for Grown-ups
- Aug. 31-Sept. 2: Family Mini-Camp



*“And he said to them,
Follow me, and I will make
you fishers of people.”*

Matthew 4:19

Check out our new late-summer programs!

For those who don't quite fit either our youth or family camp options, we've got a great camp for you – Summer Camp for Grown-ups!

For those who want a family-fun camp, but can't make our week-long options work – join us Labor Day weekend for Summer Family Mini-Camp!

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