



2006 Camp Season Recap

Numbers can be an adequate barometer when trying to reflect on a summer camp season. Far more significant, however, are the testimonials of lives impacted for eternity, such as the following e-mail received from the parent of a 15-year-old first-time, out-of-state Nathanael camper...

I just want to personally thank you for making such a huge difference in my son. I have never known him to be more passionate or excited about anything as he was during our cell phone conversation the weekend in between his two weeks at Nathanael (first on Freshman Work Crew, then as a camper). He felt appreciated, loved, accepted and valued -- and of course had the time of his life. He was also able to begin to articulate his spiritual beliefs in a way I haven't previously heard from him before. Thank you for creating such a nurturing and joyous place for boys. It is hard to learn how to be a man these days without projecting the worldliness that surrounds our boys through media and peer influences. Andy hopes to return to camp next summer!

Two weeks later, when the mom was contacted, she eagerly said that her son has since joined the youth leadership board at their church, is anxious about getting everyone to church "on time" Sunday mornings, and talks more openly about his faith. "Before, he was always a follower," Anne continued. "Now, it's his turn to lead others."

At a recent international church leadership conference, the overriding message involved the critical importance of instilling Biblical truths and leadership traits into younger men, not only by pumping God's word into them but by surrounding them with positive, godly role models in an active, learning environment. It's the challenge God gives us in 2 Timothy 2:2 and in the second chapter of Titus. And it's what Camp Nathanael has been called to do since its inception.

Unquestionably, God continues to bless Nathanael in countless ways ... 658 campers this summer, the most in our 45-year history ... 18 boys accepting Christ as their personal Savior ... 106 boys staying after evening campfire, seeking personal or spiritual counsel ... 164 men and boys attending father-son camp (another record). Praise God for providing the funds and manpower this past spring to build a new cabin (Makwa) to accommodate the additional campers He brought to us this summer. God's ongoing grace and His goodness is truly amazing.

Camp Nathanael News

Fall 2006

What's Happening

Work Days – The Fall 2006 Work and Fellowship Days schedule has been set. Σ Saturdays, September 23, and October 7 and 21. There are many indoor and outdoor projects to do including mowing, painting, brush removal, repair, cleaning, and much more.

Join the fun and bring the entire family for a day of service!

Please contact Jim Schroeder at 612-685-4448 or Doug Hoglund at 952-237-0537 to sign up for any of the above dates.

Lunch and hot beverages will be provided.



Dean's Corner

The Lord has blessed us with adequate finances at the right time. For this we give thanks. In the many years that Camp Nathanael has been operating, we have developed many friends. You have been faithful in your support.

We completed a new cabin this year and added a new maintenance vehicle. Both of these were partially funded by special gifts. Your gifts enabled us to complete paying for these additions. We spent other funds to bring the camp kitchen up to health standards. From now through the fiscal year end in November we will need approximately \$11,000 to stay in the black. Keep giving and praying that we can meet this goal.

Send your gifts to MN Brigade Camping Association, 6736 Regent Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55429. All gifts are tax deductible. For questions, call Dean at 612-386-8395.

Camp Nathanael Reflections



This issue features reflections from Doug Hoglund, Board Director, on the subject of plans for a new Dining Hall. Doug, his wife Barb, and their three sons live in Burnsville and attend Berean Baptist Church.

Build or Remodel? Board of Directors update on the future of the Dining Hall.

Have you peeked in the kitchen, dishroom, or pantry on a visit to Camp in the last few years? If so, you likely observed that our Dining Hall facilities are in dire need of updating. After 40+ years of serving campers and staff, it's time for much needed improvement and upgrading of our dining hall and kitchen facilities.

Camp Nathanael's Board of Directors has been prayerfully considering God's leading in this area for several years. After careful investigation of the pros and cons regarding renovation of our current Dining Hall, it is clear that the Lord is leading us to new construction. Therefore, previous plans to expand and upgrade the current dining area and kitchen have been replaced with a plan to build a new Dining Hall. The new Dining Hall is being designed to meet all current health and safety codes as well as provide expanded dining and kitchen facilities to meet the needs of Camp in the coming years.

Once the new Dining Hall is in place, the current dining hall space will continue to be used for nightly campfires and other indoor activities. The new Dining Hall is the latest of multiple renovation and new construction projects on the grounds of Camp Nathanael. The Washhouse was completed in 1999, the Dakota Cabin was rebuilt in 2001, the new Nurse's cabin was completed in 2003, the Canteen/Picnic Shelter was completed in 2005, and the Makwa Cabin was added in 2006. In addition, a new stove, double refrigerator, pantry shelving, and other kitchen upgrades have been recently added and will be transitioned for use in the new facility. Those of you who have visited camp in the past few years are keenly aware of how these projects have enhanced our ability to serve Camp Nathanael's mission: "To Win and Train Boys for Christ." It is to this end that we look to those who support Camp both financially and prayerfully as the new Dining Hall is by far the largest project we have undertaken since Camp was founded in 1962.

As good stewards of our finances, the Board of Directors will take steps to break ground on the Dining Hall only after sufficient funds are in place to guarantee completion of the project. All of the recent renovation and construction projects were fully paid for prior to completion, and it is the intent of the Board to continue faithful stewardship. Therefore, as the Board finalizes the plans for the new Dining Hall and determines the associated costs, please prayerfully consider how you will be able to help. Volunteer labor as well as significant financial support will be necessary to ensure the success of the project. Future updates from the Board will outline the financial needs for the Dining Hall and the associated timeline for construction. We look forward to partnering with you!

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