

Rayburn Family News

Arrowhead Bible Camp Director of Maintenance

A Note from Phil

Since our last newsletter, we wrapped up summer camps, hosted Labor Day Family Camp, and launched into the off season. It's been a good fall with many retreats.

I had a great maintenance team over the summer! We were able to make more bunk beds for the new cabin and we finished up some of the little projects on that cabin. It was a blessing to have our son, Austin, as my right-hand man for the entire summer. We had several others on the team and also the help of many faithful volunteers that made work a joy.

We are waiting for the state inspector to come back and sign off on a few changes we had to make to the new cabin to meet the ever-changing code standards.

Over the winter, I will be working on repainting some of the rooms in the lodge. We haven't really decided yet what to do about the increasing problems with the aging lodge. Several contractors have indicated they wouldn't consider working on it. Thus far, we haven't reached any conclusion about the best way to be proactive about some issues with the foundation. Please pray for wisdom on that!

Our biggest maintenance need right now is replenishing the maintenance fund. Financially, it was a year of stretching and making due when it came to projects. I'm grateful for donors who have helped to offset the shortfall! In the future, we're hoping to raise enough funds to be able to remodel the north end cabins (boys cabins) to give them new windows, doors, siding, soffit, flooring and interior walls. Most of those have new beds, but there is still one more cabin to build beds for.



I'm thankful for the crew that came out for our fall work day to help with raking, cutting firewood, and bringing docks in for winter. Without volunteers, we wouldn't be able to do it all!



I enjoyed going along with the crew of guys on the Minnesota Boundary Waters trip in July. And then at the end of August Dallas and Austin and I took a trip with my dad back to the Boundary Waters.

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Dallas is in his final semester of college and is student teaching in Cameron, Wis. He's living at home this semester to help save money. He's aiming to graduate debt free in December. He is wrapping up a section teaching English and will begin teaching history this month.

Austin is a junior at UW Stout and has less than two years now to finish. He's living with a group of guys who he met through the Navigators and they share an apartment off campus. He is studying technology education and it's looking like job possibilities in that field will be widely available when he graduates. Some schools are already recruiting teachers far ahead in that subject.

Michelle is working hard with some long days at her job, but it's helping to get ahead on student loans, mortgage and retirement savings. She speaks about one weekend per month for a women's event somewhere in the Great Lakes states.



On their trip to the Boundary Waters in August, the guys had some very chilly weather. They discovered that placing the Coleman cook stove under the canoe provided a nice little source of radiant heat.



Thank you to ALL of the volunteers who give their time to make Arrowhead a safe retreat place for kids, families and adults!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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