

PEACEFUL VALLEY CAMP REPORT 2017
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Camp usage this past year was: Cape Baptist Association Camps 698 camper days
Non- Associational Camp usage 806 camper days
Total not including work days 1495 camper days

Camp Usage this past year

Christian Bow hunters used the camp for a total of 75 days usage, 1 day 3x year and have an average of 25 shooters show up. These are usually father, son, or daughter coming out together.

Christian Bow hunters also have a fall hunt each year for 3-4 nights. I did not get exact # as could not reach the correct person, but they average about 50 each evening for devotion time. 150 days of usage

Association Youth used camp this past Spring and are using this fall for retreat also.

SEMO Chi-Alpha Ministry used the camp for fall retreat for college students. A total of 96 camp usage days

SEMO Chi-Alpha Leader Retreat in Spring for 15 day camp day usage.

Trinity Lutheran- 76 camp day usage

Apostolic Faith- 292 camp day usage

We have 1 wedding this year, 1 birthday party- numbers unknown on these

Fruitland Church as booked for one day this fall.

Saline rented for one day-25 persons

Youth group from Kansas City came for cleanup with 24 camp day usage

3 pastors have used the one bedroom cabin each for 1 night.

A church used the camp for an eclipse party on August 21

Cape Baptist Associational Camps held in July

Youth Camp with 72 youth and 14 leaders for four nights

Overnight Camp 20 for one night

Girl's Camp 27 girls and 14 leaders for 4 nights

Boy's Camp 28 boys and 12 leaders for 4 nights
total of 698 camper days

Eighteen salvations (9 girl's, 4 at youth and 5 boys) were reported to the associational office. numbers were not available for other camps

Camp Projects completed this past year.

1. New brochures were printed.
2. Peaceful Valley camp was marketed to area and regional churches.
3. Baseball caps were purchased for sale.
4. Spring work day was held in March to help prepare the camp for the busiest camp season. Fall work day was September 30.
5. The meeting room above the new shower house was named, **The Upper Room**. It was completed in time for camp this summer. It will accommodate up to 125 people and is available all year around with air conditioning and heat.
6. The one bedroom cabin was build over the old foundation of the girl's shower house. This was completed in time for campers this summer. This cabin was named **Elisha's Cabin** which is based upon the scripture ; 2 Kings 4:10, "*Let us make a small room on the roof and put in it a bed, and a table and chair and lamp for him. Then he can stay there whenever he comes to us,*" the Shunammite woman in speaking to her husband about Elisha. One of our board members adopted this project and not only oversaw the construction but also furnished it. The cabin is beautifully decorated and has a private bathroom with shower, microwave, coffee maker and small refrigerator. The front porch over looks the camp grounds and has a nicely landscaped walk way. This cabin has been rented by pastors who wanted to get away for a night. It was also available for summer camp directors.
7. The two bedroom cabin was named "**The Tentmaker's Cabin**". Acts 18:3 "*Because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them.*" This was a reference to Paul. This cabin had been previously been called the Nurse and Cook's Cabin. Now that it is completed it is available all year around and has a handicapped bathroom, twin beds in each bedroom and a large covered porch with swing. It has a microwave and refrigerator.
8. A lot of maintenance has been done to keep the camp ready for visitors.
9. A volunteer has worked many hours this spring and summer on the landscaping and has added many new areas of plants and flowers.
10. A cross sculpture was created from a tree which was cut down near the Snack Shack

Future Plans

1. Deck on the back of the Upper Room will be completed. This addition will provide more outdoor meeting places and make the Upper Room handicap accessible
2. Renovations of Cleveland Cabin which has some foundation problems. This project will be the first one to have heat and air conditioning added for year around usage.
3. A second one room cabin is planned in the area of the old boy's shower house. This will be similar to the one which was just completed. It will be called the **Potter's House** and will be available year around for couples or individuals by the night.(Jer. 18:2) "Go own to the potters house ,and there I will give you a message."
4. The board has met with a contractor for ideas and plans to replace the dining hall. The new dining hall can be constructed in such a way to be used as a lodge with separate rooms on the upper level. This will enable the structure to be available for retreats and conferences all year around. Construction for this is anticipated to begin with in the next 2-5 years depending upon financial donations.
5. The Missouri State GA Missions Celebration will be held at Peaceful Valley Camp October 2018. This is one of three camp sites where this camp will be held in 2018.
6. Continued marketing will be done to increase the usage of the camp to help it to become self sustaining for the future.

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