

An opportunity to give to our Annual Fund

As you prayerfully consider how your financial gifts are used, we invite you to offer your prayers and support to Camp Fontanelle. Your financial support to Camp Fontanelle helps us offer the life-changing experience of outdoor ministry in a setting where you are given the opportunity to Grow with God. Thank you for your prayers and your support through your time, talents and treasures.

(All gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law)

<input type="checkbox"/> S'Mores Club— \$25.00-\$49.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Tree Club - \$500.00-\$999.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Acorn Club— \$50.00-\$99.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Ring the Bell Club— \$1,000.00-\$2,499.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Century Club— \$100.00-\$249.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Oak Tree Club— \$2,500.00-\$4,999.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Seedling Club— \$250.00-\$499.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Elephant Steps Club— \$5,000 & up
<input type="checkbox"/> camp scholarship—\$_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt a summer staffer—\$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> *Camp Projects—\$_____	*camp projects are varied . May be creating games or small building projects, etc...

☐ This gift is in Honor/Memory of: _____
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If you have already given a gift to camp, THANK YOU! If you still need to send a gift, we appreciate your consideration. Please continue to pray for the camp; that God blesses the ministry and the future of the camp. Have a **Merry Christmas** and a blessed **NEW YEAR!** (See inside & back page for giving options)



Surviving and thriving through 2020 with our finances

An update from our Branching Out Development team

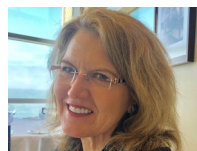
CONGRATULATIONS to supporters, staff, and volunteers for your brave financial and ministry efforts in 2020 amid the many disruptions.

- Donors stepped up their support directly, or by turning their registration fees, which were prepaid for canceled camps, into donations.
- Staff worked with reduced budgets while creating new ministries—free virtual camping and Family Escapes getaways for fees creating income.
- Reimagining a simplified yet meaningful and safe barbecue that generated significant revenue as supporters turned out.
- Reduced, safe corn maze openings (weekends only), together with good weather and less competition (i.e., less Husker football) led to good turnouts for family fun.
- Conference's usual support plus timely application for a CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program grant provided a foundation of support.

With a good year-end response from our supporters, we can ensure a balanced budget along with adequate carryover funds to launch into 2021 expecting a renewal of God's full and expanding ministry at Camp Fontanelle.

Submitted by Doug Kallesen

Camp Fontanelle Welcomes Rev. Dr. Janice Japp to the Camp Team



Camp Fontanelle is pleased to introduce Rev. Dr. Janice Japp as the Donor Support Director for the camp, through an appointment by the Great Plains Annual Conference.

This newly created position continues the work that Dr. Japp has been doing with the Branching Out Capital Campaign, in working to secure funding for the proposed building expansion. The new construction will work to meet current and future needs of the camp.

Her work for the camp will continue cultivating donors for the capital campaign retreat center and developing a legacy giving program, as well as gifts through its annual giving program.

Other responsibilities include reaching out to current and future donors with updates; speaking to groups, churches and organizations about planned/legacy giving, capital campaign giving and giving to the general budget.

The camp is looking forward to this new position and what Dr. Japp will do to help the camp, in its fiscal health.



Supporting the Camp through end of the year giving

One of the best ways to support the camp is through daily prayer. Prayers for the camp and the ministries provided at the camp. Secondly, think and plan how you can give your time to the camp in 2020/2021.

If you are considering an end of the year gift to the camp, please see ways that you can give your financial support below.

- ✿ Send a check to the camp
- ✿ go online at campfontanelle.com and make a donation through the conference
- ✿ Donate stock to the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation <http://www.numf.org/>
- ✿ Transfer the required minimum distribution directly to the camp
- ✿ Check to see if your employer does a matching fund donation when you make a donation to the camp

What can your donation do?

- ✿ It can help keep our building and grounds looking nice and in good repair.
 - ✿ It will help in providing great programming during the summer and throughout the year
 - ✿ A donation will help support our summer camp staff during their training and throughout the summer
 - ✿ A donation to the general budget does help keep the lights on and supports our fulltime staff, our part time staff and gives our volunteers the resources they need to do their volunteer jobs
- God's blessings to you this day and every day and thank you for supporting Camp Fontanelle.



2021 Camp Fontanelle Summer Camp Schedule

KEY to calendar: Multi-Generational Camp Adult-Kindergarten Adult-2nd Grade Grades K-3
Grades 3-5 Grades 3-6 Grades 3-12 Grades 3-7 Grades 6-12 Grades 6-8 Grades 7-12 Grades 9-12

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 30	31 Day Camp memorial DAY	June 1 Day Camp Guardian Angel	2 Day Camp Guardian Angel	3 Day Camp SonShine	4 Day Camp SonShine	5 SonShine
6	7 Day Camp Middle School Camp Elementary Camp	8 Day Camp Middle School Camp Elementary Camp Joyful Noise	9 Day Camp Middle School Camp Elementary Camp Joyful Noise	10 Day Camp Middle School Camp Elementary Camp Joyful Noise	11 Day Camp Middle School Camp Elementary Camp Joyful Noise	12 Joyful Noise
13 Joyful Noise	14 Day Camp Tree Monkey Middle School Camp F.R.O.G.	15 Day Camp Tree Monkey Middle School Camp F.R.O.G.	16 Day Camp Tree Monkey Middle School Camp F.R.O.G.	17 Day Camp Tree Monkey Middle School Camp F.R.O.G.	18 Day Camp Tree Monkey Middle School Camp F.R.O.G. Family Camp	19 Family Camp
20 Family Camp	21 Day Camp Confirmation Girls Only	22 Day Camp Confirmation Girls Only	23 Day Camp Confirmation Girls Only	24 Day Camp Confirmation Girls Only	25 Day Camp Girls Only	26
27	28 Day Camp Zoobilee Middle School Camp High School Camp	29 Day Camp Zoobilee Middle School Camp High School Camp	30 Day Camp Zoobilee Middle School Camp High School Camp	July 1 Day Camp Zoobilee Middle School Camp High School Camp	2 Day Camp Zoobilee Middle School Camp High School Camp	3
4 4th of July	5 Day Camp Splish Splash High School Camp	6 Day Camp Splish Splash High School Camp	7 Day Camp Splish Splash High School Camp	8 Day Camp Splish Splash High School Camp	9 Day Camp Splish Splash High School Camp	10
11 SonShine	12 Day Camp Sports Camp Elementary Camp	13 Day Camp Sports Camp Elementary Camp	14 Day Camp Sports Camp Elementary Camp	15 Day Camp Sports Camp Elementary Camp	16 Day Camp Sports Camp Elementary Camp SonShine	17 SonShine
18	19 Day Camp Survivor Elementary Camp	20 Day Camp Survivor Elementary Camp	21 Day Camp Survivor Elementary Camp	22 Day Camp Survivor Elementary Camp	23 Day Camp Survivor Elementary Camp	24 Survivor Guardian Angel
25 Guardian Angel	26 Day Camp Road Rules Elementary Camp Advanced Survivor	27 Day Camp Road Rules Elementary Camp Advanced Survivor	28 Day Camp Road Rules Elementary Camp Advanced Survivor	29 Day Camp Road Rules Elementary Camp Advanced Survivor	30 Day Camp Road Rules Elementary Camp Advanced Survivor	31
August 1	2 Day Camp Elementary Camp Middle School Camp High School Camp	3 Day Camp Elementary Camp Middle School Camp High School Camp	4 Day Camp Elementary Camp Middle School Camp High School Camp	5 Day Camp Elementary Camp Middle School Camp High School Camp	6 Day Camp Elementary Camp Middle School Camp High School Camp	7 See you all back on Sept. 19 for the annual BBQ!



Bee prepared for a fun and faith-filled summer at camp. Hear God's Words, which are as sweet as honey!

Partnership = Opportunities



A new partnership begins! Camp Fontanelle is excited to be working with Angel Tree Ministries to offer summer camping to the child/youth centric branch of Prison Fellowship. Angel Tree Ministry offers Christian based activities for families of incarcerated persons. One of those activities is working with Christian-based camps to offer their families summer camp opportunities to experience God in nature.

Camp Fontanelle is a perfect partner for this program with its outdoor activities, faith lessons, qualified counselors and 192 acres of God's Great World!

How this works: Camp Fontanelle is listed as an approved camp on The Angel Tree Camping website. Families will register for camp and Angel Tree Camping will provide a scholarship for those registered in their programming. Families will pay a portion of the fee and Angel Tree will cover a set amount per person registered.

Angel Tree says that one in 28 children in the U.S. have a mom or dad in prison. They go on to say that incarceration can take a family to the breaking point. Angel Tree provides resources and outlets to share the love of Jesus Christ, which helps strengthen family bonds. Their ministry works to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of families.* These are families in YOUR community

Angel Tree works with churches and individuals to support their ministry as well. Opportunities for giving time, talent and treasures can be found on their website (below)

We look forward to this partnership in providing an outdoor opportunity for these families.

*information is from their website and can be found at

https://www.prisonfellowship.org/about/angel-tree/?mwm_id=397652538694

Camps offers Early Bird Registration, Family Discounts and Scholarships *Making camp affordable for all*

Camp Fontanelle staff and site council work to make camp affordable for all. During the summer camping season, expenses are high. There is additional staff, a pool to maintain, higher utility usage and food expenses. Through the creation of its Second Season, with the pumpkin patch and corn maze, camper fees are kept at a manageable level. The camp is aware, that even with the fall supplemental income, the price of camp is still difficult for some.

Camp Fontanelle has created special discounts to help families with the cost of camp and are pleased to be able to offer these specials again for 2021.

The American Camping Association (ACA) reports that day camps range from \$199 to \$800 a week and overnight camps are \$680 to \$2,000 a week in a 2018 report. (Totals came from ACA camps across the U.S.A. Camp Fontanelle is an ACA accredited camp.) Camp is pleased to announce that there is no change in the camping fees for 2021. Below please find the camp specials for this coming summer.

Summer Camp Specials (*Specials and discounts may not be combined*)

- **Early Bird Special:** 50% off SonShine and Guardian Angel Camp registrations for both child camper(s) and accompanying adult(s) campers if postmarked or received online by March 31st.
- **Bring a First Time Friend Special:** Returning campers can attend for 25% off if they bring a new first time camper with them. The first time Camp Fontanelle summer campers will also receive 25% off for attending.
- **Sibling Saver Discount:** Siblings of the same household attending weeklong camps, help each other save on cost. Sibling one pays full price, sibling two takes 25% off, sibling three and beyond takes off 50%
- **Hope & Promise Special:** Every Great Plains United Methodist pastor and each United Methodist

Women's group can send a first time camper at 50% off. If you are a first time camper, contact your local United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women Group, or Camp Fontanelle to inquire.

- **Day Camp Specials:** The first three day camps (same per son) are at full price \$220.00 each. Sessions 4-6 are at \$200.00 each and sessions 7-10 are at \$180.00 each.

Discounts are not guaranteed. You must request the discounts. It is like grocery coupons; they are offered but you must use them! The only special that is guaranteed is the Early Bird Registration.

Are you of college age? Do you enjoy working with Children/Youth? Do you have a passion for Jesus?

Consider Applying for a summer counselor position at camp!

Camp Fontanelle is already looking for good candidates to work for the summer. The intent is to hire 20 staff who will work with the summer campers, volunteers and other staff to provide a fun and inspiring experience for all who are at camp.

A person wishing to work at camp needs to be able to follow directions, as well as be flexible and able to change plans as needed. Counselors will learn facilitate activities such as archery, challenge course, run the zip line, care for the barn animals, teach songs, learn general first aid and possibly get certified in life guarding. Counselors will also help with general care of facilities by cleaning, minor repair and duties as assigned.

Interested applicants should be at least 19 years of age, already graduated high school and attending college/trade school, or in the workforce. A good candidate will have a love of God and a good rapport with children and adults.

Employment will be from May 17th through August 7th. Counselors will be paid twice a month and housing and meals will be provided. There will be additional opportunity to earn wages by working with guest groups outside of the summer camping ministry.

Experience working with children, or an intention to work in ministry, of some sort, is a plus but not required. More information can be found at <https://www.campfontanelle.com/our-team/employment-opportunities/> or contacting Program Director Joel Coleman at 973-224-4672 or jcoleman@greatplainsumc.org

Christmas In A Box

Our Christmas In A Box is a fun hands-on box for Children through Young Adults to grow in their faith while having fun! You can pick the level right for you/your family and spend the Christmas break creating memories and joy! You'll get to discover the code from the song "The 12 Days of Christmas!"

THE Twelve DAYS OF Christmas

"For God so loved the world..." John 3:16

HOW IT WORKS:
PURCHASE YOUR BOX BY DECEMBER 1
GIVE THIS AS A GIFT TO BE OPENED ON CHRISTMAS
ACTIVITIES BEGIN DECEMBER 26 (AND TAKE ABOUT 30 MINUTES PER DAY)

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Virtual Christmas Calendar
- Christmas T-Shirt
- Leveled Materials for Children through Young Adult
- Daily Devotionals & Music
- 2 Zoom Calls with Others
- Educational Activities
- Art Activities
- Family Recipes
- Stickers & Swag
- & MORE!

A Collaborative Effort between:

Volunteer opportunities

Camp Fontanelle is looking for volunteers to share their gifts at the camp.

Camp Fontanelle is currently looking to add to its onsite volunteer opportunities. Do you have a love for camp and want to help out to keep the camp at its best? Below, please find a list of ways to connect with the camp through volunteering.

If you see something you like, or would like to learn more about giving your time to camp, please contact the camp at 402-478-4296 or fontanelle@greatplainsumc.org

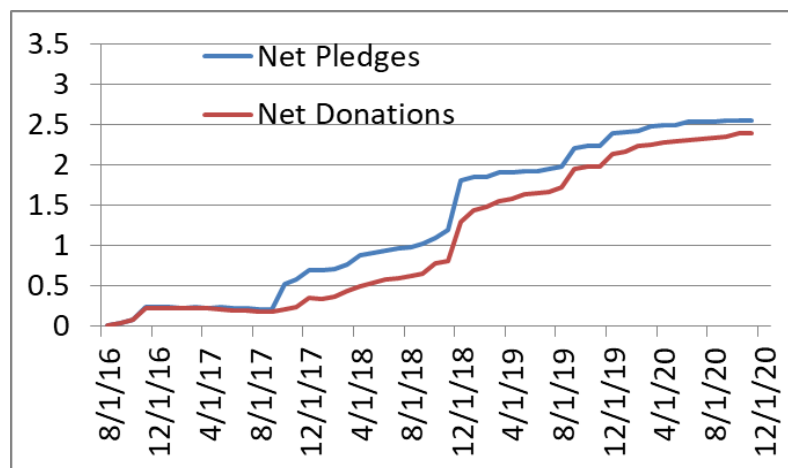
- General cleaning
- Office work
- Outdoor work
- Animal care
- General repair
- Kitchen work



Capital Campaign and Project Update

Campaign: During the pandemic and associated cancelation of summer camping, we have focused our donation appeals on operating fund needs. We thank our supporters for responding accordingly and sincerely appreciate the capital campaign pledges and payments that do still come in.

A **key goal** for Branching Out is to **gather an additional \$54,000 in new pledges/donations** in order to match 2 to 1 the Rupert Dunklau Foundation's challenge for us to raise \$80,000 matching their generous \$40,000 pledge made last June...It would be **a real blessing to accomplish this by the end of the year** when we hope to commit to construction. Checks noted "Dunklau Challenge" can be sent to the camp or donations made on line using the DONATE button on www.campfontanelle.com. We have \$26,000 for the match so far.



The chart at left shows the funds, in \$millions, net of campaign expenses, that camp supporters have generously provided for the project over the planning and fundraising periods ... a total of four plus years. **Another key goal** is to keep the construction loan as small as reasonably possible due to all the uncertainties at this time and the difficult situations for our partner churches amid the pandemic.

Project: As noted in previous communications, the bids for the original design of the retreat center came in considerably higher than expected. In order to proceed and keep the construction loan at a manageable level, Site Council felt the need to consider two alternatives:

- (1) a significant reduction in the retreat center design (size, features, and completeness) and
- (2) another approach involving four log cabin structures (two bunk houses, a conference building and a bath house located by the Lamberson and Mohler Camper Caves.)

Site Council is hoping to have sufficient information gathered and decision made by early December, then taking the recommendation to Great Plains UM Camps, owners, for their approval. Either plan is likely to have some unfinished space that could be finished sometime in the future when resources became available. Know that a lot of work is going on. **Please pray for your Site Council in this time.**

WHICH CAMP TO CHOOSE FOR YOUR SUMMER?

With ten weeks of camp, 28 sessions and Day Camp, how do you choose which camp session to attend? There are many ways to approach arriving at your answer; Ask these questions:
Does our family have plans that we need to work around?

Put those dates on a calendar and look at all of the camps which do not conflict
Is there a theme that is of interest?

Work your schedule around the week of the themed camp

Do we want to go to camp as a family?

Then Family Camp is the camp for you, or maybe Guardian Angel or SonShine if you have younger children. We only have specific weeks that are open for the summer, what do we do?

Choose one of the non-themed camps during a week that is open.

The basics of the programming does not change; the curriculum is the same week to week. There will still be swimming, crafts, time in the woods, the Jumping Pillow, Petting Barn and all of the other things that camp has to offer.

We look forward to seeing your family out at camp this summer, Be sure to look at the offers and discounts that are available to help with cost. Scholarships are also available. Please contact Camp Registrar, Jane Van Horn for more information at jvanhorn@greatplainsumc.org. [SEE YOU AT CAMP!](#)

Brief explanation of the camp sessions:

Family Camp: A weekend for the whole family. There are age appropriate activities as families are broken into age groups. You can choose activities in which to participate or spend time as a family.

Guardian Angel and SonShine Camps: A 24 hour (Pre School-K) or 48 Hour (1st & 2nd) experience, where the young camper comes with an adult (parent, grandparent, etc...) to enjoy time at camp.

Non-Themed Camps (sessions by age group): A new way to get out to camp. The theme is "Camp Fontanelle". Do all of the fun things that are offered at camp, spend time with friends, while making new friends and of course, strengthening your faith!

Day Camp: This is a camp where the campers go home every night. Parents drop off and pick up, or maybe you can create a carpool for your area. Three meals are served and they will enjoy all of the camp fun.

Themed Camps (in alphabetical order)

Advanced Survivor: Takes Survivor to another level! This camp will have an off-site multiple day/night adventure. Must have attended survivor or have equivalent experience.

Confirmation Camp: Get a kick start on your confirmation journey with your pastor and confirmation class. Check with your church about attending this camp.

F.R.O.G.: Fully-Rely On God-this camp helps you see where God fits in your life. Do some tree climbing and sleep in a tree boat (weather permitting) but as always, you'll enjoy all of the fun things at camp.

Girls Only: A chance to hang out with other girls/young women and see what it means to be a strong, confident and godly-person. This camp is full of a lot of fun and faith!

Joyful Noise: This themed camp works on developing your gifts. Are you a singer, or an instrumentalist, or do you enjoy drama; then this camp is perfect for you. The week is filled with preparing a worship service that will be taken out to a congregation.

Road Rules: Leave camp every day and provide service to an organization, business or individual. You will work hard and play hard.

Splash Splash: This camp is all about water...swimming, ice skating, water park, water games. If you like all things water, you'll love this camp.

Sports: If you like sports, this is the camp for you. You will learn and play different team-based sports throughout the week.

Survivor: This is more like primitive camping. You'll create your shelter in the woods, cook your own food and learn about team-work. Take a float down the Elkhorn. This is a great camp for those who like adventure.

Tree Monkey: The only camp where you will tree climb every day. Hang out in the trees and maybe even sleep in a tree boat.

Zoobilee: This camp will spend a day and a night at the Omaha Zoo. Always a fun camp to attend.