

GMCA Newsletter

Camping is a Spiritual Awakening in the Lap of God

Grand Mesa Christian Association

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Open House

Sunday, June 26th 3:00pm—5:00pm

4:00 pm Dedication of the Caretaker/Nurses cabin
and remodeled kitchen

Refreshments will be served



Caretaker/Nurses Cabin



Utility room on back
of dining hall



New kitchen

From the Building and Long-Range Committee

As we look forward to another great summer of camps in 2022, we can look at the projects which have been accomplished in the last couple of years, some of the challenges we have faced, and look forward to more improvements to be done at the camp to continue to provide a great ministry for the young people and families who grow closer to God in the beauty of the mountains.

On June 6, 2020 a derecho wind storm of unprecedented scale blew through our region bringing winds of nearly 100 miles per hour to Grand Mesa. Several volunteers were working at the camp that day and it was amazing to be in the middle of a storm of such proportions. Several trees blew down during the storm, one of which landed on one of the volunteer's vehicle, totaling it, another blowing down and taking the east entryway off the dining hall. Many other trees also blew down in the area causing roads to be closed and damaging several other vehicles, including one belonging to another volunteer who had been working at camp and had returned to his private cabin across the lake to eat lunch. All of the roads leading out from camp were closed by downed trees and people had to literally cut their way out to be able to go home. God's power is truly awesome, if a little scary to be in the middle of, but by God's grace none of our people were injured.

During the summer of 2020 we were unable to have youth camps due to COVID restrictions so we took the opportunity to do a major remodel and updating of the kitchen in the dining hall and repair the damage caused by the wind storm. We were able to replace the 1941 era walk-in cooler and add new stainless counters and tables, a new dishwasher, and increase the preparation space in the kitchen. We were also able to move the water heaters and other equipment from the kitchen area to a utility area we added to the outside of the dining hall. We also added a restroom to the back of the dining hall for the kitchen staff to use so they no longer have to take a long walk to the restroom.

All of this was accomplished through a great deal of volunteer time from a number of individuals, a grant from the American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains which was funded through money which came from the closing of the Pueblo church and donations from several individuals. Pueblo had the foresight to stipulate how the funds from the sale of their assets would be distributed upon their closing and part of the stipulation was the funding of camping programs. This was a great help to Grand Mesa Christian Association and WYOPA Camp in Wyoming. I would encourage all of the churches related to the camp to consider similar planning.

As always there seems to be a never-ending list of things which need to be repaired, replaced, upgraded, and improved at the camp and we will be working on more of these projects this summer as finances allow.

A few examples of project which we need to accomplish in the near future include (in no particular order):

- ⇒ Replace the underground electrical wiring which supplies power to the boys cabins and boys restrooms
- ⇒ Repair of the boys restroom building which has structural issues caused by snow and old age (ultimately it would be best to replace the building but repairs to the existing one will extend its usable life by several years while funding can be found)
- ⇒ Replacement of the underground wiring to the girls cabins, restroom, and recreation hall
- ⇒ Repairs to the craft hall to maintain it and extend its life
- ⇒ Upgrades to a lot of the trails, etc. to make access to the areas of camp easier for people with mobility challenges. This may include adding steps down to the camp fire area, etc.

If you would like to donate to help cover the costs of the maintenance projects please send your check to GMCA, C/O Carlyle Currier, PO Box 40, Molina, CO 81646 and note on your check "Building maintenance".

We are extremely grateful for all of the dedicated people who continue to work so hard to keep the camp going and pray for increased attendance at the camps. We would love to have the problem of needing more space for campers.

Thanks for all of our continued support in prayer, financially, and with the help at camp.

United Methodist Grand Mesa Summer 2022 Camp Schedule June 10-26

Elementary Camp Completed Grades 3-5 June 17-20

Cost: \$220 if paid in full with completed documentation by May 15; \$230 after May 15

Mid-High Camp Completed Grades 6-8 June 13-17

Cost: \$220 if paid in full with completed documentation by May 15; \$230 after May 15

Senior High Camp Completed Grades 9-12 June 21-26

Cost: \$230 if paid in full with completed documentation by May 15; \$240 after May 15

Family Camp Intergenerational fun for everyone June 10-12

Cost: \$55 Adults \$45 Ages 13-18, \$35 Ages 6-12, \$25 Ages 4-5 3 and under free
Maximum per family: \$200

Young Adult Camp Over 18 years of age June 10-12

Cost: \$50

Camp Registrar: Jesse Monson 719-695-2819 or email gmccregistrar@gmail.com

Website: grandmesacamp.org



Help us grow the Endowment Fund

Grand Mesa Camps are a vital ministry. It takes many hands and hearts to provide high quality camping, spiritual and recreational experiences for young people and families annually. Your donations help keep the Camp affordable to children and young adults who want to participate. And, as you can imagine, the costs of maintaining the historic Camp are considerable. Your gifts are invested in a fund that grows over the long-term and stays intact. ONLY the interest earned is spent to cover the costs of Camp programs. Your gifts will grow and give, a legacy of your generosity...in perpetuity. For more information or to send donations: GMCA, C/O Carlyle Currier, PO Box 40, Molina, CO 81646; 970-250-8049.

2022 Baptist Summer Camping Schedule

July 8-19

The Alpine Zone (High School) Cost: \$150	Entering Grades 9-12	July 10-13
The Ascent (Middle School) Costs: \$150	Entering Grades 6-8	July 16-19
The Trailhead (Elementary) Costs: \$150	Entering Grades 3-5	July 13-16

Send your registrations and health form with Immunization record to the Camp Registrar:
Elaine Mackley 970-985-8572
687 30 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504
Make checks payable to Grand Mesa Baptist Assembly

July 8-10 Family Camp All ages
\$50 -9 years old to Adult \$30 -4-8 years old Free -3 and under Maximum for Family \$160
Registrar: Bonnie Talbott, 970-464-5849

There will be wonderful opportunities for family activities such as hiking in the forest, boating, playing volleyball, visiting with other Christian friends, enjoying a meal together, and worshipping together. Cabins are available for families, extended families or friends and some families can sleep in the main lodge.

Registration forms and schedules are available on our website: grandmesabaptistcamp.org

GMBA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND The Baptist Camps have four scholarship funds, the Williamson, Phyllis Jaynes, Charles Nichols Jr. and Wallace Currier. These scholarships combined allow us to award several full scholarships for young people to attend any of the Baptist youth camps. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please send your name, address, phone number, age and the camp session you plan to attend together with a short paragraph explaining why you would like to be considered for one of these scholarships. The applications must be received by June 4. Send applications to: Dawn Currier, P.O. Box 40, Molina, CO 81646; or phone 970-487-3032



Clean-Up/Open Camp Days

The Clean-Up/Open Camp Days will tentatively be May 28 and June 4. We will need help in getting the camp ready for our first camp. Jobs which must be done include: taking the boats from the Craft Hall down to the boat dock; getting the furnaces to work in all the cabins; cleaning up any messes which may have been left from the winter critters; possibly shoveling snow away from doorways; and unpacking the kitchen and getting it ready for the summer season.

We have jobs for many persons, so bring your lunch and a willing spirit to help us get the camp ready for the summer camping season. We start the day around 9:00 a.m. and finish around 4:00 p.m.



September Work Camp

The annual Work Camp will be held on September 16 & 17. At this work camp, the buildings will be winterized, the water shut off, the water lines drained, the boats put into the Craft Hall for the winter, the kitchen supplies packed up, and repairs made resulting from damage which has occurred during the summer camping season. Other projects may be completed as they become known during the summer.

Mark your calendar now for September 16 & 17. Come and join the great fellowship and fun.

Rental Camp Dates

June 27	Cornerstone Baptist Family Camp-5 days
July 25	Big Pine Camp Association-4 days
July 29	Kennel Family Reunion-3 days
August 1	Charisma Chorus Music Camp-4 days
August 5	Church of Jesus Christ of Apostolic Church-4 days
August 12	Mountain View Amish Mennonite-3 days
August 13	Grand Mesa Resort Company-1 day
August 19	West Rockies Mennonite Family Camp-3 days
August 26	Rushton Wedding Party-3 days
September 2	Antillon Family Reunion-3 days
September 9	Molina Baptist Women-3 days

For information and pricing for renting the camp contact Chris Klein at 970-260-3317 or chriskleingj@gmail.com.



Steve's vehicle

Top photos: Front porch of dining hall and after wind storm



New front porch

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