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Experience
the Wonder
of
God
Psalms 77:14



Meet Amanda

We recently added a new staff person to help with the growing administrative workload. We Welcome Amanda to our team.

*Hello! I'm **Amanda** and I am excited to be a part of the team here at Woodcrest. I enjoyed working at a boating resort in CT. After graduating Pensacola Christian College, I had the privilege of serving on summer staff at Camp Chetek in WI. Long Story Short...I met my husband at a local church and settled down here in PA. Woodcrest's mission got my attention: "to introduce people to Jesus Christ and encourage Christian growth." Some of my favorite programs here are the "Pastor & Ministry Leader Personal Retreats" and the "Ministry Leaders Summit". I enjoy hiking and being in God's creation with my friends, and especially with my husband. I look forward to serving you here in the office or around camp!*

Current Needs

- Two Flat Screen TVs (43" - 63") to have for guest groups
- 12 passenger van to use for our expanding Outbound program and weekend excursions
- Kitchen Volunteers for summer camp
- Sponsors for the Fall Fest
- Donations for the silent auction at the Fall Fest

Experience
Summer at
Woodcrest

You're invited to come experience the power of camp and to see what God is doing at Woodcrest. You can call to schedule a tour or register online at www.woodcrestretreat.org/on-mission. We hope to see you.

- Tuesday, June 27th at 11:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 18th at 11:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 26th at 11:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

WOODCREST Whisperings



Spring/Summer 2023



This photo was taken in early May of the new shower house. Funding was secured on April 12, 2023.



Summer 2023

Woodcrest's passion is to see young people come to know Jesus and worship their Creator. God continues to provide more than we could imagine; we have hired all of our staff and camper registrations are filling up. *Learn more on page 2.*

Mission 4:12 Begins

Woodcrest kicked off our next building initiative at our spring banquet. Having experienced continued growth in all areas of our ministry, the Board of Directors identified a building plan that enables us to manage current needs while laying the foundation for continued Kingdom impact for the future.

With the funding secured for our soon-to-be-completed shower house, we are excited to move into the next phase. Phase Two is focused on replacing our eight bunkhouses with 10 Lancaster Log Cabins. These cabins (modeled after our new Meadowlark Cabin) will keep the rustic culture that makes Woodcrest unique, while providing year-round facilities for new programming. *(continue on page 2)*



Fall Family Fun Fest

We are excited for this year's Fall Fest, which includes lots of activities and our benefit concert featuring Steve Green. There is so much to do that we made it a whole weekend! *Read more on page 3.*

God, Your way is holy. What god is great like You?

You are the God who works wonders; You revealed Your strength among the peoples.

With power You redeemed Your people... (Psalm 77:13-14)

Mission 4:12 Continued:

Currently, the bunkhouses get limited use outside of summer. We have a vision of running our own winter retreats, as well as providing space for churches to run their own retreats for up to 140 people. When completed, the cabins will let us increase our overnight camp enrollment and provide better lodging for summer staff. These cabins will also be used for family programming and overnight school retreats through the School of Wonder—our outdoor education ministry. Each cabin will have a bathroom, electricity, and a spacious porch.



Computer rendering of future winterized cabins to enable us to offer year-round programming.

Phase Two will also include a second shower house providing each cabin with convenient restroom facilities. These upgrades require expansion of our current sewer line and underground infrastructure throughout the Poplar View area. Our current construction cost is estimated to be \$150,000 for each cabin and \$300,000 for the additional shower house, for a total cost of \$1.8 million for Phase Two. This is an ambitious project!

We take this faith-filled risk after spending a year in prayer seeking God's leading and direction on how to pursue our mission for greater Gospel impact. At our recent banquet, Bill, our Executive Director, shared stories from the life of Hudson Taylor and his mission to share the gospel in China. When addressing the enormity of this project, Bill shared this quote from Taylor, "You can depend on it! God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply." We are trusting God to provide for the work that He is doing here at Woodcrest.

There are lots of ways for you to join us on this mission to complete Phase Two. Praying for Woodcrest is something everyone can do and is vital to the ministry. Additionally, If you are led, donations can be designated "Mission 4:12" or "cabin project." You can also give online by visiting www.woodcrestretreat.org/on-mission or by using the QR code below. We invite you to follow us on social media for updates and to learn more about this great mission we are pursuing.



Use your smartphone camera. Hold your phone so that the QR code appears in view. Tap the notification that shows on your screen. It should take you to our Mission 4:12 page.



Summer 2023

A good summer program is birthed out of lots of planning and intentionality. More importantly, a good program is seeking to exalt Jesus Christ and to make sure that everything else is supporting that purpose and not overshadowing it.

Woodcrest needs to hire 65 staff and secure 30 camp volunteers plus 16 Bible teachers to do that well. God has provided the right people for each of these positions. We are still trusting God to provide the roughly 80 kitchen volunteers that are needed to help serve meals.

Of course, we love children and God is filling our summer camps with children who will hear the Gospel and see God's love demonstrated through our caring staff. We expect nearly 2,000 campers again this summer. Join us in praying for a mighty work of God.



If you have a business or organization that would like to sponsor this event, you can learn more online. You can also contact the camp office if you have items to donate for the silent auction.

Get full details and sponsorship information online www.WoodcrestRetreat.org/events/fall-festival

[My daughter] immediately wanted to read her devotional you gave her. She also cried that she missed her counselor and friends she made. Camp had a big impact for her first time away.~ Camp Parent

"My child does not like to read anything and he came home Friday and asked to read the children's bible that we have! He stayed up reading it late Friday night!" ~ Overnight Camp Parent

~ Fall Family Fun Fest ~ September 16, 2023

Our Fall Fest continues to grow. This year we have several new components that will certainly make this the best festival yet. In fact, it is so good that one day wasn't enough. We are making it a Family Fun Weekend. Family-friendly activities will begin Friday night and end Sunday morning with a Woodcrest inspired Fireside worship time. Reserve a campsite or cabin to make sure you don't miss any of the fun.

Saturday is the big day. We have secured some amazing food vendors including homemade soft pretzels, freeze squeezed lemonade, our apple cider slushies, fresh fries, and so much more. Our silent auction is a great way to support Woodcrest and is back with great items and experiences. Children will love all of the games and activities, including the popular gaga tournament. There will be wagon rides, crafts, and so much more happening in the Poplar View area.

New this year will be a pulled pork dinner. Tickets can be reserved online or by calling the camp office. The full menu and details can also be found on our event page. All proceeds benefit our new Mission 4:12 campaign.

The evening culminates with a benefit concert. Piercing Word will open the evening with a special performance of their Scripture-based shows. Following that, Christian singer Steve Green will perform. Steve has been the Dove Award winner seven times and was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2017. During his 36 years in ministry, he has recorded 18 number one songs and sold over 3 million albums worldwide. We are excited to have him join us. It is a free concert but we encourage people to reserve space through our event page. An offering will be taken that will go toward our capital campaign.

Fall Fest Schedule

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| 7:30-8:30 | Pancake Breakfast |
| 9:00-11:45 | Silent Auction |
| 10:00-1:00 | Fall Fest Activities |
| 10:00-2:00 | Food Vendors |
| 1:00 | Gaga Tournament |
| 1:30-3:30 | Waterslide |
| 4:30-6:00 | Dinner (tickets required) |
| 6:15 | Piercing Word |
| 7:00 | Steve Green Benefit Concert |
| 8:30 | Bonfire & Snacks |

