

Camp Deerpark

WINTER 2022

A MINISTRY OF THE NEW YORK CITY MENNONITE CHURCHES

CAMP DEERPARK OWNER CHURCHES

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Pastor Lilian Flores

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Pastor Martin Alvarez

Evangelical Garifuna Church of Manhattan
Pastor Margarito Martinez

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Pastor Kenneth L. Thompson

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Pastor Anita Castle

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Pastors Julio and Ana Damaso

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Pastor Mark Perri

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Pastor Jason Storbakken

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Pastor Cedric Smith

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Pastor Nestalis DeLeon

North Bronx Mennonite Church
Pastor Ruth Wenger

United Revival Mennonite Church
Bishop Nicolas Angustia

Valley of Jesus Mennonite Church
Pastors Bernardo & Linda Rodriguez

NEW GENERATION OF SUPPORT

On June 26th of 2021 in Ogden, Utah a gentleman named James Conrad performed what is being called the “disc shot heard round the world”. James found himself two strokes behind as he walked up to the final hole of the Pro World Championships. The 247 foot shot hit the chains and dropped into the basket for a hole in one. He went on to win the tournament in a playoff. If you have ever wanted to see pure excitement, google James Conrad and watch the pandemonium that followed. In one afternoon an entire new generation of folks discovered disc golf.

In 2019 as Camp Deerpark was preparing to celebrate fifty years of ministry, we also began to ask questions about how we will continue to have Kingdom impact for the next fifty years. The clear consensus among board and staff was the importance of engaging a new generation of volunteers and financial donors. Young adults played an important role in founding and establishing Camp Deerpark and it will be young adults who maintain a vibrant ministry for the next fifty years.

For the past several years, our staff here at Camp Deerpark have been talking about installing a disc golf course. While not a real popular sport among folks in NYC, disc golf has been steadily growing in popularity. However, we continued to ask ourselves if disc golf is a good fit for Camp Deerpark. Unrelated to Conrad’s amazing shot, although around the same time, we decided to push forward. We were spurred on by the enthusiasm of the young adults from Forest Hills Mennonite church who offered to design and help build the course.

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Young adult volunteers from Forest Hills Mennonite Church are preparing the launch pad for the disc golf course.

The newsletter is published four times a year and is distributed without charge to members and friends.

Editor: Ken Bontrager

To date, the eighteen hole course has been designed and staked out. If you have been at camp lately, you may have noticed white stakes with red or blue tips. We have installed three launch pads and three baskets/goals. When completed the course will feature nine holes in the open fields and nine more difficult holes in the forest circling behind Promise Woods. Each launch pad/tee box will have a bench to sit and rest. Beside each bench will be a sign that gives the distance to the next hole/basket. Also on the sign will be a scripture that invites us to focus on the God of creation. Our hope is that whether one is throwing a disc or simply out for a walk, the disc golf course will be experienced as a prayer walk.

It is also our hope that both casual and serious players will find the Camp Deerpark Disc Golf course to be a rewarding experience. Ultimately, we plan to host a tournament to benefit our summer children's camp program.

As mentioned above, three holes are installed and paid for, leaving fifteen to be completed. We are budgeting each hole to cost \$600 in materials using volunteer labor. We are seeking volunteers, hole sponsors, and players. If you would like to join this project or have any questions, please reach out to Ken at deerparkdirector@gmail.com. Pause. If you are more than fifty years old, put your checkbook back in your pocket. Call your children, your grandchildren, your nieces and nephews and get the entire family involved in sponsoring a hole. Who knows, maybe the next amazing shot will be right here at Camp Deerpark.



Community fellowship around food is an important part of a Camp Deerpark weekend retreat. We are grateful for our partnership with Blessings of Hope and volunteer, Lenny Torres, for donations of food.



There are many great ways to support Camp Deerpark financially. The Homecoming Auction in September is perhaps the most fun. Use the QR code to check out the best way for you to get involved.

2022 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

SESSIONS	DATES	COSTS
Children's Camp Session 1	July 3-8	\$200-300*
Children's Camp Session 2 & Teen Discipleship A	July 10-15	\$200-300*
Children's Camp Session 3 & Teen Discipleship B	July 17-22	\$200-300*
Children's Camp Session 4 & Teen Discipleship C	July 24-29	\$200-300*
Children's Camp Session 5 Teen Camp	July 31-Aug 5 August 7-12	\$200-300* \$200-300*

Summer Camp Discounts

*Based on when registration and payment are received in the office:

- \$200/week if received in March or April
- \$250/week if received in May
- \$300/week if received in June.

Register online at www.campdeerpark.org or call the office for a paper registration.

2022 FAMILY CAMP DATES

SESSIONS	DATES
Family Camp #1	August 15-18
Family Camp #2	August 22-25
Family Camp #3	August 29-September 1

Each session is Monday thru Thursday

Meals: Eight meals from Monday dinner to Thursday breakfast.

Cost:

\$200 adult	One room - max cost \$600
\$100 child	Two rooms - max cost \$1000
\$0 infants ages 0-4	Three rooms - max cost \$1400
	Large cabin - max cost \$1400

Family package price

- Price includes activities such as hayride, bikes, swimming, and wood or art craft for \$5 per person, evening campfire, and one organized activity per day.
- 50% deposit required to reserve space
- All meals are served family style



VOLUNTEER WEEKEND HOSTS

Barb and Isaac Grable have been serving as volunteer weekend hosts. Once or twice a month they arrive at Camp on Friday night in time to welcome the weekend guests. Their work ranges from refilling toilet paper to sitting on the front porch listening. On Sunday afternoon they wave good-bye and then close all of the guest rooms.

Camp is looking for about two more families or individuals who will commit to one weekend a month.



Dollie Adams
 Adelphian Sunday School
 Class
 James & Carol Showalter
 United Revival Mennonite
 Church
 Allan & Maria Arzu
 Rhoda Atzeff
 Kenton Baer
 Baker Heirloom Seed
 Company
 Evelyn Bare
 John & Ruth Bare
 Janice Barrett
 Vida Beiler
 Luke & Sara Berg
 Curtis & Linda Berry
 Susan Blessing
 Ethel Bontrager
 Ken & Deborah Bontrager
 Norman & Ruth Bontrager
 Ryan & Haley Bontrager
 Gene & Ellen Bormann
 Bowmansville Mennonite
 Church
 Mark & Sue Brenneman
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 John & Miriam Buckwalter
 David & Marian Buckwalter
 Rick Buckwalter & Ann Rutt
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 Ruth Burkholder
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 America
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 Church Communities
 International
 Samuel Clement
 Rosa Colon
 Louis & Gloria Cosme
 Nancy & Ken Craul
 Harold Davenport
 Rosa De Leon
 Lowell Detweiler
 Reuel Detweiler
 Steve & Jennifer Drake
 Dave & Elizabeth Driver
 Andrew Eby
 Greta Edgell
 Leon & Melba Eshleman
 Evangelical Garifuna Church

Everence
 Jesus & Miriam Cruz
 Elias Figaro
 Elias Figueroa
 Jasmine Freeman
 Kenneth Frey
 Richard Frey & Janet
 Landis-Frey
 Johanne Gaddy
 Frances & Norman
 Gallagher
 Jesse & Joanne Gehman
 Judy Gingerich
 Karla Gingerich
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 Sandy Gingerich
 Victor & Megan Gingerich
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 Mary Glick
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 Marilyn Gunden
 Edson Omar & Tania
 Guzman
 Stacy Harris
 Edgar & Ann Rader-Hayes
 Floyd & Charlene Helmuth
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 Don Hertzler & Ruth Shenk
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 Andy & Becca Hollinger
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 Leon & Lois Hoover
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 Florence & Eugene Horst
 James & Mary Louise
 Hostetter
 Carter Hurst
 Chad & Coleen Hurst
 Immanuel Community
 Church

J.A. Horst & Sons
 Lowell & Ruth Jantzi
 Lissette Jimenez-Cano
 Minda Kauffman
 Herb & Barbara Keener
 Chris Kennel III & Rose
 Kennel
 Ulli & Theda Klemm
 Barry & Erika Kreider
 Jay & Sandra Kreider
 Neil & Jen Kuhns
 Warren & Janice Lambright
 Gladys Landis
 James & Elaine Landis
 James & Carolyn Landis
 Paul Leaman
 Keith Lehman
 Lehman Insurance
 Agency, Inc
 James & Margaret Leonard
 Lydia's House
 Manhattan Mennonite
 Fellowship
 Charlie & Joyce Martin
 Chester & Jane Martin
 Cliff & Joyce Martin
 Elwood & Nancy Martin
 Robert Martin & Judy
 Ebersole
 Pam Mast Stoner & Barry
 Stoner
 Anna McCarthy
 Sean & Kim McConaghay
 Lisa McGhie
 Jason & Angie McGouldrick
 Guzman-Melendez Family
 Mellinger Mennonite
 Church
 Circle of Love Class
 Mennonite Evangelistic
 Tabernacle
 Carl & Marian Metzler
 Ann Miller
 Ed V. & Carol Miller
 Leon & Joy Miller
 Marlin Miller
 Robert Miller
 Sarah Miller

Lanny & Debbie Millette
 Les & Jane Mininger
 Patsie Moore
 Dennis & Diane Myers
 The Estate of Violet Noll
 Don & Jackie Nelson
 Network for Good
 Ryan Newswanger & Sue
 Schlabach
 Eddy & Joanie Nietzsche
 Gerald & Glenna Nissley
 Kevin & Diane Oberholzer
 James O'Neal
 Edgar & Wanda Ortiz
 Nicanora Palacios
 Marty & Joyce Peifer
 Ralph & Loyda Perez
 Doris Perkins
 Jay Poe
 Joseph Predoti & Anna
 Kuhns Predoti
 Project Angel
 Elvita Quinones
 John & Hilda Quinones
 Ben Rader & Elke Lehmann
 Heber & Cheryl Ramer
 Re-Bath
 Scott & Nancy Reichert
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 Richard & Lois Rhodes
 Robert C Wenger
 Charitable Trust
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 Matilde & Arturo Salazar
 Rolando Santiago & Raquel
 Trinidad
 Evelyn Sauder
 Glenn & Joyce Sauder
 Jay & Joyce Sauder
 Marvin & Betty Sauder
 Marian Sauder Egli
 Don & Doris Sensenig
 Harold & Miriam Seybert
 Leonard & Leanne Shank
 Darla Sharp
 Denise Sharp
 Dennis & Ruth Sharp
 Dennis & Bonnie Sharp

Melvin Zimmerman
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous

In Honor of:

Steve & Kathy Anderson
By Dan & Marlene Miller
Dan & Marlene Miller
By Katy Miller,
Karon & Kendall Pease
Lanny Millette
By James & Karen Good
Brian Murray
By Michael & Katrina Yoder
Kendell & Karon Pease
By Dan & Marlene Miller
The Torres Family
By Edisa Curto,
Chelsea Foster,
Maritza Torres Rodriguez
& Ricardi Rodriguez

In Memory of:

Herry Gunarta
By Debra Pedrys
John Landis
By Gladys Landis
Felipe & Lucia Lopez
By Dale Lopez
Carolyn R Moyer
By James L Moyer
Marian Newswanger
By Wesley Newswanger
Ethel Miriam Zeager Pannell
By Richard Pannell
Angel & Aquilina Torres
By Elvita Quinones
Aquilina Torres
By Edisa Elise Curto
Dave Wenger
By Lillian De Jesus
Martinez

PROMISE CIRCLE

The Promise Circle is comprised of members of the Camp Deerpark family who have made a commitment to give monthly. A monthly gift is convenient for you and a great way to bless the ministry of Camp Deerpark. There is a place for you. Join the circle and experience the joy of a monthly gift.

Please contact Nancy at
deerparkdevelopment@gmail.com
if you have any questions.

Lois Arnold
Obed Ayala
Jim & Valerie Baer
Michael & Dorothy Barth
Yahaira & Yony Bermudez
Giselle Bodden
Errol & Coletta Bontrager
Zuleika Caballero
Andres Carrion
Mark Clapper
George & Yvonne Cleland
Cheryl Coles
Edisa Elsie Curto
Edisa Curto
Salvatore Curto
Lorenza Arcangel De Leon
Samuel & Ruth Deleon
Phyllis DePaul
Evangelistic Missionary
Movement
Robin Farr
Lilian & Cristobal Flores
Carlos & Lizy Garcia
Hernandez
Isaac & Barb Grable
Grace Fellowship Church
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Evelyn & Ivan Lopez
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Nancy Maldonado
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Breneman
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Olokunde-Owen
Ray & Anna Pacheco
Nicanora Palacios
Richard Pannell
Beth Pilof
Steve & Judy Ponchot
Elvita Quinones
Maritza Torres Rodriguez &
Ricardi Rodriguez
Tami Rygus
Sonia Sampayo Torres
Adrienne Scales Smith
Flossie Shaw
Maynard & Alice Shirk
Clyde and Kayla Smith
Jynelle Smith
Benjamin & Hyacinth
Stevens
Marcia Stoesz
Duane & Karen Stoltzfus
Eliezer Torres
Eubaldo Torres
Lenny Torres
Alexie Torres-Fleming
Bill & Mei-Yee Wang
Dale & Deborah Weaver
Earl & Heather Weekes
Jamila Witmer
Anonymous

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S HEART BY KEN BONTRAGER

This week I received a call from our longtime friend, Ponzella Peterson Johnson. She was calling to make reservations for the leaders of their congregation. She proclaimed, "It is a new season." We talked about the stress of being a school nurse during the pandemic. We talked about the stresses of living in a large city during a pandemic. I was able to share how privileged and blessed we are here at Camp Deerpark to have been able to be the place of respite, escape, and open space.

As the director of Camp Deerpark I am aware of rising food and fuel costs, but I am also aware that God has been very good to us. As the hymn writer, Albert A. Goodson, penned:

*We've come this far by faith,
Leaning on the Lord.
Trusting in his holy word.
He's never failed us yet.*

In our fifty-third year of ministry, Camp Deerpark is as much on mission as it was in 1969.

"It is a new season."

The leadership here at Camp Deerpark is committed to engaging the next generation of volunteers and donors. I have told some of our current donors, "We are not looking to engage your children, we want your grandchildren to become donors and volunteers." To that end we will continue to promote the Promise Circle, which makes smaller monthly gifts accessible for the generation who give from their phone instead of their checkbook. We will keep pushing forward with plans for a benefit disc golf tournament.

"It is a new season."

The leadership here at Camp Deerpark is committed to encouraging the New York City Mennonite owner churches to keep picking up a larger share of volunteer and donor support. The first phone call I received after the pandemic shut down was from a member of one of our owner churches. He said, "When this is all over we will still need Camp Deerpark. I am putting a donation in the mail today." Financial support from our owner churches continues to increase. Pastor Elvis Martinez has always told me, "We are here whenever you need us." The men from his church were the last to volunteer before the pandemic shut down and they were the first to volunteer after we opened.

"It is a new season"

I can't wait to see what God does here at Camp Deerpark.



TOPTO BOTTOM: Volunteers, Lowell Jantzi, Curtis Jantzi, and Kenton Baer were part of the Forestry Stewardship team that measured and cataloged trees on the newly acquired Mehr property. In the end the decision was made to not harvest this stand of trees, but perhaps they will be used for the next cabin project.

Next generation of volunteers includes Emily Clapper from Forest Hills Mennonite Church working on the exterior of Promise Woods cabin #2.

Next generation of volunteers includes Abby Sandor and Chloe Sumnick from Grace Fellowship Church building a wire deer fence around newly planted trees.

2021 CAMP DEERPARK VOLUNTEERS

Kilian Agha
Nathaniel Albertson
Emma Allen
Jeremiah Amstutz
Danny Angustia
Kenton Baer
Damien Barron
Ingri Basquez
Doug Becker
Carol Berg
Luke Berg
Tom Berg
Yahaira Bermudez
John Bishop
Vanessa Blank
Quentin Boller
Wyatt Boyer
Clark Brubacher
Keith Brubacher
Ronda Brubacher
Sierra Brubacher
Ciara Bucher
Ethan Cheek
Noah Cheek
Camden Clapper
Emily Clapper
Mark Clapper
Breanna Cruz
Jose Cruz
Angel Deleon
Jessica Deleon
Joshua Deleon
Ruth Deleon
Samuel Deleon
Victoria Deleon
Wendy Deleon
Conner Doutrich
John Duerkson
Sarita Duerkson
Collin Eberly
Jill Eberly
Katrina Eberly
Kyrie Eberly
Matt Eberly
Samara Eberly
Cooper Eby
Shane Eshleman
Levi Forrester

Sheila Forrester
Emily Frey
Jim Gingerich
Sandy Gingerich
Kayleen Guerron
Steven Guerron
Declan Hinae
Joe Hinae
Lester Hine
Luke Hine
Sam Hine
Tom Hine
Paul Holderbaum
Andy Hollinger
Gabe Hollinger
Rebecca Hollinger
Herb Hoover
Bob Horning
Karen Horning
Tony Horning
Alyssa Horst
Brent Horst
Cole Horst
Hope Horst
Josh Horst
Kristen Horst
Linda Horst
Mary Horst
Mitch Horst
Ryan Horst
Tyler Horst
Wade Horst
Ellen Hummel
Zac Hummel
Cody Hurst
Ryan Jantzen
Tyler Jantzen
Curtis Jantzi
Lowell Jantzi
Cameron Johnson
Celia Johnson
Dave Johnson
Rosa Johnson
Susan Johnson
Eric Krause
Ben Kurcheval
Danica Lefever
Bryce Lehman

Jason Leisinger
Brian Martin
Brock Martin
Chet Martin
Dominic Martin
Don Martin
Jane Martin
Joel Martin
Jon Martin
Justin Martin
Merv Martin
Renee Martin
Shane Martin
Tayten Martin
Elias McConaghay
Jack McConaghay
Kim McConaghay
Grace Mendez
Lourdes Mendez
Philip Mendez
Victor Mendez
Rosalva Mera
Evan Meyers
Lanny Millette
Galen Mow
Brian Murray
Collin Musser
Emma Musser
Savanna Musser
Kara Musser
Cameron Nolt
Cora Parsons
Emma Parsons
John Parsons
Marcia Parsons
Regina Peachey
Greg Petersheim
Yakaira Priest
Austin Priest
Arielle Reyes
Nicole Ringer
Tyler Ringler
Miles Rissler
Alison Rosenberry
Amber Rosenberry
Grant Rosenberry
Natalie Rosenberry
Alivia Rowels

Diego Ruiz
Breanna Rutt
Jediah Rutt
Marie Rutt
Wayne Rutt
Zachary Rutt
Abby Sandor
Mark Sandor
Maynard Shirk
Sylvia Shirk
Jesse Slabaugh
Jordan Slabaugh
Clyde Smith
Grace Smith
Jynnelle Smith
Rachel Smith
Kayla Smith
Cora Southard
Chloe Sumnick
Josh Sumnick
Steve Sumnick
Estella Tuvri
Jeremy Umble
Shannon Umble
Clay Wadel
Carson Wanner
Derick Weaver
Dwight Weaver
Hannah Weaver
Anthony Weber
Merle Weber
Jesse Wise
Jamila Witmer
Wilfred Wright
Janae Yoder
Jerrica Yoder
Joel Yoder
Kendall Yoder
Kurt Yoder
Liam Yost
Michael Zahaykevick
Phillip Zahaykevick
Tyler Zimmerman
Gaven Zwolly

WISH LIST

- ☐ Minivan
- ☐ Disc Golf - \$600 per hole
- ☐ Tree saver maple syrup spiles \$3 each (need 50-200)
- ☐ Replacement maple syrup evaporator pan. Used if we can find one \$2000; new \$7000.

THANK YOU!

Sound system
for Promise Center

To ALL of the 2021
volunteers and donors!

SAVE THE DATES

PA Banquet at Shady Maple
Friday, April 8, 2022

Homecoming at Camp
September 10, 2022

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“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing:
it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

