

Modern Cabins

Celebrate with us as we complete the first full summer with our 6 new cabins on the girls' side! Each cabin, named after a native tree (Maple, White Oak, Beech, Black Cherry, White Pine, Hickory) is trimmed in that tree's wood and has that tree growing in front of it.

We are hoping that with the addition of these beautiful cabins, families will take advantage of vacationing at Friedenswald any time of

year. We are in the process of getting portable fire pits and Camp will also provide grills for your own cooking and ice for your coolers. Come and camp in the *peaceful woods* with your family!

Now it's time to think about building new cabins on the boys' side. Please consider donating funds individually or as a family in honor of or as a memorial to a loved one. Please contact Justin Weaver with questions.

"What a delight to stay in one of the new cabins-- especially after staying in the old cabins many nights as a cabin counselor. "

"This is a great place for a family vacation and the new cabins are perfect for a family!"



Creative Giving through Mennonite Foundation

Are you looking for guaranteed income for life? Do you want to save on taxes? Consider a gift annuity. Why? Because a gift annuity is a great way to support your favorite charities – while helping to secure your future.

If you have a traditional IRA, you already know it can be a powerful tool for accumulating tax-deferred savings. But did you know that by donating it to charity at your death, your heirs can avoid paying estate and income taxes that would be due? And you can divide your gift among as many charities or beneficiaries as you like.

Many people who own stocks or shares in mutual

funds have watched the value of their investments increase. But now they face a problem – how to turn their investments into cash without losing a large portion of their gains to taxes. One answer is to donate all – or a portion – of your investment to charity.

Farming presents special opportunities to donate to charity and reduce your taxes. You can give gifts of grain, livestock – even honey. Not only do the charities of your choice benefit, but you can deduct the cost of production and you may qualify for other tax benefits as well.

Call Mennonite Foundation for more information on these and other options.

Business Buzz

Camp Friedenswald is providing a unique experience for businesses interested in a refreshing meeting experience. Our uniqueness is attributed to the beautiful natural surrounding and development potential for individuals and groups. We

can facilitate classroom or outdoor challenges to help focus your group and we will set-up your meeting space to meet your needs and provide you with your desired technology. Call to talk to us about what we can do for your company.

Good Search

What if Camp Friedenswald earned a penny every time you searched the internet? It can! GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half of its advertising revenue (about a penny per search) to the charities its users designate. Use it just

as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo and watch the donations add up! Just go to GoodSearch.com and be sure to enter Camp Friedenswald as the charity you want to support. Don't forget to spread the word!

A Typical Day

By Dale Way, Maintenance Assistant

On a typical day as I walk to work, the sun is shining with the first rays warming the mist rising from the fen. A gentle wind is rustling in the trees. In the quietness a frog sings a one-note melody. Perhaps I will see a blue heron, majestic, as it stands tall and still. Or maybe a swan swimming gracefully. There are always the ducks and geese noisily greeting the day.

On a typical day, if I am lucky, I will see a fox quickly darting across the road or a deer bounding through the woods. Almost every day, I will see a butterfly with a quick flutter of color, here and gone in an instant. I will see more rabbits, squir-

rels, chipmunks, and raccoons than I can count. Everywhere I look will be a postcard picture filled with trees, plants and wildflowers. Sometimes Brad will identify a plant for me and tell me of some facts about it.

On a typical day as I travel about the grounds, I will see smiles and hear laughter as I view energetic campers scurrying from one activity to another. I will greet other staff members with a cheery hello and we will share a bit of silly banter. During this typical day, I will enjoy a meal of Ellie's delicious cooking. Afterwards, I will thank those who will wash the dishes that day. At the end of my

typical day, I will reflect on the beauty, wonder, joy of the day. Oh, yeah, during that typical day I will squeeze in some fix-up, do plumbing repairs, something electrical, some mowing, and maybe some painting. Whatever is needed to complete a list of jobs to keep Camp Friedenswald a beautiful place.

As I think back upon all my typical days at Camp Friedenswald, what do you think I choose to remember?

If you would like to know more about that other stuff I do at camp, email me: dale@friedenswald.org.



Dale Way

Wish List

Electric Skillets
Household Refrigerator
Aluminum Canoes
Candle Wax (old candles)
Ping Pong Paddles
Truck Tire Inner Tubes

Staff Tidbits

► A very special thank you and many good wishes go to the Hickman family: Matt, Deb, Makyla and Laneigh. Matt has accepted a position as an Associate Pastor at Mennonite Church of Normal in Normal, IL. We will miss you and greatly appreciate your time of service as Guest Group Hosts!

► Colin & Gavin Rusel and

Jody, Aubrey & Jacqueline Kelley-Cogdell performed in the musical *Sensical* at the Elco Theatre in Elkhart, IN, on August 1-3.

► Jon Carver, a recently retired teacher from Lima, OH, spent his second summer here as a maintenance volunteer.

► We currently have 3 staff "kids" at college. Aubrey

Kelley-Cogdell is a junior studying mechanical engineering at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania. Brittany Smith is a sophomore at Central Michigan University studying natural resources. Christine Amstutz is a freshman at Bluffton University in Ohio and is working on social work and Spanish degrees.



Deb & Matt Hickman



Jon Carver