



Northwestern News

Northwestern Ohio Christian Youth Camp
Uniting Young People with Their Creator
Est. 1968

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To the Next 50 Years

As I begin I probably should introduce myself because I have not met some of those who read this newsletter. My name is Matt Neely and I was elected board president for 2017-2018. I currently serve as the Associate Minister for the Echo Meadows Church of Christ in Oregon, OH. While I have only been affiliated with NWOCYC since 2012 it has quickly become something near and dear to my heart. I became involved in Christian camping in 2006. It was my first year at Church Camp and it was a transformational experience for me. Eventually I became involved as a camp counselor and a Bible Class teacher.

God has truly blessed NWOCYC. In my time on the board I have seen us go from potentially being shutdown by the EPA to paying off \$115,000 in debt in 15 months to being able to fund a complete refinishing of the pool. Financially, the camp is on a sound footing and it could not have happened without your love and support for NWCOYC. Your support is a vital part of the ministry of NWOCYC. Every donation goes towards offsetting the costs of running the camp or are put towards capital improvement projects.

Because of your support every year 400 young people are able to put the distractions of the world away for a week and are able to devote themselves fully to growing closer to God. The seeds planted at camp grow and result in dozens of baptisms every year. At camp the kids meet some of their life long friends, brothers and sisters in Christ who they will cherish throughout their lifetime.

This year marks the fiftieth year that NWOCYC has been helping to unite young people with their creator. As we look towards what the next fifty years may bring we honestly do not know. But what we do know is that the board will continue in it's responsibility to provide a safe place for our young people to learn about God and grow closer to their creator. I pray that you will continue to support us in that mission.

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Registration is Open

Registration for the 2018 camping season opened on on March 1st. You can online at nwocyc.org. We would encourage you to register as early as you can. This helps with the organization and preparation for each week of camp. Also, we do offer a payment plan but all plans finish by August 01, so in order to take advantage of the lowest monthly payment register early.

The “New Dining Hall”

If you have been with the camp for any period of time you have heard people talk longly about the “new dining hall.” This is a project that has been a long time coming. It will be the biggest project in the camp’s history. (Yes even bigger than the sewer project.)

While this project is still in the planning stages there are some details that I can share with you about the project. The new dining hall will be a multi use year round facility. In addition to the new kitchen and dining facilities it will also have classrooms / meeting rooms and dormitory facilities. It is the hope of the board that this facility will be a valuable tool for the congregations of the Lord’s Church in Ohio and the surrounding states to utilize not only when camp is in session but for other activities during the year.

In the next couple of months we will be finalizing the plans for the new dining hall. Once the plna are set we will share that information and begin our fundraising in earnest. We hope that you will be praying for this process.

Calling All Volunteers

There are many projects that need to be done continually. Whether you are good at cutting firewood, repairing plumbing, replacing screens, painting, construction, or a host of other service-related things, we invite you to get involved!

All of our building and grounds projects are led by Jack Thomas, board member. If you have a crew or if you are by yourself and would like to tackle a project, you can give Jack Thomas a call at 937-286-6999. We ask that you not go up to the camp and just start projects without first contacting Jack to assure that there is not overlapping between volunteers.

If you have an idea for a project please submit it to Jack so that it can go through the board approval process

Thank you!

Mattress Fundraiser

It has been at least 20 years since the mattresses at the camp were last replaced. At the end of 2017 we started a fundraiser to get the funding to replace all of the mattresses. We are excited to announce that we are \$3,400 from completing this goal. We hope that you can help us complete this fundraiser. If you can donate please send checks to our treasurer, Chris Ackerman (5794 Bermuda Dr. Walbridge, OH 43465), or you can donate online at nwocyc.org.

Thank you for all your support for NWOCYC

Partner in the Ministry of NWOCYC

Many supporters of NWOCYC have been faithfully partnering in the ministry for years with one time donations and monthly pledges. If you are able and willing to donate, please send checks to our treasurer, Chris Ackerman (5794 Bermuda Dr. Walbridge, OH 43465), or you can donate online at nwocyc.org. If you have questions, please call Chris or Matt, listed on the front. Thank you!

All donations are tax deductible, and you will receive an end of year statement and letter.