

GILEAD GAZETTE

2021 CAMP GILEAD 2021

SUMMER 2021 NUMBERS REPORT

1 WEEK OF STAFF TRAINING
6 WEEKS OF DAY CAMP
633 DAY CAMPERS
1 WEEK OF FAMILY CAMP
140 FAMILY CAMPERS
60 SUMMER STAFFERS
24 CAMPERS PRAYED WITH A
CAMP STAFFER FOR SALVATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mother Daughter Retreat

October 1-2, & 8-9

Father & Son Adventure Weekend

November 5-6

NEWSLETTER NOOK

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SUMMER SPEAKERS

JIM MAILLOUX
TIM COUNTS
TOM RUHLMAN
PHIL PERRY
CURT JONES
JOSH PAGEL
STEVE IMHOFF
KIYLE DECKER
JOHN LAFFERTY

Summer 2021 Theme "ALL ABOARD"

We spent the summer building on a train theme, journeying through the life of Christ. Each day in chapel, Gus & Gwen of Gilead (our resident puppets!) took us on the Glory Train to a different episode of the life of Christ, as we learned how Jesus healed, served under great stress and personal tragedy, and did what no other man has ever done - because He was both God & man!

SUMMER THEMES

2019: The Beginning

Birth of Jesus - Christmas

2020-2021: All Aboard

Jesus' Life & Ministry

**2022:
ANNOUNCEMENT
COMING!!!**

STAFF FEATURE

Raunwyn Cotogna - 2021 Program Staff

Camp Gilead has been a part of my life since 2007, when I first came as a camper. Every summer, God uses my time at Camp Gilead to grow and shape me in ways I don't always ask for, but always cherish. As a camper, every week at camp deepened the relationship with God that I sought out the rest of the year. Camp served as a reminder that God was much nearer and much more involved in my life than I ever gave Him credit for. As a staff member, I experienced being challenged in a way I never had anywhere else. The years spent as a camper developing relationships with those at camp, created an environment where I was allowed to fail safely. The love of Christ, shared by those around me, allowed me to ask questions that solidified truth in my heart. Being on staff, I have experienced a beautiful mix of being poured into by friends and being pushed and challenged by mentors. It has always amazed me how often my relationships at camp become both mentorships and friendships.



The past two years have been unlike anything Gilead has ever experienced. As different as summer 2020 and 2021 were from previous years at Gilead, they still carry a consistency within them that I did not expect them to. In 2020, we were devastated to say goodbye to a summer. To be hired and to not work that year was something that the staff needed to mourn, and we did so in community, not in isolation. Weekly zoom meetings carried me through that summer. It was such a joy to log on and see familiar smiles I hadn't seen in over a year. The next year, I was finally able to see those smiles without the barrier of screen. In summer 2021, we took on something that had never been done in Gilead history: we put resident camp on pause and set out to offer day camp to kindergarten through 8th graders. When the program staff first sat down to plan this summer, we had to re-imagine rituals and routines that had not changed in many years. Some traditions were set aside for the resident camp experience while new traditions were being thought up for the first time.

We had a unique staff dynamic; we had veterans and rookies and we had teenagers and young adults in the same positions, yet in a way, we were all doing this for the first time. I cannot express enough how blessed I was by this year's staff. They truly embodied the "All Aboard" mentality as they led campers through their day and as they engaged in staff evening activities. They carried tremendous flexibility and humility into every situation, whether it be tug-of-war, or leading a camper to Christ. The staff of 2021 were used to fulfill God's purpose for the ministry of Camp Gilead. I will always remember this summer as one unlike any other and it has been a joy to participate in this small chapter of God's story.



STAFF FEATURE

Noah Mallory - 2021 Camp Counselor

This last summer I had the opportunity to work on staff at Camp Gilead. I just can't fully explain how much this summer meant to me, but I definitely will try to tell you. It all started before the staff were even here. I was ready to be a high school camper for one last year. I was looking forward to it. I hadn't been a camper in a full year. Now that we were having camp, I was on edge and I couldn't wait. That was until... A month before camp, my mom (the program director) said that high school camp probably wasn't going to happen. I was torn in every direction possible. My last summer was stolen from my grip. My mom suggested, "What do you think about working on staff?" I said I would, but in my heart, all I wanted to do was watch from afar. I was mad at lots of different things, but I did the only reasonable thing and went to God with my problem. He led me to Ecclesiastes where I was able to see that not all things on this world are going to be here for eternity and we need to let some things go. So, I looked toward the summer with a new goal and that was to serve these kids who didn't have camp taken from them.

That summer I was partnered with many different staffers, but as a whole, I was able to closely knit a bond with those around me, while helping my campers have the best week of their lives. It wasn't me that made it their best week, it was the entire staff as a team. I watched campers try things they had never done before. Sometimes it was doing a flip off the diving board, other times it was trying a food they had never tasted. Whatever it was, we as a staff could see that our campers were having fun, away from screens and many times, out of their comfort zone. They were experiencing something that had a deeper meaning and purpose, maybe even more excitement than getting that new Xbox!



I personally can say that this summer for me was not at all what I expected. I was able to bond and make good friendships with people I thought were "too cool" for me. These relationships that are made at camp, are the most intentional and lifelong friends. To top it all off, and I don't say this much, that we all care about each other and want to support each other. All in all, this summer (the summer of uncertainty) changed my life forever.

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CANVA STORIES

2021 SUMMER STAFF

Andrew & Andrea Anderson, Elizabeth Anderson, Hannah Anderson, Evan Arbogast, Alivia Badgely, Anna Badgely, Emily Bird, Garrett Bird, Maddie Bird, Sammie Bird, Stephanie Bird, Jaine Christ, Priscilla Cody, Sarah Cook, Raunwyn Cotogna, Jared Decker, Kelsie Decker, Andy Denny, Cameron Docter, Simon Engen, Sonja Engen, Paige Gerrard, Anson Gustafson, Ethan Gustafson, Carly Hall, Milt & Barb Herd, Anna Hinman, Clara Hughs, Lyle Hughs, Jazmin Jones, Barbara Johnston, Daniel Johnston, Ellie Justus, Hailey Keller, Michelle Keller, Kathleen Kelly, William Kelly, Ashley Knudsen, John Lafferty, Molly LaRue, Beth Lucas, Isabel Lucas, Olivia Lucas, Brendan Mailloux, Josh & Kimberly Mallory, Josiah Mallory, Judah Mallory, Luke Mallory, Noah Mallory, Reuben Mallory, Aubrey Mayer, Jeremiah McKinney, Joey McKinney, Jack & Sara Moyer, Shelby Moyer, Matt Moyer, Kylie Phipps, Jabin Setzer, Johnny Setzer, Maria Shaffer, Adam Smith, April Smith, Jessica Soares, Dayne Tuohimaa, Wyatt Tuohimaa, Jordan Weber, Sarah Weber

MOTHER DAUGHTER RETREATS

October 1 - 2 * Speaker Sue Tucker,
with daughters, Krissy & Danielle

October 8 - 9 * Speaker Rachel Fink

Activities include: cookie decorating,
crafts, manicures/pedicures, jewelry
making, nature walks, chick flick, train
rides, and more!

Register ONLINE * www.campgilead.org



2ND ANNUAL FATHER SON ADVENTURE WEEKEND

Speaker: Kyle Decker

Lots of activities, time outdoors in Creation,
good food & great friends!

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Sweatshirts, Summer T-shirts now
available Waterbottles, Tubies,
Masks, Shop online!

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CAMP GILEAD HISTORY - A LOOK BACK

Story of the Chapel

"Over here," said The Rev. Mr. Johnson, leading the way on foot... "is our chapel! We're mighty proud of this." Indeed he should be, because the 50 X 38 foot building, low and rambling, stood on a bend in the river. The roof of the rustic lodge was made of hand split cedar shakes taken from the land. A walkway under wide, protruding eaves was made of "watermelon" slices of cedar, pieced and fitted together. The inside floor was made of cement. Sand and gravel had been hauled from the nearby riverbed. Overhead beams had come from a dismantled bridge; cobblestones in a huge fireplace from a torn up Seattle street. Windows about three sides stood head high. Background for the pulpit, made from a cedar log, was a wall covered ceiling high with green boughs. "As it stands," remarked The Rev. Mr. Johnson, "the chapel represents \$8,000 or \$9,000. By doing the work ourselves, using such things as these 10 overhead wagon wheels for lights, the total cost has been little more than \$500."

A most memorable feature in the chapel was that huge cobblestone fireplace and hearth. As the building aged and the fireplace began to crumble, it was removed and replaced by a wood-burning stove. The cobblestones were again recycled and can be seen in the pillars on either side of the gate, near the dining hall, built by Virgil Vater.



This building remains the central meeting point for almost every retreat, camp and conference held at Camp Gilead. A few other changes have been made, but it is essentially the same. While campers used to enter on the side of the chapel, they now enter through two sets of double doors at the back. A covered patio provides shelter during the wet Washington days. The cement floor is now carpeted and the single-paned windows have been replaced with sliding storm windows. One thing that has not changed is the fact that this is the place where campers do business with God. The gospel is preached and God's Word is central to the ministry at Camp Gilead. The lives that have been impacted for eternity in this building are far too many to count.

WISH LIST

- Archery Tag Equipment
- New Gutterball Tables
- Arts & Crafts Supplies
- Disc Golf
- Lighting for the Victory Circle
- Dump Bed Truck
- Enclosed Trailer for Carnival Games
- Mobile Climbing Wall Climbing Holds
- New Playground Equipment/Structure
- Dining Hall Carpet
- Lower Cabins Flooring
- Boom Truck
- PEX Piping (Lower & Upper Restrooms)

FULL TIME STAFF

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Jack L. Moyer

Registrar:

Sara Moyer

Program Director:

Kimberly Mallory

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Stephanie Bird

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