

Big Sandy camp



November 2021

Dear friends of Big Sandy Camp,

We are grateful for the generosity of people like you that support the ministry of Big Sandy Camp. We continue to see the Lord providing for the needs of the ministry along with weekly guest utilizing the facilities.

Touching Hearts and Changing Lives

The Lord continues to “touch hearts and change lives” as children, youth, and adults come to these grounds. We rejoice with our Lord in the 28 first-time and 57 rededication decisions that were made this past summer. Praise the Lord!

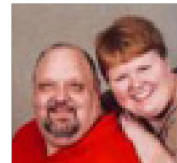
Loon Lodge Roof

Thank you to so many folks that helped us raise over \$13,000 to pay for the materials to re-roof Loon Lodge. We had originally started out with an estimate from a contractor to do the work for \$40,000. With the help of volunteers Brian Hill, Terry & Val Huffman, Scott Pampy, and our full-time staff members, the work was completed in late September.

Welcome to our New Staff Members



We welcome Katie Bazant as our new office manager/guest services coordinator here at Big Sandy Camp. Katie brings experience with customer service and love for the ministry to her role. Katie joined the full-time staff the first of September. Welcome Katie! We also welcome Theresa Eitel as our new food service director the first of October. She and her husband Paul have loved their move to northern Minnesota. Theresa brings a warm and friendly face to one of our very important roles here at Big Sandy Camp – keeping everyone fed! Welcome Theresa!



Enhancing Trust

Projects for Your Consideration

As we approach the end of 2021, would you consider the following capital projects we have identified?

1 – Our Zipline



Over the past 18 months we have not been utilizing our zipline due to the number of staff needed to operate this activity. We have met with our consultant and came up with a plan that will reduce our staff requirements to just two certified staff for us to operate this on a regular basis. We plan to add an additional element to the zipline (a bridge like the one pictured) along with reconfiguring how individuals exit the activity; what's called a "center off load position". Our estimated cost for this project is \$15,000.

2 – Our Kitchen

Almost every person that comes to Big Sandy Camp enjoys a meal that is prepared by our staff in the kitchen. We need the right equipment and enough equipment to continue to prepare these meals. We would like to downsize our stove capacity and increase our oven capacity along with installing vented hoods for our ovens. This will include the purchase of a new double stack convection oven unit, a new stove/convection oven combination unit and two condensing hood units. Some electrical hook ups will be needed as well. Our estimated cost for this project is \$20,000.

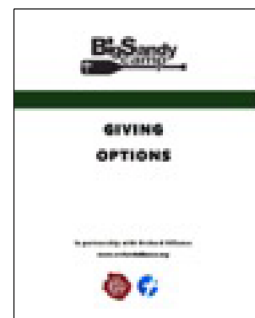


3 – Our Staff Houses

Two of our staff houses need windows, exterior wrap, insulation, and siding; either new, repaired, and/or replacement. These do not have a direct impact of our guests; however, keeping our staff members' homes in good order and repair does help us minister to our guests. Our estimated cost for this project is \$40,000.

Giving Options Guide

In partnership with Orchard Alliance, we have a "Giving Options" guide available on our website www.bigsandycamp.org/support that give some ideas of how you can make a gift to Big Sandy Camp. For example, we have received four gifts during 2021 from donors that gave from their individual retirement account (IRA). We are happy to connect with you if you have questions related to this guide. Call us at (218) 460-7959 or email doug@bigsandycamp.org.



We Value Your Support

Your support of the ministry of Big Sandy Camp will help us fund and complete the three projects we listed in this letter. Thank you for considering these projects as you look at giving here at the end of 2021. Please go online to our website at www.bigsandycamp.org/donate and let us know how you would like your gift allocated.

Sincerely,

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