

# Camp Deerpark

## WINTER 2023

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#### “JESUS IS THE REASON FOR CAMP DEERPARK.”

There are many creative ways to support the ministry of Camp Deerpark that bring us joy. This is the annual newsletter issue where we highlight the folks who have helped to make it possible for children, youth, and families to enjoy the serenity of God's creation. Nancy Maldonado became a believer more than thirty years ago when she came to church (Burnside Mennonite, now King of Glory Tabernacle in the Bronx) with her cousin Joe. She was discipled by Michael and Addie Banks; in fact she always called Michael her second father. Pastor Banks always stressed with her the importance of service. Today, Nancy is a regular volunteer in the dining room at Camp Deerpark. Following are a few of her reflections on serving at camp.

*My best experience has been listening to other people's stories and meeting groups of people who are kind and compassionate. Volunteering has helped me personally because it has helped me to look deep down into my soul and teaches me what it means to be a servant of God. Camp Deerpark has become a home away from home for me because I am eager and wanting to serve. It has also taught me humility and gratitude that I thank God for on a daily basis. To volunteer has helped me to become selfless and I am truly grateful for the staff of Camp Deerpark for giving me the opportunity to serve in the dining hall. I find that volunteering in the dining hall has challenged me in a way that was impossible for me to do 36 years ago. I am still a work in progress. There really is nothing hard about serving the guests as I keep the focus on why I am truly volunteering which is to bring glory to God. Jesus is the reason for Camp Deerpark. It has taught me to take my eyes off the flesh and unto Christ.*

We are grateful for all of the volunteers who come to camp once a year or once a month. “Jesus is the reason for Camp Deerpark.”



January 2-6 Camp Deerpark hosted Peace Camp in collaboration with Mennonite Central Committee. Twenty-four young adults from NYC, across the country, and around the world gathered here at camp for a week of “Peace for the Weary.” One of the invitation criteria to Peace Camp is that

participants come from urban centers of five hundred thousand or more. Our goal was to have young adults go back to their city equipped with tools for understanding trauma and strategies for self-care and healing through the lens of restorative justice.

Nancy Maldonado, far right, volunteered in the dining room for the entire week.

Selfie photo by Saulo Padilla.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S HEART BY KEN BONTRAGER

Deborah and I moved to Camp Deerpark with our two young sons on November 4, 1995. The youth from Conestoga Mennonite Church were here cutting firewood and helped unload our truck. We also found out that day we were expecting our third child, Hadassah, who was born here at camp on June 21, 1996. Today all of our children are adults and on their own.

Over the past year, I have been sensing that it may be time to move on and allow space for the next director to lead this ministry. The truth is that neither Deborah nor I ever want to leave Camp Deerpark. Over the past few months I have processed this decision with the camp board and have made the very difficult decision to retire as executive director of Camp Deerpark.

I am grateful to Ann Weaver from Teaching the Word Ministries who continues to serve as an executive coach and spiritual director through this process. Her guidance has helped to clarify that this is God's leading in our lives. She has also helped me and our board to prepare to welcome a new director.

We have a full year ahead of us. We have much work to do in searching for my replacement and closing out our time here. Our plan is to have the next executive director in place by the end of 2023 with a few months of overlap in early 2024. Then in the spring of 2024 Deborah and I are planning to move to Arcadia, Florida and live near Deborah's parents.

Please keep the Camp Deerpark board and staff in your prayers as we work through this transition. Psalm 127:1-2 *Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.*

God has been completely faithful to Camp Deerpark in so many ways and we believe God will again be faithful in calling the next director.

If you are interested in submitting a resume or want to tap someone on the shoulder, please reach out to board chair, Daniel Angustia, at [dangustia7@gmail.com](mailto:dangustia7@gmail.com).

# 2022 CAMP DEERPARK VOLUNTEERS

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In the fall we welcomed five individuals to our staff community here at Camp Deerpark. Kenton Baer (with the chain saw) re-joined our staff team to help Sean finish the last two cabins in the Promise Woods circle. Carissa and Wendell Baer joined our staff taking on the role of facilities director. Carissa is working as a teacher at a local pre-school for special needs children. Alycia Brickman (sitting on the slide) is a familiar face here at camp. She lived here as a child when her mother, Christine, was our food service director. Alycia is serving as a housekeeper along with Amanda Dominguez (standing). We are grateful that God has provided skilled and committed staff.



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## THE NUMBERS

In 2022  
 Camp Deerpark  
 hosted  
 154 retreat  
 groups for a total  
 of 6,891  
 retreat days.  
 6 sessions  
 of summer camp  
 with a total  
 of 1,002  
 camper days.  
 249 volunteers  
 working  
 2,148.50  
 volunteer hours.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### PA Benefit Banquet

will be Friday, March 31,  
 2023 at Shady Maple  
 Restaurant in East Earl, PA.  
 Please call 845-754-8669  
 or email deerparkguests@  
 gmail.com to register for  
 this event. It will be a buffet  
 style meal.

### Camp Deerpark Homecoming Festival

Saturday, September 9, 2023



**In Memory of:****Bishop Michael Banks**

Gerry Keener

Ruth Jantzi –given in 2021

**Daniel Glick**

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**Raquel Trinidad** (One of  
the first campers attending  
in the late 60s.)

Rolando Santiago &amp;

Raquel Trinidad

**Bridging the Gap  
Parents helping  
parents:**

Theresa Broderick

Patricia Cooper

Carlene Harewood

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Karen Waldron

Lakia Washington

**REMEMBERING BERNICE AND NADORA**

We are very sad to report that Nadora the llama died on Tuesday, December 13th. Nadora was born here at Camp Deerpark on June 23, 2006 so she was 16.5 years old. While some llamas may live up to 20 years, the average life expectancy is 15.

In the fall of 2003 David and Flo Harnish donated two llamas, Kloud and Ono, to Camp Deerpark. Kloud and Ono were the parents of Nadora, Bernice (born in 2007), and Angelo (born in 2008).

Because llamas are naturally herd animals, it would be cruel to keep Bernice alone here at camp. Two days after Nadora died we took Bernice to an alpaca farm in Warwick, NY. Bernice is in a comfortable place with other very well cared for animals.

We are grateful to Kenton Baer, Wendell Baer, and our friends Nicole, Amy, and Scott who helped provide medication and care for Nadora and Bernice. Thank you for being part of the Camp Deerpark family who loved Nadora and Bernice as much as any llamas could be loved.

**KNITTERS WANTED!**

Thanks to the generosity of Steve and Irene Villanueva, we have 15 skeins of yarn from Bernice the Camp Deerpark llama. We are looking for volunteers to make items that will be sold at the Homecoming auction in September.



LEGACY GIFT

On September 10th at our annual Homecoming Day, the Camp Deerpark family had the joy of celebrating a gift from the estate of Monroe and Rachel Yoder. When the Camp Deerpark capital campaign feasibility team interviewed Monroe and Rachel in the summer of 2007, they were listening and looking for an opportunity to give. When Monroe sold his home in the Bronx and moved to his childhood hometown of Grantsville, Maryland in the fall of 2020, he took an action step in implementing his plan. Monroe arranged his finances to leave a legacy gift for the two ministries that he dearly loved, the Head Start Program in Harlem and Camp Deerpark.

Cabin #2 in the Promise Woods circle will be called “Wisdom” in honor and memory of Monroe and Rachel Yoder. Sometime in the next year when the cabin is completed we will gather on the front porch of “Wisdom” with the Yoder family and the NYC Mennonite churches who have committed to care for the cabin in the future. We will celebrate again, and give God all of the glory.

Construction on the final cabin in Promise Woods will begin this spring. We have enough funds to begin, but cabin number three does not yet have a primary sponsor. If God is nudging your heart to offer a major gift toward the completion of Promise Woods please contact Ken at deerparkdirector@gmail.com or Nancy at deerparkdevelopment@gmail.com.



The ridge beam of Cabin #3 “Wisdom” placed by hand by the Camp Deerpark staff Leonard Mow, Ben Cheek, Sean McConaghay, and Brad Bontrager.

2023 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

SESSIONS	DATES	COSTS
Children’s Camp Session 1	July 2-7	\$200-300*
Children’s Camp Session 2	July 9-14	\$200-300*
& Teen Discipleship A		
Children’s Camp Session 3	July 16-21	\$200-300*
& Teen Discipleship B		
Children’s Camp Session 4	July 23-28	\$200-300*
& Teen Discipleship C		
Children’s Camp Session 5	July 30-Aug 4	\$200-300*
Teen Camp	August 6-11	\$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](http://www.campdeerpark.org) or call the office for a paper registration.

2023 FAMILY CAMP DATES

SESSIONS	DATES
Friday-Sunday	August 4-6
Monday-Thursday	August 14-17
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





# WISH LIST

- ☐ Minivan
- ☐ Disc Golf - \$600 per hole - one hole remains to be sponsored
- ☐ Tree saver maple syrup spiles \$3 each (need 50-200)
- ☐ Maple syrup evaporator pan.
- ☐ Sound system for Promise Center

# THANK YOU!

Blessings of Hope for 2,400 pounds of donated food--estimated market value of \$7,645.

To ALL of the 2022 volunteers and donors!

# SAVE A TREE

Would you like to receive your newsletter by email? Printing and mailing newsletters can become costly. It is cheaper, greener and easier to receive newsletters via email. If you're interested, send your email address to [deerparkguests@gmail.com](mailto:deerparkguests@gmail.com) or call 845-754-8669.

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## 2023 SUMMER CAMP :: OUR FATHER

"Don't worry about anything; **INSTEAD, PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING.**

Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your heart and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7