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Camp is the highlight of the summer for our son. The fact that he would select it over technology access says a lot."

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#campisreal

In a time when youth average about nine hours of entertainment media use every day, Christian camping diverts attention from a virtual world toward a world of real people, in real places, modeling real lives in relationship to Jesus Christ.

At Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point, campers make connections that surpass digital relationships. As they set aside their smartphones, they encounter people, conversations, music and Bible teaching that change how they think and live. How does this happen? By participating in outward experiences that prompt inner change.

Community

Moving through each day in a cabin group led by an energetic counselor sets a tone of freedom. Why can kids be both serious and silly at camp? Why are they willing to have hard

conversations? Try new activities? Make a new friend? Consider a relationship with Jesus? It has something to do with abandoning everyday rhythms to live in an extraordinary community.

God in nature

The out-of-doors, adventure and selfdiscovery go hand in hand. From water activities to a starry night sky to hiking, campers touch creation in ways that captivate their spirits, embolden them about their capabilities and encourage them to ask questions about their creator. They step into a world of wonder, and are encouraged to explore safe risks there.

Love and care

Feeling loved and included is the heart of a camp experience. Well-trained staff model discipleship and authenticity, living out Christ's love. Meeting diverse

people, campers find they are loved and so are others. Staff come alongside campers as individuals and groups to show love and point them to the God who loves them more.

Spiritually defining moments

We're intentional about shaping the spiritual lives of young people. We know a quality camp experience allows campers to respond to the work of God in their lives. Through worship, Bible reading, conversation and relationship, campers are faced with spiritual questions and challenges – especially the opportunity to meet Jesus for the first time or to decide to walk more deeply with him.

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How has camp been real for you or your family? We'd love to hear about it! Send your story to bfredrickson@ harborpointministries.org. Thank you!







My daughter saw others differently. She made friends with people she would not typically hang out with."

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Comings and Goings

Friends in Food Service

After 20 years of service to Covenant Harbor as Food Service director, Deb Lampert retired from her post this spring. The entire Covenant Harbor family of staff and guests is grateful for her faithfulness and leadership, and wishes her well in her new home in Door County, WI.

Sandy Wendtland, formerly Food Service coordinator, has been promoted to succeed Deb. Covenant Harbor welcomes Mike Nelson as the new Food Service coordinator.





Changes in Guest Services

Jason Fischer, Guest Services director, has departed Covenant Harbor to become the camp director at Lake Beauty Bible Camp in Long Prairie, MN. Alex Schubert, Guest Services coordinator, has assumed IT responsibilities, and Stefanie Wessel, marketing coordinator, is the the new Guest Services director.

Notes and news

Covenant Harbor bids farewell to Emily Henselin, Snake Road Adventure Center coordinator, who has moved to Colorado, Bart Leasure, maintenance coordinator, who is now working at Bergersen Boat Company in Lake Geneva, and Maddie Roos and Holly Hines, Youth Ministry interns.

Covenant Harbor has openings for interns in Guest Services, Youth Ministry, Food Service and Snake Road Adventure Center. Learn more at www.covenantharbor.org.

New program to serve families, children Jill's House coming to Covenant Harbor

In an expansion of its support to people with developmental disabilities, Covenant Harbor is partnering with Jill's House beginning in the spring of 2018. Jill's House celebrates children with special needs and provides relief to the families who love them through short-term, overnight respite care.

Currently, Covenant Harbor annually hosts a four-day program for about 80 residents and staff of Covenant Enabling Residences in Illinois, Minnesota and Michigan. Through its new partnership with Jill's House, the camp will support care and provide a camp experience for children with intellectual disabilities ages six to seventeen so their families can experience respite.

"We're planning to begin with three to five weekend programs in 2018, and then move toward one program a month," explained Covenant Harbor Associate Director Eric Anderson. "This is a wonderful ministry that suits our facilities well, and allows us to serve alongside our owner churches, and others."

At Covenant Harbor, Jill's House participants will be housed in the new infirmary in the Carriage House, and will accommodate up to 12 children. Jill's House provides the specialized staff, including a nurse and program director. Covenant Harbor provides housing, meals and program assistance.

Headquartered in Virginia, Jill's House operates in six states through strategic local partnerships. Covenant Harbor is its first site in Wisconsin. To launch its program at Covenant Harbor, Jill's House is also partnering with Libertyville Covenant Church and Covenant Ministries of Benevolence.

To learn more about Jill's House, visit www.jillshouse.org.





Hispanic ministry Sunday brings joy

On Sunday, Aug. 20 about 475 people from Central Conference Hispanic churches gathered at Covenant Harbor for worship, fellowship and fun. After morning worship, the group enjoyed picnicking along the lakefront and swimming. This annual event allows these congregations to strengthen bonds and share how God is at work in their lives and churches.

Renovated Carriage House supports summer ministry

With the completion of the renovated Carriage House in June, Covenant Harbor campers and staff enjoyed all the new building had to offer.

June celebration

On June 4, about 200 people gathered to dedicate the newly renovated Carriage House after a fire severely damaged it in 2015. Psalm 100 set the tone for the celebration as both the new chapel and infirmary were dedicated in a litany of thanksgiving and honor to God. Robust congregational singing led by Leslie Hodgkinson, director of Worship and the Arts at Glen Ellyn Covenant Church, filled the new chapel space. Many participants remarked that the grand piano brought in for the occasion added to the festivities.



Caring for ill campers

The new infirmary received high marks from Peggy Lund, RN and Health Services director, as she managed the care of sick campers, and coordinated the roles of the weekly health officers, student nurses and local health care providers this summer.



"There is no comparison between the former infirmary and this new space," she said. "Campers are more comfortable here, have more privacy and better protection from contagious diseases. Parents have affirmed it! It's awesome."

The new infirmary accommodates 16 campers, is air conditioned, and includes a small kitchen, separate accommodations for the health officer, an exam table and reception area. Funds for its renovation included a generous grant from Covenant Children's Ministries.

Gathering in the chapel

The upper level of the Carriage House is now a designated worship space that can be easily transformed into a well-appointed meeting area. Madie Roos, a Youth Ministry intern who worked with Covenant Harbor's senior high Base camp this summer, noted that small-group gatherings were especially effective in the chapel.

"Base camp includes many campers who are transitioning from the Pier 30 program," she explained. "It was helpful to have a special place for them to gather and develop bonds as they get used to a different program. The chapel is incredible with the technology it provides – lights, sound, video. We can have 'alone time' or high-energy group time there."

The chapel is used year-round for staff meetings, Harbor Point Ministries board meetings, retreat groups and other gatherings. •



Summer 2017 snapshot

Theme: FORM, based on Eph. 2:8-10

Senior high Alpha campers: 112 (a new record!)

Total youth and Alpha campers: 2,744 (a new record!)

Scholarship funds distributed: \$95,157, serving 242 campers

Summer staff: 75

Offering for Camp2Camp project in Japan: \$3,858.26

Summer Sunday worship attendance: 2,308



From one generation to the next

Camp connections run deep in some families

The joy of a camp experience at Covenant Point is often transferred to the next generation of campers when parents have served on staff. A couple of the many families for whom this is true share their stories.

Camp is a true community of believers." PETE COLLINS

Camp calls us home

"We have lived many places, including Vermont. That was almost 1,000 miles away from Covenant Point. No matter where we lived, the kids went to camp every summer because camp was home to all of us. That home calls us back year after year. It's a special community. It's not always the same people, but we know the kind of people we will encounter there.

"Our daughter, Maggie, served on crew this summer. We knew she was being shaped in positive ways. Our sons, John Paul and Amos, experienced a canoe trip and a Mainland program this year – we were closer so they could go for two weeks each! They both talk about their experiences in superlatives."

Peter and Tina Norland, former staff





True community

"Nine years ago my wife, Brooke, initiated the idea of going to family camp. We went and saw many other former staff with their families. It was so cool! We've continued the tradition of family camp, and the kids also started going to youth programs. Abby's been a camper since grade two, and this summer she served on crew for the first time. Will went to programs on both the Island and Mainland.

"When I worked there I experienced a true community of believers. No one was perfect, but we struggled, learned and loved together. Abby experienced that this summer. She said it was the hardest thing she's ever done, and the best thing she's ever done. She saw how she could be herself in Christian community. In a culture where kids feel pressure to perform and be someone else, at camp they can be a kid, be challenged spiritually and take a new step in faith."

Pete Collins, former staff

Summer 2017 snapshot

Theme: Restore, based on Lam. 3:22-23

Youth campers: 662

Family campers: 161, representing 37 households

Scholarship funds distributed: \$35,000, serving 150 campers

Summer staff: 40

Triathletes: 28, who raised \$15,022 in support of ASD Family Camp

(Autism Spectrum Disorder)

Offering for Camp2Camp project in Japan: \$2,097.87

Pastors of the week: Tim Ciccone, Sarah Henry, Amber Jipp, Kate Klemp, Joy Lawrence, Michelle Clifton-Soderstrom, Lars Stromberg, Jen Zerby



New ways to touch creation

Summer 2017 launches Wilderness Campaign resources

Covenant Point has always prompted campers to look to creation to deepen their understanding of God. In particular, the camp's Island and Trips programs are opportunities to unplug from a virtual world and explore nature and the one who created it.

In summer 2017, many campers experienced the wonder of God's creative majesty while paddling in new canoes and kayaks, sleeping in a cozy yurt or enjoying the lake atop a Key Log or giant paddleboard. This winter, the equipment and watercraft will be securely stored in a new pole barn – ready for summer 2018.

The new equipment and facilities are the result of the generosity of donors who supported the camp's Wilderness Campaign. Those donors pushed the campaign beyond its \$300,000 goal by \$35,000! Campaign funds are supporting programs, facility improvements and maintenance:

- Four new yurts on the Island, complete with new bunk beds, replacing aging, canvas platform tents
- 12 kayaks for Island campers to explore the lake
- GoPro cameras to better capture wilderness experiences and water activities
- Key Log and giant paddle board to enhance activity options
- New fleet of river canoes and paddles for canoe trips
- New backpacks and tents for backpacking trips
- Updated and high quality camping and safety equipment for wilderness trip programs
- Large pole barn to better care for equipment, vehicles and watercraft
- Launch of a maintenance endowment to fund depreciation expenses for wilderness program assets











Comings and Goings

Welcome, interns

Covenant Point welcomes three new interns this year: Kennedy Brown, Zoe Larson and Alex Ralston. Kennedy and Zoe graduated from North Park University in May, and Alex will graduate in December from Northern Michigan University. The camp's internship program trains young leaders in camping ministry and provides significant opportunities for leadership and spiritual growth. It is funded by the Chuck Frasier Memorial Internship Endowment.

Stepping into the kitchen

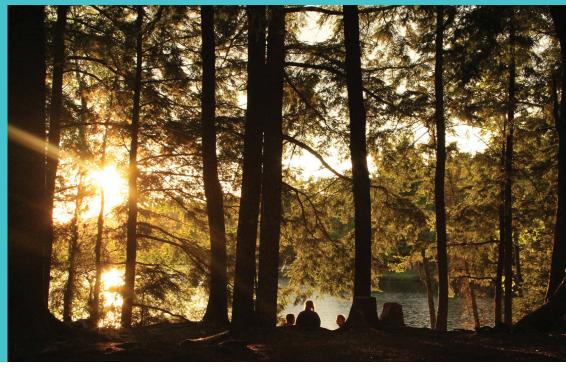
Susan Serbinski joined the Covenant Point staff as part-time assistant cook in May. Susan has ten children, eight daughters and two sons. Executive Director Erik Strom notes that Susan's kind presence and steady leadership have quickly endeared her to the team.

Farewell, friends

With the close of summer camp, Drew Edstrom, Sydney Norman, Nick Ralston and Natalie Swanson have left Covenant Point for new adventures. Drew served as an intern, and is returning to Chicago to take next steps in youth ministry. Sydney served one year as an intern, and a second year as marketing specialist. She is moving to the Twin Cities. Nick and Natalie served as interns this last year. Nick is pursuing work in youth ministry, and Natalie is serving as program director at Covenant Pines Bible Camp in McGregor, MN.

Honor and Memorial Gifts

Harbor Point Ministries honors and celebrates the lives of our friends and supporters, and thanks the following donors for their contributions. Gifts recognized here have been received by Covenant Harbor Bible Camp, Covenant Point Bible Camp and the Harbor Point Ministries Scholarship Fund between Aug. 16, 2016 and Aug. 17, 2017. Gifts can be mailed or submitted online. To give online for Covenant Harbor visit covenantharbor.org/give; to give online for Covenant Point visit cpbc.com/ donate; to give online for Harbor Point Ministries visit centralconf.org/camps/.



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My daughter is now keeping a journal centered on her spiritual growth and formation."





God showed me that he loved me but I didn't understand how much. I grew closer and now I want to be baptized."

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Going on at camp



Covenant Harbor

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Dec. 28-29: Winter Day Camp - Grades K-6

2018

Jan. 5-7: Winter Camp - Jr./Sr. High Jan. 12-14: Winter Camp - Jr. High Feb. 2-4: Winter Camp - Jr. High Feb. 9-11: Winter Camp - Jr./Sr. High Feb. 16-18: Winter Camp - Grades 3-6 March 18: Maple Fest - All ages May 4-6: Moms & Daughters Retreat

Summer 2018!

Online registration opens at 9 a.m. on Nov. 15! Check **www.covenantharbor.org** for details.



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2017

Oct. 6-9: Jr. High Fall Retreat - Grades 6-8
Oct. 12-15: Fiber Arts Retreat
Oct. 12-15: Outdoors Retreat
Oct. 21-22: Trailblazer Overnight - Grades 4-6
Dec. 27 - Jan. 1: Christmas Camp for families
and singles of all ages

2018

Jan. 12-15: One Life 1 - Sr. High Feb. 16-19: One Life 2 - Sr. High Feb. 23-25: Jr. High Winter Retreat - Grades 6-8 March 2-4: Men's Retreat

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I feel restored in my faith. Before I was shaky. I didn't know if I was ready to accept my faith, but now I know I am ready. This has been a unique opportunity to talk about faith."

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