

NEWS FROM ARROWHEAD

April 2012

THE RHYTHM OF SPRINGTIME

The other day it struck me that the spring time rhythms of camp life have some parallels to the celebration of Easter. Our winter retreat season has come to a close and we are beginning to work on projects in preparation for summer. Like Good Friday, camp is relatively quiet this time of year. However, there is a lot going on behind scenes. With great anticipation, we are diligently working and waiting for the first day camp to arrive... to celebrate what has been done and enjoy sharing camp life together. It is exciting to know that during this quiet time at camp, everything will come together for a fantastic summer of ministry. And what a blessing, that the sorrow, pain, waiting, anticipating and victorious celebration of Easter is the very reason for the upcoming summer of ministry here at camp!

Behind the Scenes

The new home run fence is in place and looks sharp! It is a great combination of excitement, aesthetics and safety; and it will be one of the big "Wows" for the campers this summer. One of the other big "Wows" this summer is the complete interior renovation of our camper bathhouse. We have a great group of volunteers who have dedicated themselves to giving our campers a comfortable and inviting new bathhouse.

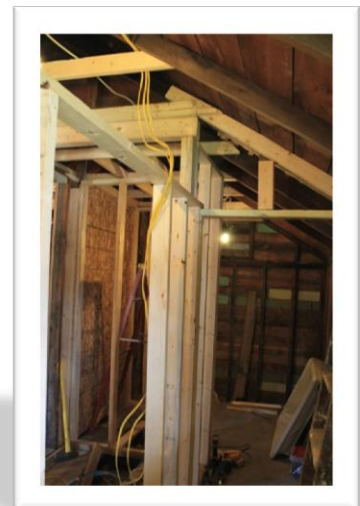


Even Further Behind the Scenes

We are also renovating the interior of our staff bathhouse. My enthusiasm for this project will pale in comparison to the excitement of the staff who will have a brand new space that takes care of them as they spend the summer taking care of our campers.

Really Far Behind the Scenes

We have two more projects this spring that will have a huge impact but will go almost unnoticed. We have another volunteer work crew coming in to help us replace the roof of the maintenance building. A roof seems like a fairly unimportant thing but the equipment and supplies under that roof are a vital part of how we keep camp running smooth and looking nice. The other project is the replacement of our hot water boiler. Besides the upcoming need for a new boiler, we have developed a plan that will make our hot water production more energy efficient and extend the life of the equipment. I may be the only one excited about a new boiler, but that is okay because I am glad that the staff and campers will not have to find out what it would mean not to have hot water this summer.



Celebrating 50 Years (1952 – 2012)

This summer marks the 50th anniversary of Shepherds Camp! It is a great blessing to share such a milestone this summer with our campers, staff, volunteers and James Project groups. Our 50th has also become a great time to connect with Arrowhead Alumni. Looking back at the last 50 years has us excited for the next 50 years of serving adults with developmental disabilities.



Connect with us and each other on facebook (search for “Arrowhead Alumni) and on our website at www.arrowheadbiblecamp.org (go to the Alumni Page).

Reconnect at the Alumni Spring Picnic on May 5th.

Reunite with one of our two Alumni Evenings. All Alumni are invited to visit Shepherds Camp in action this summer on June 30th or July 28th.

Thank you for letting me celebrate with you all the great things God is doing here at Arrowhead. I trust you have had a wonderful time of waiting, preparing and celebrating this Easter.

Celebrating with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Myers", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

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