

# FaHoCha Times

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## Director's Notes - Why Camp?



**Why Bible Camp?** This is a great question. Unless you have experienced it, you may not fully understand. Let me try to help with that.

**Experience Nature** – It is not as common anymore for kids to be outside. We have had an indoor migration. By being in nature, we learn about the world around us. It is actually healthy to breathe in the fresh air. At camp, we see things like the moon in just the right time of the lunar cycle shine a beam across the lake at night; or how a lightning bug lights up at night; or seeing the Eagles soar, or the pelicans glide over the lake; the two-toned Oak leaves flip over in the breeze. If we are looking, we learn about a God who created it all. Psalms 19:1 says, “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.” Experiencing nature is also experiencing God.

**Adventure** – It is getting to try and experience new things that aren't a part of everyday life, and that may push us further than we would normally go. This can increase confidence and a sense of accomplishment. Where else can you play zombie tag with 100 other people? The Christian life is rife with adventure. The disciples went with Jesus on a three-year camping trip. Look how they turned out! We never know where God will take us and what He will ask of us. He calls us to adventure with statements like “Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men,” “Take up our cross daily and follow me.” “Go make disciples of all nations,” and be “His ambassadors.”

**Community** – Don't we all long for it? A place where you can be the real you, quirks and all. A place where everyone knows your name and you feel like you belong! Camp is a place of temporary community and a wonderful shared experience. The early church in Acts 2 would meet together, eat together, pray and praise together, and share. Psalms 133:1 says, “How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!”

**Exercise** – We all need to get out and move around. It does not happen enough for most. Camp is a place for the mind, body, and soul. 1 Timothy does say, “physical training is of some value;” and 1 Corinthians 6 says, “our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit.”

**Friendship** – Camp is a place where life-long friends are made. Many people's best friends are their camp friends. There is something to be said about the intensity of shared experiences and how they bring people together. As scripture has said, “iron sharpens iron”, the friendships at camp are to help build each other up and to encourage each other.

**Mentors** – What a great place for trained leaders teaching the younger ones about life and how to follow the Lord. Titus 2 shows us this model in the Bible.

**Meeting place with God** – Camp is a place to come and meet with God. Many long for that every year. It can happen anywhere, but camp is intentionally opening the door for it. He doesn't speak any louder at camp, but there are a lot fewer distractions that hinder us from hearing Him. Luke 5 tells us that even Jesus went away into the wilderness to pray and meet with God.

**Changed Lives** – Ultimately, the most important reason for camp is that it is a place set aside specifically for life change. 1 Corinthians 5:17 says, “that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.” This isn't just a 1-time experience, but an ongoing experience of change into a new person because of Jesus working in our lives! Camp is a place of growth, personally and spiritually. Colossians 2:6,7 talks about being rooted, built up, and established in faith. The kind of place that fosters that change is what we want to always be.

### Wish List

- Misc. Dewalt tools and batteries
- Dewalt 7 1/4 circular saw
- Dewalt 60v batteries and charger
- Good single, twin, & queen mattresses
- Heavy Brush cutter
- Full-size Side-by-Side

## Prayer Requests

- Pray that God lays the groundwork for a great work in the lives of campers and staff.
- Pray that we find the rest of our staff.
- Pray for protection from our lake flooding.
- Pray for volunteers to help get camp ready and get projects done this Spring!
- Pray for many campers to attend camp this year!

## Praises

- Praise God for Jesus as we celebrate Easter.
- Praise God for a tremendous Giving Hearts Day.
- Praise God for over half our staff hired so far.
- Praise God for getting us through the winter.
- Praise God for many opportunities to speak to Churches and kids this Winter/Spring.
- Praise God in advance for transformed lives!



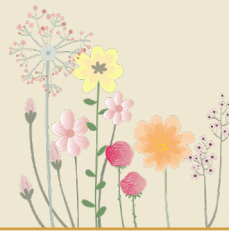
# All Things CAMP!

## Postcard and Dates

You will have received your post cards in regards to camp already! I know it is a bit of a new process with the QR Code and all. All our information is on our website: [www.fahocha.org](http://www.fahocha.org) We also post a lot of information on our Facebook page – Fahocha Bible Camp.

Our camp dates are:

- June 14 - 19 - Super Varsity Camp (entering or completed 9-12th)
- June 21 - 26 - Middler Camp 1 (10-12 yr. olds)
- June 28 - 30 - Beginner Camp 1 (8-10 yr. olds)
- July 5 - 10 - Jr. High Camp (12-14 yr. olds)
- July 12 - 17 - Middler Camp 2 (10-12 yr. olds)
- July 19 - 22 - Beginner Camp 2 (8-10 yr. olds)



## Bring-A-Friend DEAL

We are excited to highlight our bring-a-friend deal for camp! Here is how it works: You must have been a previous camper at FaHoCha. You have invited a new camper to FaHoCha, and they are going to be there your same week. You must request this at the registration table on the first day of your week of camp. You and the new camper would receive the same credit to be used for the snack shack. The credit is **\$25** for all camps except for Beginner Camps. For Beginner Camps, the credit is **\$15**. This is also for each new camper that you bring! So, bring those newbies to have the same great experiences as you/your campers!

## Staff

We are working on rounding out our staff for the summer season. This includes both All-Summer, paid staff and volunteers. As a former summer-staffer myself, camp was a great place to learn and grow in discipleship, personal skills, and ministry skills. Many leaders have been developed in the camp setting, myself included. It is a great place for a volunteer to serve the Lord in a shorter time capacity than staff, but still be a part of the ministry.

If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested, please let us know. We would be happy to go through the application process.

### Volunteer Positions still available:

- Jr. Counselors (2nd counselor in cabin)
- Kitchen staff
- Maintenance
- Nurses / EMT

### All-Summer paid positions still available:

- Female Sr. Counselor (lead counselor in the cabin)
- Male Sr. Counselor (lead counselor in the cabin)
- Sanitation (bathroom cleaner)
- A/V Technician (Sound booth, Pics and videos)



## How Can I Help?

As you can imagine, the grocery and supply bill for camp can get pretty high. If you feel led to be a part in this way, some of the things that we could really use are:

- **Pork** – ground, sausage, ham, roast
- **Beef** – 5 lb. packages of burger if possible
- **Dry goods** – oatmeal, flour, powdered sugar, brown sugar
- **Pastas** – any
- **#10 canned goods** – vegetables, beans, fruit
- **Paper products** – roll towels, toilet paper

## Giving Hearts Day

We had a fantastic Giving Hearts Day campaign this year! We are so thankful for the record number of people who were a part of it! It was our first year of doing an open house at our office in Devils Lake. We offered delicious sugar cookies and had our special camp hot chocolate mix. Laurie Morstad, of Hampden, won the drawing for our campy-themed gift basket. Also, for the first time we sent out Giving Hearts Day postcards to our entire mailing list.

Last Fall, we set the goal to raise \$150,000 total for the Giving Hearts Day event. Which, at the time, felt like a pretty lofty goal. As it turns out, with a late entry of \$4,000 beyond what we initially posted on Facebook, we raised over **\$141,000**. Yes, not quite our goal, but it was far and above any previous year. The GHD campaign is tied to our 75<sup>th</sup> Initiative, which began in 2022 to celebrate our 75 years of camps. This initiative is a vision to expand beyond the facilities' limited space and to minister to more campers and staff than ever before. To all those who gave and prayed, thank you again for your generosity! May you be blessed!

## Work Days

Everyone is welcome to be a part of our Spring work days! Noon meals will be provided! These times are very important to get the camp up and ready. We could not do it without our Spring volunteers. There are indoor and outdoor, skilled and unskilled, and male and female-centric projects.

We are trying a new thing this year! We will be hosting a work week at camp, as well as some Saturday work days. Call ahead if you can and let us know you are coming. You can see if you should bring anything, and then know the projects that we will be working. We will also be listing projects on our Facebook page & website for each week ahead of time. If you are available on any of the dates listed, we would love to have you come and be a part. Come with a friend, even! You will be a blessing to us, and we pray that you will be blessed for serving!

### Saturdays and the work week:

- April 25
- May 2
- No workday on May 9
- May 16
- May 18-23

## Building Projects

Since the inception of our 75<sup>th</sup> Initiative in 2022, we have built a shop (Phase 1 at 95%), and we have converted the old shop into a game room/snack shack/patio (Phase 2 at 90%). We are now onto finishing touches in Phases 1 & 2, and beginning the office addition, which is Phase 3. Phase 4 is the Chapel. This will give us the capacity for more campers because we will expand dining into the old Chapel. This solves the two space-limiting areas with one build. Pray for resources and volunteers to continue to follow the vision we feel the Lord has laid on our hearts!

## Gift Given By In Memory Of

Varen Herman	Bonnie Herman
Karen Tiradani	Bonnie Herman
Richard Liechty	Bonnie Herman
Kermit & Yvette Paulson	Bonnie Herman
Janell Barger	Bonnie Herman
Lisa Hale	Bonnie Herman
Steve & Mary Bracken	Bonnie Herman
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Smile Quest	Bonnie Herman
David Klein	Bonnie Herman
David Klein	Charlie Kirk
David Klein	Jean Hoffman
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Dave & Pat Fix	Bonnie Herman
Peter & Pamela Jerome	Bonnie Herman
David & Lori Kosmatka	Bonnie Herman
Lorraine Carlson	Bonnie Herman
Steven Hallstrom	Bonnie Herman
Ross & Colleen Anderson	Bonnie Herman
Dwayne Herman	Bonnie Herman
Kevin & Renae Larson	Bonnie Herman
Si & Martha Liechty	Bonnie Herman
Shari Timms	Bonnie Herman
Jane Pankratz	Bonnie Herman
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Paulette Frith	Bonnie Herman
Clarice Liechty	Bonnie Herman
Robert & Denise Blegen	Bonnie Herman
Don & Marla Barsness	Jean Hoffman
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Janet Randle	Bonnie Herman
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Dan & Janet Harrington	Jake & Florence Arens
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Jane Pankratz	Evonne Rouse
Edair Teubner	Lyle Long

## Gifts To Honor

Eric & Larisa Netterlund	Jeff & Theresa Deckert
Diana Tveit	Ebenezer FLC Kids
Jacob Bartels	The Bartels Families
Jacob Bartels	The Durham Family

## Board Members - Signing On and Off

We are sad to see Dennis Gleason reach his full term on the FaHoCha Board of Directors. Dennis and Gleason Construction has been an integral part of the building phase that we are in at the camp. I am sure he will be no stranger, still, in the ongoing projects. He was also our acting President at the end of his term. We are so thankful for our Board Members, and to Dennis and his wife Dinah, for their service and sacrifice to the ministry.

Along the same note, we are very excited to have two new Board Members joining us. One being, Jordan Backstrom, who will be returning to serve out Darrin Cox's term. He is a former camper, camp staff, and Board President. He will help us work out any kinks (his business is Backstrom Physical Therapy). He and his wife, Heidi, and their children reside in rural Rugby.

Also, Tim Gleason will be joining us as a first-time Board Member. He is the driving force of Gleason Companies. Tim has been a camper and volunteer counselor in the past. He has a keen sense of ministry and business. He, his wife Allie, and their child recently returned to the Devils Lake area.

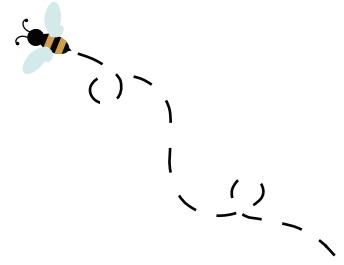


### Board Members

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