

Wanake Invites
you to celebrate

75 YEARS OF MINISTRY

From fellowship around tables in the dining hall, to laughter and splashing at the pool, and songs of praise that echo through Vesper Hill at twilight, God's love has been made real to campers and staff at Wanake for 75 years.

SAVE THE DATE!
**SEPTEMBER
24-26
2021**

This September, we want to celebrate with you all that Wanake has meant, the ministry that continues today and the ways that we can share God's love in the future. Revisit the places around camp that are special to you, reconnect with friends, roast a marshmallow, paddle on Lake Arnold, and do the pattycake polka at the barn riot.

This weekend will be time for sharing memories, stories and Wanake traditions in worship, around the campfire and among friends. If you'd like to share something as part of a campfire or worship time, please contact Wanake. Free activities for the whole family Saturday.

Please plan to RSVP by registering online. Lodging and other details available on our website. Register at www.campwanake.org

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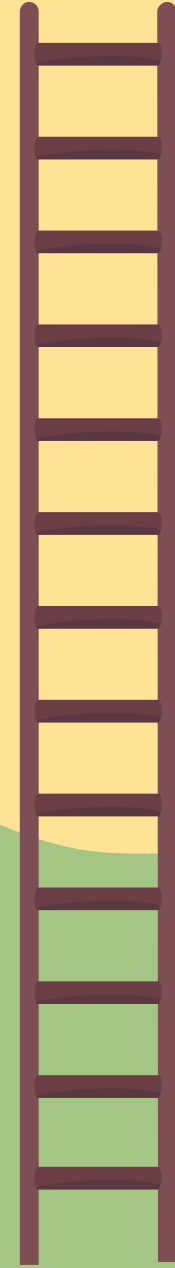
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Camperships to help those who otherwise couldn't experience camp.

- Direct Camperships
- Campership Endowment (Only the interest will be used each year)
- Facilities
- Where Needed Most
- Other: _____
- I would like to introduce a person who could make a gift to advance Wanake's Ministry.
- I would like to remember Wanake in my will (contact Gary Jones at 330-499-3972 ext. 120)
- My employer will support a Corporate Matching Gift.

Please clip and send to: **Wanake Camp & Retreat Center** 9463 Manchester Ave. SW, Beach City, OH 44608

THE WANAKE GIVING LADDER



- \$25** Rock Climbing Helmet/
Fishing Pole
- \$75** Yard Bench
- \$80** Cookout Equipment
(Saws, Pie Irons, etc.)
- \$100** 24 Bibles/Free Standing
Handwashing Station
- \$125** A Picnic Table
- \$150** A Retreat Center Mattress
- \$200** A Rocking Chair made
with Trex Decking
- \$400** Full Week Campership
(two payments of \$200)
- \$500** Flat Screen TV
- \$600** Outpost Barn Folding
Dining Table
- \$1,800** Inpost Barn Chapel Stairs
and Back Wall
- \$3,000** Gravel for Roadways
- \$4,900** Mosquito, Poison Ivy and
Tick Control
- \$7,000** Retreat Center Furniture
- \$15,000** Moody Retreat Center Roof
- \$20,000** Siding the Hay Barn at
the Ranch
- \$30,000** Water Tank Replacement
- \$50,000** Showers on Pines Hill
- \$100,000** Maintenance Complex

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ALUMNI NEWS

Graduations:

Bachelors:
Lydia Scott (10s)
Baldwin Wallace University

Masters:

Sarah (Murphy) Ring (00s, 10s)
Cleveland State University
Masters of Arts in English.

Jennifer (Holderman) Wolfe (90s, 00s, 10s) graduated from Clemson University on August 7, 2020 with a Master's Degree in Youth Development Leadership.

Marriages:

Carter Lenau (10s) and
Amber (Lintz) Lenau (10s)
were married on August 1st, 2020.

Births:

Drew (10s) and Jennifer (Holderman) Wolfe (90s, 00s, 10s) welcomed a baby boy, Micah Jameson, on April 4, 2020. Micah was 6lbs 11oz and 19.5 inches.

Other Exciting News:

Tom Conrad Lives in Delaware OH and makes Modern Art.

Tom Barcroft (70s, 80s) and *Russ Mayer (80s)* lead a session for an Outdoor Education Center in Mount Gilead. Which included creating Hobo Stoves and Buddy Burners.



Carter and Amber Lenau



Micah Jameson Wolfe

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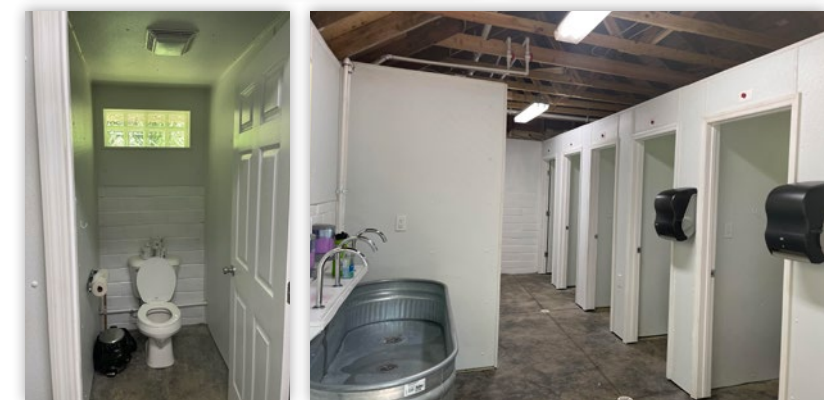
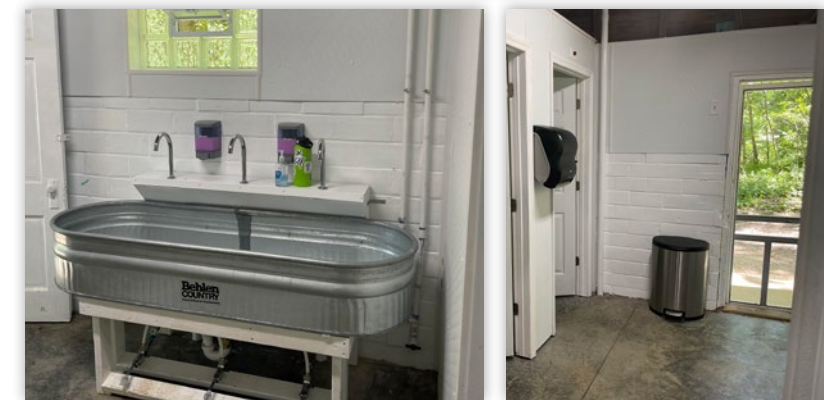


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POOL PALACE IS FINISHED!

The Pool Palace formerly known as the Pool Shower House, has been completed! The building has 8 stalls with a toilet in each. The stalls are complete with walls, ceiling and a door. When the light is turned on from the inside, a small red light turns on above the door indicating that the stall is occupied. This allows one counselor to take campers of any gender to change and use the restroom before and during pool time, while still giving campers their own space and privacy. Due to our "Rule of 3" (this rule minimizes the potential of any staff member being in a one-on-one camper-staff situation) pool time and restroom breaks can be a challenge. The Pool Palace allows pool time to become more efficient, and adds flexibility. The Pool Palace gives groups more time for fun! This is the first phase of the 70th Anniversary Projects. The next phase is a shower house on Pines Hill. We are still looking for funding to complete our final anniversary project, the maintenance shop additions. We are so grateful for all the donors and the countless hours of volunteer labor that was given, who made this project possible.



Garrabrant Girls Fundraise for Wanake

- Angie Garrabrant

About 6 years ago I began to make soap myself to give as gifts to others. There was always something "Holy-Spirit" like when you take several ingredients and carefully put them into a recipe and you are left with beautiful, handmade soap. My girls have watched me make hundreds of batches of soap and enjoy helping. I starting to begin filling Christmas orders when the girls were very interested in making their own soap. They were wanting to create the recipe, the fragrance and the name as well, along with Mom's help. So, one evening we set down and started to make plans to create their soap. I shared with them that I give my soap as gifts and people purchase soap off of me and they would need to think and pray about what to do with their homemade bar soap. We left it at that for a few days. The time had arrived for us to make soap.

The girls had experienced many different things with COVID being mainstream last year. We had just arrived to the area in 2019 because of my husband Matt's recent new church appointment at Otterbein [UMC] of Navarre. Our first year here, we continued to homeschool but last year we prayerfully decided to enter public school again at Fairless. This brought many blessings-great teachers and new friends. One of the biggest adjustments in 2020 was having to tell the girls that Camp Wanake was not holding [Summer] camps. They



were completely bummed. We have made the trip to Wanake many years with our other children and the girls in tow...excitedly waiting for their year. And now with us living so CLOSE to Wanake, we go by there time and time again and anticipate going back. During all of 2020, my husband and I talked with our children of how the camps and many other things were suffering because of nothing going as planned. We prayed for Wanake weekly. It was close to all of our hearts.

Well, the night came and as we were starting to get things ready to make the soap, each one of the girls helped make it special. Bristoll called hers "Rosey Rose", Brielle named hers "Cloverbud" and Nora's was "Frosty The Snowman". They each decided together to sell each bar of soap that they made for \$5.00 and wanted all of the money to go to Camp Wanake. The girl's only question was "Will it be enough?" and I told them that God would certainly bless it for their giving hearts. I put the info on my facebook page and the girls sold their soap very quickly. We shipped soap all over Ohio, to Maryland, North Carolina and West Virginia. Our friends were so excited to buy the specially made soap and support Camp Wanake. The girls love watching movies and I told them that I would take them to the movie theatre and they could pick out a big bucket of popcorn at the movie of their choice. We are making plans to go once school lets out.

Here we are in 2021 and they are very excitedly registered for camp this summer at Wanake. I cannot wait to see their dream come true of going to camp. It's going to be great! I am proud of the girls and thankful they wanted to give what they had to give and see God work it for all of His good.



SUMMER CAMP 2021

This summer campers will enjoy their week of camp in small groups of 10-12 campers and 2 counselors. These family groups will do everything together for the duration of the week. Living in Christian community for 6 days, campers have an opportunity to learn new things about themselves and grow in their relationships with their peers, their counselors and God. Family groups will not be doing activities with other family groups. Each group chooses their own activities to build a unique experience for the week. This summer there are no large group gatherings. We are going back to our Wanake roots of small group decentralized camping, doing everything, including worship, in our family groups. Every night campers will experience a cookout, closing out their evening gathered around a campfire in their Home-in-the-Woods. The Home-in-the-Woods

becomes an important place for campers. Here as they watch the campfire coals die down, campers sing songs, praise God, build relationships and tell funny stories. In addition campers learn skills that can translate into their everyday life. In their Home-in-the-Woods, as campers decide what toppings to put on the pizza they are making, they exercise creativity and try something new. Then responsibility is cultivated when they are in charge of checking their own pie iron while it cooks in the coals of the campfire. Finally, they learn from both failures (a burnt pizza pie) and successes (a great meal) in an environment where failure is not fatal and success is not essential. At Wanake, campers camp and grow! Which children and teens in your life need this opportunity? Invite them to register for Wanake summer camp 2021 today!



David Schar shows outdoor education campers how to make a blade of grass whistle.

Happenings at Wanake this Past Spring

This spring at Wanake we felt blessed. As the COVID-19 restrictions had been lifting and the vaccine had become more available we have seen more groups and people return to Wanake. Some of the groups we hosted this spring were small, but mighty. We had two crafting groups come in March, the Colorful Creative Crafters and the Dreamweavers. We hosted two new to Wanake youth retreats from Fredericktown UMC and Calvary Chapel. We were able to hold our annual spring PR Event, the Resurrection Egg Hunt. We had 170 people in attendance. There were two Work Days hosted, which had a total of 39 people. We also were able to host two outdoor ed groups. To finish off the spring we hosted our annual Alumni work week and weekend. We saw several old friends; 25 alumni came over the week and weekend. We have also been preparing with excitement for Summer Camp 2021.



We have replaced all of faucets, fixtures, and toilets in the Green Shower House, Moody Retreat Center, Savage Retreat Center, and other areas around camp.



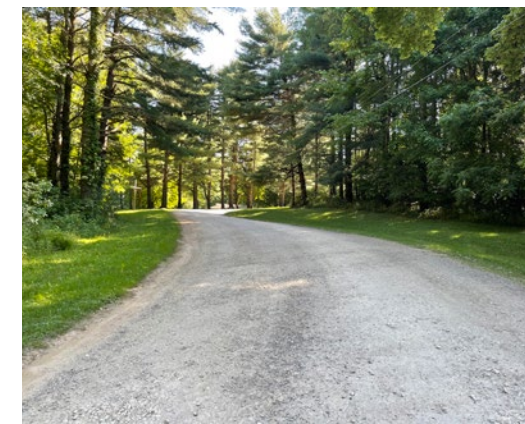
IMPROVEMENTS AT CAMP



The Frog Pond gate has been relocated. Often time the old gate would get bogged down in the mud, and was hard to work with due to the corner it was in. The gate is located right in the middle, where the mud doesn't gather. It is nice and light to move around. There have also been stones placed right inside the frog pond, to help with the mud that would collect after a long summer.



The Inpost barn chairs that were purchased in 2014 began to show their wear, with some small rips and tears. In order to keep them looking nice, we replaced 15 of the backs and cushions that needed repair.



Our main road received a large run of gravel, and some work to smooth and widen the roadways. All of this is to help improve roadways. Which is a constant challenge Wanake faces.

Our phone system needed some upgrades, so in the fall we were able to replace and upgrade our phone system. This upgrade has allowed us to have more phone lines, individual mailboxes, and other needed features.



Due to the change in the year-round ministry, there was a need to create more office space. However, with already limited office space, we needed to get creative. So, the office got a remodel on the right-hand side when you walk in where there used to be one office, there are now two. One for program and one for marketing with the "copier nook" in the middle.



A new craft shed was installed as part of the 70th Anniversary Projects. In order to begin work on the Pines shower house (which will be located in the former craft cabin) the craft supplies needed relocated. The shed is placed next to the Pines Shelter. There will be a door and sink put in to the Pines Shelter to allow easy access to supplies when kids are doing their crafts in the Shelter.

