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Helping you to feel the Pulse of Servant's Heart

YEAR END REPORT

At the end of each year, we prepare an annual report that gives the highlights of the past year. That report is approved at our spring board meeting and becomes part of our permanent records. Although the report this year is 11 pages and much too long to be included with this newsletter, we thought you would appreciate reading some highlights of each of the 10 categories in the annual report.

Director's Report - This section reported some of the changes that we made to accommodate an increased number of campers. It also included a bit about the miracles of God providing quality staff members at the 11th hour. This section concluded with telling about the privilege and honor it is to serve the King of Kings and Lord of Lords as the director of the camp.

Property - The major items that happened on the property during 2018 were the building of the "Bear Den" (camp store), installing spouting and leaf guard on all the cabins, and installing the HVAC units in the cabins that did not yet have those units. Although there is not much to show, we spent much time working on the plans for the lodge.

Numerical Growth - In 2017 we had a total of 724 campers, and in 2018 we had a total of 860 campers. Our biggest increases were in the teen summer campers with an increase of 69 campers and in the Young at Heart Day with an increase of 32 campers. We are trusting God for another modest increase in our camper numbers for 2019.

Events - In 2018 we had 17 events. In addition to those events, we had two banquets, a youth rally, and three Sunday afternoons of quizzing. There were several hundred other people at those events that are not included with the "regular" camp events.

Summer Staff - We had an outstanding and godly summer staff.

Churches Served - There were 31 churches that sent five or more campers, and many others that sent just a few campers.

Financial Report - Although our camper fee income had a nice increase, our donations were significantly lower than some previous years.

2018 Testimony Sampling - In the interest of space, we are only including one testimony from a previous camper.

Hi! Over the last couple weeks, I've felt led to send an email but was never really exactly sure what to say or how to say it, but I need to say thank you for your ministry . . .

I don't recall ever meeting or speaking after 2007 or so, but I attended SH as a teenager for a few summers and was a Jr Counselor in '06. I obviously lacked the maturity or wisdom to make a good staff member then, but I'm very grateful for the grace and patience you had for me that summer. It was a slow and halting process, but SHCM was where I surrendered to God's will for my life. Some of the most vivid memories of messages and moments where God spoke to me as a teen were at SHCM, usually at a "director's hour". I believe SH is where the seed was planted that has grown into what God is doing in my life, and in places you've never heard of, today.

Supporting Churches - We have nine supporting churches, and we are thankful for their prayer and financial support.

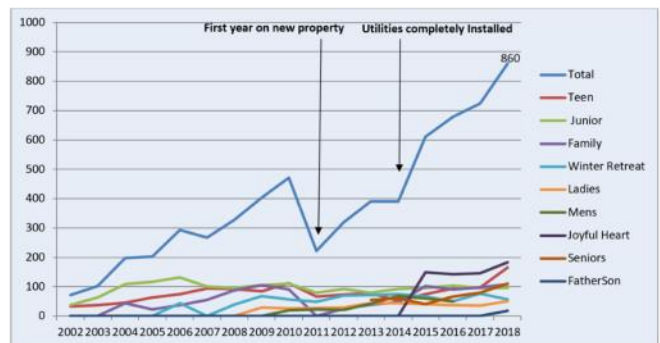
Board Members - The board of Servant's Heart Camp has a total of six different men from six independent churches.

Originally the plan was to include much more information but we quickly realized that there was not sufficient space to share all the exciting news and events at Servant's Heart Camp.

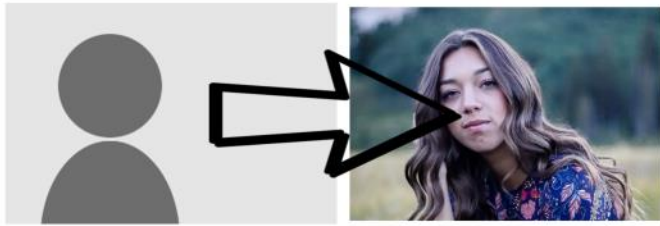
Zipline - In spite of some challenges, we are still moving forward with a zipline. If a group from your church would like to come and clear trees or help build the tower, please contact us. You may pick an open weekend or come during our spring work days on May 2 - 4. We will provide the food and lodging.

Youth Rally - Our annual youth rally and Bible quizzing is on April 27. Dr. Alton Beal is our speaker. You are invited!

Prayer Requests - Summer Staff - Lodge plans & finances - God's working in campers at each camp - God's wisdom



THIS AND THAT



**NEW
CAMP
SOFTWARE**



*Churches can go online and see the information about everyone registered from their church for a **Servant's Heart Camp event.***

In the last few days of 2018 and the first several days of 2019, we transitioned to a new software system to keep track of campers, donations, churches, and events. We used our old system for about the last 10 years, but the support was almost non-existent, and the entire system was occasionally down for several days at a time. The system being down during summer camp was a huge issue for us. We looked at many different systems to replace the old software. Some did everything but were super expensive. We finally found a system that does almost everything we wanted for a reasonable price. We are pleased with the new system.

A camper that registers online will now seamlessly be added to that specific camp. In addition, any payment will be appropriately tagged and credited to the camper's account and a confirmation email will be

automatically sent to the email address listed on the form.

This system can also be accessed by pastors, youth pastors, or church secretaries. You can request from us the credentials for your church, and you will be able to log into our system. You will only be able to access the information for the people from your church. You can check who is registered for each camp or retreat and even see how many total people are registered for that camp. You can even check if your camper remembered to list his allergies on his registration form and who he selected as a roommate.

Individual families can also gain access to our system. They can review all their donations since 2010 and check if they remembered to register their children for a specific camp. In addition, they can update their personal information or even include a profile picture to replace the generic place holder as shown above. We would love to see your face even before you arrive.

Because this new system saves so much time when folks register online, we are considering removing the registration form from some of the brochures. We do realize that some folks do not have access to the internet, and we want to be sensitive to that issue. We would like to hear from pastors, youth pastors, and church secretaries if it would be a hardship if we removed the paper registration forms from some of our camp and retreat brochures.

If you would like to gain access to our system as a church or as an individual family, please contact us for your username and password. We will even give you a lesson on how to use the system.

SUMMER CAMP OPENINGS

Many years the bulk of our camper registrations did not come in until the end of March or later. Last year, however, many of our camps filled, and we were forced to turn some people away. Perhaps for that reason, we are already getting a steady flow of camper registrations for this summer. The list below is accurate at the time of the typing, but it takes a few weeks to send this brochure to the printer and mail it to you. We would encourage you to register soon.

Camp	Openings
Teen Camp 1	5 girls and 12 boys
Junior Camp 1	9 girls and 3 boys
Family Camp 1	3 cabins and 2 RV spots
Family Camp 2	0 cabins and 3 RV spots
Teen Camp 2	15 girls and 18 boys
Teen Camp 3	20 girls and 19 boys
Junior Camp 2	19 girls and 21 boys
Teen Camp 4	24 girls and 24 boys

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Near the beginning of the year, a foundation made some scholarship money available to us for the 2019 camping season. This money is to help campers that would not be able to come to camp because of finances. The funds are available to help for any of the Servant's Heart camps including: Teen Camp – Junior Camp – Family Camp – Ladies' Retreat – Men's Retreat – Father/Son Retreat – Kick Back Retreat. This is not to help campers that are already financially able to come to camp, but to help those in need. If you or someone you know has a financial need, please contact us. We do not want anyone to be unable to come to camp because of a financial restraint. We will ask the person to complete a short confidential online questionnaire. That information will be provided to the foundation. Everyone should have the opportunity to attend camp!