

Camp Selah is a Christian youth camp and retreat center that exalts Jesus Christ through creative programming, a safe and loving atmosphere and gracious hospitality.

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CAMP SELAH 2023 CALENDAR

WINTER CAMPS

ICE2CU Family Day Jan 21
 Teen (13-18) Jan 27-28
 Junior (9-12) Feb 10-11
 Primary (6-9) Feb 24-25

SUMMER CAMPS CON'T

Primary (6-9) July 5-8
 Sr. High (14-18) July 10-15
 Tween (8-11) July 17-22

75th CELEBRATION

August 19

SUMMER HYPE ROAD TRIP

March 11

FAMILY CAMP

September 1-4

FRIENDRAISER

March 18

MEN'S RETREAT

September 22-24

SPRING WORK DAY

May 6

FALL WORK DAY

October 7

SUMMER CAMPS

Junior (7-10) June 12-17
 Pre-Teen (10-13) June 19-24
 Jr. High (12-15) June 26-Jul 1

FALL CAMPS

Tri-State Connection Oct 20-22
 Ambush Oct 27-28



Winter/Spring 2023 NEWSLETTER



With the arrival of 2023, we prepare to commemorate our 75th anniversary!

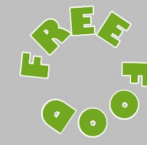


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of Camp Selah.”

Sharon Winkler
Food Service Director



We're inviting you to our
**75TH ANNIVERSARY
OPEN HOUSE
CELEBRATION**
Saturday, August 19, 2023



Seventy-Five Years!

Snack Shack. Cabins. The lake. Dining Hall. Counselors. Go Karts. Nature. My YSL! Chapel. Unplugging. Banana Boat. Game Room. Hillside Chapel. Stingers. Hoccer. What comes to your mind when you think of Camp Selah?

The founders of Camp Selah since its inception in 1948 sought to have a place where children would hear about God's son, Jesus Christ, and to provide spaces to encounter the living God in nature. After a nearly 30-year interval between having been a camper and returning to volunteer, I left after that first week thinking, "God is still the God of Camp Selah!" I was blown away by His zealously in the keeping of Camp Selah for the exaltation of Jesus Christ. No matter the personnel that had come and gone, God preserved Camp Selah for His Glory. And the stunning truth is: He is faithful in continuing to do this! So with this knowledge and confidence we ask: Where do we go from here? Whom will God bring behind us? What foundation do we lay for any campers now, whom God may call to come alongside and then lead the way? What will they learn from us?



55 Years of Service

We would be remiss if we failed to mention the steady faithfulness of one of our board members, Daniel Pichea. He and his wife Natalie have been involved with the ministry in varied capacities since 1968! Thank you Dan and Natalie for holding fast to Camp Selah's mission of proclaiming the gospel to men, women, boys and girls in the tri-state area. You are loved and appreciated!

The Early Years!

Camp Selah was founded in 1948 by local churches and individuals who felt their community needed a Christian camp for boys and girls. In August of that year Selah was incorporated as a non-profit organization and purchased 250ft frontage on Long Lake in Reading, Michigan. From its beginning Camp Selah's greatest asset has been the commitment of its many volunteers and faithful supporters.



Rapid Growth

In 1996, God led Jeff Knoll and his wife, Myrna, to the directorship from Camp Michindoh. At that time, the opportunities for the ministry were so great that Camp Selah had grown beyond what one man could manage. With the addition of Jim and Liz Knoll as part-time staff, the ministry was able to maintain the forty-year-old facilities as well as serve many churches and guest groups. The summer camping ministry doubled in attendance in less than four years.

A Year-Round Director

In 1950, the first building was erected and the first summer camp was held. Tents were used for camper housing and chapel services. Over the next six years a dining hall, chapel building and dormitories were completed. In 1982, Duane Cross, along with his wife, DeeAnn, came to serve as the first year-round camp director. During his fourteen years of service the ministry grew in many ways; Camp Selah was able to expand its property and make improvements to programming. The ministry began to grow beyond a camp that primarily served specific local churches to one that reached out to boys and girls in the entire tri-state area.



Deepening Our Roots

Phil Charles, pastor and long time board member, and his wife, Carolyn, followed the Lord's leading to the directorship in 2006. Throughout his involvement in the ministry, Phil oversaw many improvements to the buildings and grounds including a new addition to the main building. Carolyn acted as the camp financial secretary. Phil and Carolyn served whole-heartedly until their retirement in the fall of 2014. Their guidance and example while they were at Selah helped deliver much spiritual growth to the staff and future directors.



Keep Looking Up

The current staff have each had the unique opportunity to experience Camp Selah first as campers, then as volunteers or counselors, and now as directors, respectfully taking up the reins in a ministry that has eternally impacted their lives. Looking back over 75 years, there are certain things that have changed, while others have stayed wonderfully the same. We are humbled and grateful to have learned the power of slow and steady faithfulness. In God's kingdom, bigger isn't always better, and less can be infinitely more when He is in it! As we prepare for the summer of 2023, our theme speaks of faithfulness to the end and the salvation of our souls that will result. Join us as we strive to obey Him with our whole lives and may God help Camp Selah remain faithful for however many more years He chooses!



New Pavilion Update!

Camp Selah supporters gave around \$17,000 toward a new pavilion for the 2020 Friendraiser, and soon after that

we were all thrown into a never-ending pandemic spin cycle. The board agreed that putting the pavilion project on hold would be a wise move as construction prices sky-rocketed. After that summer as we practiced new policies and procedures to help stop the spread, the staff decided that there was one particular practice that we wanted to adopt permanently, eating outside! Now we find ourselves in need of that new pavilion in a spot where it can have the most function—outside of the dining hall. The iconic silver maple tree, the one that went through the roof in August of 2021, had to be taken down, leaving a nice space for a lean-to style roof with supports and eventually continued decking for the floor. Thank you again to those who donated!

We go forward with the wind of founders and predecessors driving at our backs, seeking always to do what they have done from that first year: We seek to be faithful in every plan, in every game, in every meal, to make much of Christ in all we do. We do the hard work together in creativity, encouragement, and tears; learning from the past and from each other.

We have much to celebrate in this 75th year of Camp Selah; MUCH! God uses every effort, whether it is pounding nails, cleaning the grounds, praying with a camper, sponsoring campers/counselors/YSLs from your church, serving mini corn dogs or in any other myriad of ways, to continue His work of building His Kingdom. He alone will work through our imperfections, insecurities and doubts; He loves to use the obscure to exalt His Son. Join us in celebrating this great God: The God who is—and will always be—the God of Camp Selah!
—Sharon

Be a Part of What God's Doing at Camp Selah!

You may be asking yourself...“what can I do?” Here’s a list of excellent ways that you can add yourself to the fun, the work, and the Kingdom Building for the next 75 years!!

APPLY TO BE A COUNSELOR **SEND A CAMPER** **DONATE \$75** **SIGN UP TO HELP AT OUR 75TH OPEN HOUSE**

BECOME A MONTHLY SUPPORTER! **VOLUNTEER** **COME TO SPRING WORK DAY MAY 6** **TELL SOMEONE YOUR SELAH STORIES**

PRAY FOR US **SAVE THE DATES** **DONATE \$750**

Camp Selah's Annual
Friendraiser
03.18.2023
Come dine with us!

