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April 1, 2023 Camp Update

Registration: We are nearing the 1,300 camper mark!!! Praise the Lord!

Zipline: We are complete and ready for use!!! Campers and guests will now have the opportunity to utilize our most popular harnessed activity again!

Workday: Austin Fouts' to-do list is growing by the day. We have a scheduled Work Day on Saturday, May 6 from 8:30 AM until about 4:00 PM. We have several opportunities to utilize your specific skills so if you would like to offer your assistance, please contact the office so that we can plan accordingly. Pray for the work to be a Blessing to all who visit this campus!

Food Pantry: Your church should have already received a Food Pantry request, however, if you haven't had any info passed along, we can always use **fruit juice** (last summer, we ran out the week of July 4th).

Summer Staff: We've received all of our contracts back from summer staff! Still looking for one or two 18+ year olds that aren't afraid of heights and willing to be a lifeguard for our programming staff.

HVAC Units: Last month's update revealed two units that phased out. Unfortunately, we have had two ADDITIONAL units phase out. Since January, we have spent almost \$25,000 in HVAC replacement with another 'on-hold bid' in hand for \$19,000. Please pray that we navigate through these issues with discernment and that God provides for these needs. With 21 main units and 5 smaller units on campus, keeping our guests comfortable with climate-controlled buildings is a BIG deal and cyclical process of replacement/repairs never ends.

Kitchen Refrigeration Units: We need a large, double door, commercial, upright freezer for our culinary needs. We are also in need of double door upright refrigerators with glass doors for our kitchen. Just as I mentioned with the HVAC units, we've retired two heavily used refrigerator/freezer units in the past year and haven't replaced yet...oh how I wish that these investments would last forever!

Van / Truck: We purchased a used van for \$43,000 las month and we are **ecstatic** that our fleet is increasing with RELIABLE modes of transportation for our 500 summer campers/volunteers that rely on these vehicles daily. We are STILL looking for a used camp truck to facilitate our daily needs for camp.

Volunteers: Butler Springs **THRIVES** on the generosity of our volunteers, and we are so thankful for those that share their skills/abilities with us. Contact us if you would like to volunteer with us for a day doing any of the following: landscaping; light duty carpentry work; culinary/kitchen; cleaning; facilitating our harnessed activities (training required and provided); log splitting; trail maintenance; painting/staining; errands; office assistance; etc.

Donations: Yes, we very much appreciate your financial resources shared with us but you can also be on the lookout for donations of **gifts-in-kind**. We've got several individuals that are constantly acquiring a random assortment of things that camp can possibly use. Examples so far in 2023 include: paintball equipment; air hockey tables; culinary equipment/storage; lumber; heavy machinery work; tools; desks; chairs; and much more. If you think we can use it, we probably can! Give us a quick call if by chance you stumble upon something that someone wants rid of, and we would be happy to assess those items.

Bridge / Culverts: Our creek swells in the spring rains and over the years, our bridges/culverts that direct traffic from one side of the creek to the other side have become increasingly in need of a replacement. Our desire is to have a concrete box culvert wide enough to drive over and allow heavy flows to pass unobstructed. This is a very pricey ticket item that needs to be completed by a skilled professional. Please join us in prayer that God will allow us to pursue this project at the right moment in time with adequate funding (and/or possible volunteer work). We have three bridges/culverts that need replaced. Maybe you know someone that is perfect to help the camp out in this endeavor.

Thank you, again, for loving on us. We want to make the very most out of every dollar, gift, donation that is given to this ministry. Because of our high prioritized focus of Godly financial stewardship, we want your Blessings to Bless as many kids as possible. THANK YOU!!!