May 1, 2023

Dear Lambec Family and Friends,

As we move forward into the upcoming camping season, I wanted to provide an update on the programs and facility improvements for the summer season.

Registration is live and we are receiving a regular flow of registrations. May should be a busy registration time and we need to encourage family, friends, and congregations to encourage our children, youth, and families to select a week to “come apart and discover God’s love.”

I want to especially encourage youth and youth groups to sign up for the Mission Disciple Camp that begins June 18th – 23rd. There are multiple mission programs and projects in the Erie area that will benefit from this servant disciple camp. Each day a different mission site will be explored and engaged, including a watershed project at the camp. There will be plenty of time to also take advantage of the activities offered at the camp too.

The Sports & Adventure Camp also promises to be a new and exciting option this summer for upper elementary and middle school age youth. We have a whole variety of games to play and a low-risk challenge course the participants will experience. This is not a skills development camp, but an opportunity to share in “playing” new games and learning how to be a member of a team. Soccer, Gaga Ball, Giant Jenga, Water Games, and other sports will be played and the Spider Web, The Whale’s Back, Nitro Crossing, and Wild Woozy, are just some of the challenge items awaiting the campers. Fun is the focus as we enjoy all the camp has to offer.

An Exploration Day is now being held on Saturday, May 20th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to come see the camp and experience some of the summer camp options. Bring potential campers to explore before they register! Lodging can be provided the Friday Night before and a campfire will certainly be part of the adventure.

We are still recruiting summer staff to offer hospitality to our summer campers. If you know of someone that would consider a summer of simple tasks to offer enjoyment and serve others, while enjoying the camp atmosphere for several weeks or days, please contact me at 412-389-6844 to explore the possibility of being part of our summer disciple team.

The New Bathhouse Remodeling and Expansion is moving along well with a pace that should mean we can offer new facilities to our campers by mid-May. We are also preparing to have a Water Treatment Inspection to finalize the full operations of our system. Improvements to our cabins and facilities are unfolding in preparation for the upcoming summer season and long term maintenance. New items will be appearing in the camp store and you will soon see them on the website Camp Store Page.

We now have an updated **Facebook** Page that encourages interaction with your Lambec friends and family. Explore the new Facebook presence and participate in making the community of Lambec part of your extended family and social network. New pictures and posts are added on a frequent basis. Share your favorite memories and learn more about the history of the camp.

As we continue to celebrate 75 years of camp ministry and mission, I hope you will consider donating to the 75th Anniversary Fund so we can continue to improve our program offerings, extend hospitality, and facilities. I am encouraging people to make a difference by making a one-time or periodic donation by clicking the donate button on the website, camplambec.com and designating your contribution to the 75th Anniversary Fund. We have lots of programs and projects to help us move forward, but as we all know funding is needed to “make it happen.” Any increment of support ($7.50, $75.00, $750, or more by individuals and congregations is helpful to bridge our current deficit for 2023 and move us forward into the next phase of camp ministry and mission at Lambec.) Remember we have a match challenge of $40,000, so your contribution is doubled up to that amount!

Your participation in offering a “helping hand” for our upcoming workday in May and June will ensure that we are ready for an exciting summer of activities. We invite you to join us on May 13th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. as we focus on prepping the cabins and other sites of hosting our guests (Recreation Hall, Dining Hall, and Bathhouses) for the summer. On Memorial Day Weekend, we are inviting you to come up for the weekend or any day as we prepare for the final phase of preps and build a new fence along the shoreline. There are plenty of projects that you can help with as well as enjoy the camp atmosphere for the weekend. Contact me via email dennis.molnar@camplambec.com or text or call 412-389-6844 if you want free lodging for any of the Memorial Day Weekend. We will also be offering some simple meals for participants.

Lots of unfolding news will continue to come your way via emails, the website, and now our Facebook page. See you soon at Camp Lambec for an opportunity to embrace 92 acres of God Space to tend to souls for the Kingdom of Jesus the Christ.

Peace & Blessings,

Pastor Dennis Molnar Transitional Director of CAPNWP & Camp Lambec