



## Updates – July 2021

### Summer Season 2021

We have had a great beginning to our summer season this past month. We welcomed 25 summer staff members; 22 are first time staff members.

Check out our [website](#) for more details regarding “*New Creation*” – our Summer 2021 Camps. A promotional video is available for you to share on a Sunday morning in your church – it is only one minute and 45 seconds long.

At the end of this update are two flyers you can use to promote our summer activities. We still have room for both family camps and our family get-a-way weekends. Give us a call!

### Decisions for Christ

We have had six (6) first-time decisions and seven (7) recommitments to follow Christ already this summer. Praise the Lord!

A quick story – One staffer shared that a girl in her cabin came because her mom told her she had to come to camp this summer. The girl shared the first day with her counselor that she really did not need this religious stuff that her parents talk about. On the last morning of the week just before breakfast, the camper came to the counselor and said – I am glad I did come this week. I recommitted my life to following Jesus. The counselor said that after the camper left, she burst into tears of joy that our Lord spoke to this camper and for her response to His leading – too cool!

### Volunteering for Summer 2021

We are looking for individuals aged 14 to 100 to help us this summer. We have lots of areas that someone can help us with that will make our summer camper’s experience even better. If interested, go to our website or contact Jared at either [jared@bigsandycamp.org](mailto:jared@bigsandycamp.org) or call him at (218) 460-7960.

### The Dining Room has Air Conditioning

**THANK YOU** to so many of you and your church family for supporting our furnace replacement in Lakeview Lodge. As mentioned in past updates – we were able to add

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air conditioning to the new furnaces in Lakeview. This now gives us AC and heating in the dining room, serving area, and the upstairs, west wing of Lakeview Lodge. Thank you!

## Facilities Available for Retreats

As you consider small group gatherings, board retreats, small group retreats, etc.; please consider Big Sandy Camp. We can do food service; however, this may be limited based upon staffing needs. Rates vary based upon building and food service usage.

Our *Voyager Lodge* is now available for a group of 12 to 14 that is self-sufficient – lodging, bathrooms, showers, meeting space and a full kitchen. You can hold a small group meeting here and prepare your own meals.

Our *Bald Eagle cabin* is available to C&MA pastors and international workers for “quiet retreats”. We supply the cabin, sheets, towels, and Internet for \$35 for the first two people, per night. We have an additional charge of \$35 for the next two people up to a maximum of \$105 per night for six people.

We have reconfigured *Pine Needle Lodge* for either a “quiet retreat” or small group gathering. This can sleep up to eight people with two full kitchens and two bathrooms. Rates vary based upon usage.

Contact us at (218) 426-3389 if you are interested in using any of our facilities.

## Food Services Director

We are looking for a full-time, ServSafe certified, food services director to work here at Big Sandy Camp. If you are interested or know someone that may be, please have them send their resume to [doug@bigsandycamp.org](mailto:doug@bigsandycamp.org).

## Welcome Josh & Jo Jirasek

We want to welcome Josh & Jo Jirasek to the full-time staff here at Big Sandy Camp. Josh is our facilities director. Josh & Jo have two daughters. They began their ministry here on July 1.

If you are interested in volunteering or have a crew that want to volunteer some time to help us with tasks related to our facilities, please contact [josh@bigsandycamp.org](mailto:josh@bigsandycamp.org).



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## THANK YOU!

Thank you for your prayers and financial support of the ministry of Big Sandy Camp! We appreciate your faithful support!



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