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“Listen Up” Mancelona Camp!

by: Jim Keller, Regional Director

Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

Mark records that Jesus answered this (Mark 12: 29-30) so well that no one dared ask him any more questions. It came from one of the teachers of the law. What an opportunity it was for Jesus to summarize his Kingdom message through the “shema,” a Hebrew word for an **urgent call to listen!**

The “**Shema**” as it is known in Judaism, is a capsule of truth to recite every day and pass on to your children in creative ways. It was an alert to focus. It was a call to put God at the center of everything. It was a statement that God is the only true, Almighty God and that he is our life and without him we don’t have a life. All and every part of us is to be at attention and devoted to The Lord, heart, soul, strength, and mind.

So, **Listen Up** Mancelona Camp!! Jesus was always challenging people and leading them into inner change. If you don’t like change, then you will not be comfortable following Jesus. He is not a bully, but he is tenacious and intentional.

Advisors Needed

by: Lisa Carey, Camp Caretaker

So how often do you think to yourself “I love Mancelona Camp and have so many ideas that would help this camp out”. If you’ve had thoughts like that we would love to hear them! The best way to do it would be to come to a camp board meeting and consider joining in an advisory role. The board meets only six times a year (every other month). That’s it! We sure could use some new members. If you have a passion for this camp and could spare a little of your time please contact Ed Sayre at chiefsayre7700@gmail.com or 231-886-0386 for more information.

Children’s Camp & Missions

by Becki King, Children’s Director

This year in Children’s Ministries we will be focusing on Missions work. Our goal is to share several mission opportunities with the kids, from local ministries to mission fields across the world. Do you have a mission experience that you would like to share with the kids? We would love for the kids to hear from you, maybe share some pictures or give us the opportunity to help in some way. If you would like to take 10-15 minutes to share your experience or local opportunity with the kids please contact me at kbecki@hotmail.com or [231-350-2810](tel:231-350-2810).

Youth Camp Registration

by: Debbie Kissinger, Youth Director

Youth camp registration is now open! Once again, you have the option to register and pay for camp online. All the registration information is available at:

<http://www.mancelonacamp.org/registration-2017.html>.

Our speaker this year will be Chelsea Henion from Colonial Woods Missionary Church and worship will be led by Jesse and Jessica Maurer. We are looking forward to another great week at camp and hope you will all be a part of it too!

If you have any questions regarding camp registration, please call or email Debbie Kissinger at (989)763-5766,

danddkiss@gmail.com

New Youth Camp Cell Phone Policy

By Debbie Kissinger, Youth Director

In the past, we have had a no cell phone policy for campers for the entire week. After listening to feedback from our campers we have amended that policy slightly. Here is the new rule as it is listed on the website: **CELL PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT CAMP!** No cell phones will be allowed at camp in the dorms this year during the week. If you want to bring your phone with you to camp and turn it in to the directors at registration, you may do so. We will hold it for you until Friday night after the evening service. Any phones turned into us will be given back before the talent show so you can take pictures and videos. No phones may be out at any services or scheduled activities on Saturday or they will be taken and not given back until you check-out. Also, any phones out during the week will be taken and held for you until Friday night.

Craft Show at Camp?

by: Lisa Carey, Camp Caretaker

Our bookstore could use some new items to sell don’t you think? This year we are looking for all of you talented crafters to put your thinking caps on and donate some of your handmade goods to the bookstore. After all, who doesn’t enjoy a good craft show! If you have something you’d like to make and are willing to donate it to camp please contact Justin Milam at daddamilam@live.com to coordinate drop-offs. The bookstore is still taking newer books, cd’s and dvd’s as well. I for one can’t wait to go shopping to see what comes in this year!



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New Youth Tabernacle

by: Debbie Kissinger, Youth Director

For many years, the youth have been worshipping in a tent that we rent yearly. After looking at the cost of the tent, the camp board has decided it is time to build a permanent pavilion for the youth to worship in. The proposed size of this pavilion is 40'x80' and will be located behind the youth bathhouse. The trees in this area have already been cleared. Our goal is to have this building up in time for camp this year, but that can't happen without your financial support. We will need about \$13,000 for the building.

Would you consider giving to support this project? Checks can be made out to Mancelona Camp, with Youth Tabernacle on the memo line. Thank you for investing in the lives of our teenagers! Check out the following inspiring testimony from one of our youth – this is why we do what we do!

What Mancelona Camp Means to Me

by: Emma Herriman, Youth Camper

Sometimes you find places that feel more like home than your own home. For me, I found it when I was in sixth grade. My family had moved churches two years before and it was my first year attending youth camp. I was excited, terrified, thrilled, anxious, but for some reason I felt this was going to be a place I would never forget. Mancelona Camp was a place where I discovered so many things about myself. I grew in my faith, and it's where I found out who the real me was. This place has seen me at my worst and at my best. It has seen me overflowing with joy, and completely shattered, but this is still my favorite place. It's where I learned what my faith was, not just my parents. It's where I learned to be different from other people. It's where I learned I need to be better at trusting. It's where many walls came down. It's where I became me.

Camp made me realize I needed to have my own faith, not just my parents. I am not the same person that showed up for the first time at camp. I am proud to say I don't know that person anymore. The old me was miserable, suffocating, dying, grasping to find where my faith was, and it wasn't until camp that I really found who I really was in Christ. It's the place that I continually grow in relationship with Christ. It has been there when I've had to forgive people I didn't want to forgive, but needed to. It has helped me realize who I need in my life, and who I don't. It's helped me realize who I am and whose I am. It's where I've had to trust someone so much bigger than myself. It's helped me see what needs to change in my life, and it's helped me realize I don't need to follow what everyone else is doing. Mancelona Camp is my favorite place to be.

A Time for Every Season

by: Lisa Carey, Camp Caretaker

As we all know, seasons come and go, circumstances change and time itself causes us to re-evaluate our lives occasionally. Ecc. 3:1 "There is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven". For the past couple of years Leon and I have felt that our time as camp caretakers was coming to an end. We've spent that time praying and seeking God's will not wanting to leave without His blessing. Proverbs 3:6 promises that as we acknowledge Him in all our ways, He will guide us in the way we should go.

We believe God has answered us clearly and although saying goodbye is difficult we look forward to the next chapter in our lives as He leads. Our time here has been so sweet! We are blessed that God brought us into and through this very special season and we give Him ALL the Glory! You'll still see us at Mancelona Camp as our love for it runs deep. Please continue to support Mancelona Camp and our new caretakers, Ed & Judy Sayre, in every way you can! God bless and much love to you all!

Greetings from Ed & Judy Sayre

by: Judy Sayre, Camp Caretaker

We are very excited to serve as camp caretakers. We are a team of caretakers. It really takes two people together. We ask for your continued prayers as we work through this transitional period. We believe it is a privilege for us to care for this place where God dwells with his people and does so much through his spirit.

We think that we have been at Mancelona Camp every year since 1990 serving in various positions. We have a large collection of special memories and friends. The real blessing has been to see people at camp each year grow in their walk with the Lord, fall in love with God for the first time, or even come back to the Lord after a long journey on the wrong path. It's precious to see youth doing business at the altar; some called to be missionaries, pastors, worship leaders, or just called to a closer walk with our Savior.

Mancelona Camp leaves big footprints on our hearts. It's a quiet, peaceful place filled with God's presence and nature and evening campfires. Please join us. You will walk the roads from campsite to campsite. By the end of the week, you are part of a new family and welcomed into any campfire for food and fellowship.

Our camp is a smaller campground and thrives with our special volunteers and workers and we always appreciate new faces. From the "The Baby Sister Camp". In Him, Ed & Judy Sayre