

CAMP CAROLINE COMPASS

News of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina

Camp Counselors Needed

We are looking adults as well as mature high school students who would love to volunteer a week at Camp Caroline and make a difference in the lives of our youth. As our Commission on Christian Nurture chair, Rev. Craig Kirby-Grove has said, "Often times you hear counselors reflecting that they have had as powerful an experience as the campers. As counselor's get the opportunity to hear and see God's direction and influence on them as they devote their time and effects in service away from their 'normal lives'." If interested in being a counselor, contact Rev. Craig Kirby-Grove, 252-281-3721 ckirbygrove@yahoo.com



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Westview Cottage Groundbreaking

The Camp Caroline Task Force has set a goal to "provide a quality camping experience for all visitors to Camp Caroline". In keeping with the vision of a year round camp, conference and retreat center, we need to provide more housing for adults.

Westview Christian Church, Wilson NC, has provided a gift of \$350,000 from the sale of their property to Camp Caroline. An additional gift of \$102,000 from Jack and Gladys Lee has also been received to help with the funding for this project.

Currently soil suitability and land surveys are completed so that Rivers and Associates can begin work on all the environmental permits that are required in order to build near the water. The cottage has been designed by Dunn and Dalton Architectural firm in Kinston, who also designed the Lee Building. Any building over 2,000 square feet will require a \$50,000 sprinkler system so we plan to stay within that limit. The plan is to build, on a site, closest to Janiero Road which we are not currently using for the camping program. The two-story cottage will house 10 to 20 people (with handicapped accessible rooms on ground floor) with meeting space, small kitchen and will include a porch with rocking

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Camp Assistant Coordinator

We are delighted to welcome Bruce Williamson to our camp staff. Bruce has spent many hours through the years volunteering at camp. He is part-time and brings a vast skill set to help with the upkeep of our camp. We are so blessed to have his talents, excitement and love for Camp Caroline .

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chairs with views of the Neuse River! In the future, we hope to build additional cottages to enable comfortable conference housing for approximately 50 to 100 people. The preliminary drawings indicate that we have space for up to 5 of these cottages when funds become available.

**Westview Cottage ground
breaking ceremony will be
March 18th at 3:00 pm!**

VOLUNTEER FOCUS: At the Waterfront

At one of my first camp updates at Bethany Christian Church, Arapahoe, I asked folks to consider volunteering. Little did I know this husband and wife team, Dave and Sandy Netting, would impact the camp in so many positive ways. They are lifelong Disciples and have worked in camping ministries in Pennsylvania. In 2016 they have cumulatively volunteered over one thousand hours.

They spent many hours readying the waterfront and vessels for the camp season. A few of their tasks include: all of the Sunfish were repaired, painted and decaled, they helped install the handrail at the pier, built the canoe and Sunfish racks as well as built racks for the tillers and daggerboards in the boathouse. They donated many of the supplies to help the camp fleet get in shape for the 2016 camp season and then volunteered everyday of the summer camp season to instruct sailing, assist with rescues, and be crucial to the successes of our waterfront crew and the safety of our programming.

We are so blessed to have Dave and Sandy looking after our waterfront and offering care and hard work to our vision, and to create a better waterfront safely and efficiently.

Thank you Dave and Sandy!



Camp Truck Needed

Our camp truck has expired! We are in dire need of a full size truck. If you would like to donate a truck or help purchase a truck, please contact Casey Perry, 252-299-3157.

Call for 2017 Summer Camp Staff

We are looking for college age adults (preferably rising sophomore) who want an experience of a lifetime! Do you love camp, kids, new experiences, friends, working hard, sailing, praying, singing, swimming, dancing, cleaning, playing and leading games, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, teaching, hosting and fun?

Summer Camp Staff is a demanding job, yes, but also one filled with life-long memories, personal skill development and an overall accomplished and full summer experience. Connect to our Facebook and Instagram links at campcarolinenc.com. Email or call Casey Perry to get an application. caseysperry2@gmail.com 252-299-3157.



Camp Caroline Adoption Program

Camp Caroline has lots of space and facilities. The camp depends on churches, groups, and individuals to care for the upkeep and maintenance. This involves annual / bi-annual care-team visits through adoption. Many churches of whom already adopt like sending a few people to check in on their adoption, then heading home and gathering people and supplies to make care visits. These often coordinate with Camp Workdays but many also schedule times that are best for their church calendar. Casey and Bruce are more than happy to help coordinate this with you all. We have several areas that need adopting: Pelican's Rest, waterfront chapel, the professional kitchen, dining hall and AC room, just to name a few. Please contact Casey at 252-299-3157 or Bruce Williamson at 252-559-3484.

Camp Agape

Below is a letter from the Reverend Craig Kirby-Grove, the Chairperson for Commission on Christian Nurture.

Dear Contributors to Agape Camp Fund,

First, THANK YOU! Thank you for your donations that allow children who are often overlooked to attend Church Camp at Camp Caroline each summer.

Along with our Thank You, we are announcing an evolution in this Church Camp program. Instead of having the children attend a separate week, starting in 2017 the children will attend Beta Camp for children who have completed grades 3-5 during the week of July 23rd-28th.

It is our hope that by bringing all the children who attend Camp together we will build a better Camping program and a better witness to the world. As our Word to the world states: We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

Rev. Craig S. Kirby-Grove, Chair Christian Nurture Committee for the Region of North Carolina.

(Donations are still needed provide funding for these children to attend camp so please continue to send your Agape Camp funds)

Rev. Craig Kirby-Grove, Chair Christian Nurture

Eagle Scout Project

Last Spring, our first Eagle Scout candidate added a 1-mile walking and running trail. This Spring we have two more Eagle candidates improving the trail. One plans to install an entry sign into the woods as well as install 5 benches along the path.

The second candidate will clear and install our woodland worship area with a cross and communion table for small groups.

2017 Camp Schedule for Camp Caroline

Choose camp by grade completed or currently in as of June 2017.

Camp	Date	Fee	If paid by 3/15	Start/End Time
Uno for Grades K-2 (w/1 parent)	June 9-11	\$220	\$190	7pm/11am
CYF Conference for Grades 9-12	June 11-16	\$360	\$330	7pm/11am
Created to Be Me for Grade 8	June 18-24	\$435	\$405	4pm/11am
Sailing Arts & Science for Grades 4-7	June 25-30	\$360	\$330	7pm/11am
Alpha Camp for Grades 1-3	June 25-30	\$360	\$330	7pm/11am
Delta Camp for Grades 6-7	July 16-21	\$360	\$330	7pm/11am
Beta Camp for Grades 3-5	July 23-28	\$360	\$330	7pm/11am
Camp Rainbow (mentally challenged)	July 3-7	\$275	\$275	2pm/11am

Land Acquisition

Camp Caroline is growing and we are so excited about the future. We would like to continue to expand our camp offerings, but are facing the reality of running out of space. Our playing field is not regulation size for sports such as football, baseball, soccer or other outside sports programming. We would also like to add to our challenge course.

We have recently contacted our adjoining property owners whose land has not been developed. This property is on the other side of Camp Road (the dirt road along our fence behind the pool). Mrs. Cassie Mae Coppage has recently given us this road which we plan to extend to the wildlife boating area when funds are available for clearing and grading.

Neighbors directly across the street on the banks of the Neuse River have been contacted as well and we have asked for 'first right of refusal' should they decide to sell.

Currently, we do not have funds for the purchase of additional property. If you would like to help with our land acquisition project, please mark your check 'Camp Caroline Land Purchase'.

Camp Nurse Volunteer

We would like to invite our retired (or currently working) nurses to volunteer a week, or two, of camp. As youth come to camp with allergies and medications, we know it is beneficial to have a nurse on campus. Nurses have their own space and will have all meals provided!

Come enjoy an opportunity to share your skills while enabling you to serve God and make a difference in the life of a child or adult who may need your special gifts during camp. Contact our camp manager, Casey Perry, 252-299-3157.
