

95+ Years of Ministry



Fall 2021



Quaker Haven Campfires





Friends of Quaker Haven,

What comes to mind when you think of Quaker Haven? Is it a place...a ministry...a flood of memories...or is it your faith community? Quaker Haven may not be a “church,” but it does build and reinforce the Body of Christ. It is a place where ministry occurs, resulting in a faith community knit together by memories and shared experiences. There is a body of believers who are joined by Quaker Haven experiences reaching across the boundaries of congregation, yearly meeting, denomination, culture, and language. It has become a ministry of Quakers to the wider Body of Christ and the world.

It is the goal of the staff and board of Quaker Haven to impact as many people as we can by providing a place in nature for fellowship, worship, discipleship, and fun. 2021 has seen tremendous growth in the use of camp in all aspects. Families, churches, youth campers, and schools have all increased their numbers. We hosted 2,400 more people for a total of 17,700! (This increase is compared to years prior to 2020 and does not reflect the substantial increase over 2020 use.) The size of many of our youth camps has outgrown the space in our cabins, so we are adding an additional camp next summer to allow for more growth and give campers more options of when to attend. Since we know youth camp plays a vital role in faith formation and emotional well-being – we never want to turn a young person away! The camp board is working on the long-term vision on how Quaker Haven will address aging facilities, future growth, and sustainability. It is exciting to dream of the ways camp will impact lives over the next 20-50 years!

Quaker Haven relies on your help financially to provide quality facilities, staff, and programs while improving our ability to serve more youth and families year-round. Donations to camper scholarships ensure that no youth miss the camp experience due to financial hardship, while the endowment fund creates perpetual financial sustainability. Opportunities also exist to partner in capital improvement projects to further the vision. Both the near and long-term future of Quaker Haven depends on your generosity and partnership!

In Christ,
Brandon Dennis,
Executive Director

History Corner

This edition's focus is on the former Boy's Dorm. Sited where Friendship Lodge now sits, it housed the canteen on the left, game room in the middle, and boy's staff housing on the right. Also outside was a pitcher pump which was the gathering place for both sides of camp for evening games and fellowship. During a summer in the 60s, it was torn down and hauled away to make room for Friendship Lodge. Look at these beautiful old cars in the photo on the right! When we went to gather research on this, we realized how little we knew. If anyone else has any more info on this building, please let us know.



Upcoming Projects

Along with routine maintenance, we have several large-scale upgrades and ongoing maintenance projects coming up. Will you partner with us in either time or finances to create the next 30 years of sustainability?

- Roof Dining Hall & South Side Pavilion
- Cut Down Dead Trees
- Replace Water Heaters in Bathhouses
- Build Doors for Stalls in Bathhouses



Upcoming Camps & Events

Christmas Dinner Theater Dec 3,4,5,10,11

Winter Sneak February 5-7

5k Sap Run March 12

Passion Play April 8,9,10,15,16

Quilting Retreat April 22-24

Sr. High 1 June 5-10

Jr. High Camp June 12-17

Beginner's Camp June 17-19

Adventure Camp June 19-24

Gospel Sing June 24-26

Sr. High 2 June 26- July 1

Pastor's Short Course July 5-8

Little Friends Camp July 10-13

Pioneer Camp July 17-21

IYM Sessions July 28-31

Labor Day Family Camp Sep 2-5

Wish List!

The following items comprise a "Wish List" for Quaker Haven Camp. These items might be taking up space at your house or could be a project for the youth of your church to tackle...

1. Lightweight, White 8-foot folding tables
2. Stand Up Paddle Boards and Paddles
3. Canoe Paddles & Boat Oars
4. Industrial Carpet Cleaner
5. 15 Passenger Ford Transit
6. Vehicle Lift for Maintenance Shop
7. Electric Chain Hoist
8. Backhoe/excavator

Camper Testimony

Quaker Haven means sitting around a campfire with friends, singing songs full of worship or amazingly silly songs, praising Jesus and appreciating His creation. It's staying in a rustic cabin and hanging out at the beach; making memories that last a lifetime.

-Laura

Program Spotlight

This month's spotlight shines on our beloved giant canoe. It was donated in 2012, we overhauled it, painted it QH green and yellow, and put it in the water in 2013. From staff photos to youth camp kids, to field trip adventures, this 12-14 seater has been helping us learn to paddle together for a greater cause ever since.



Get Involved!

Become a Monthly Donor:

If you are interested in making a pledge to become a monthly donor, please contact Brandon at brandon@quakerhaven.com to make arrangements.

Be a Volunteer:

There is always something to do at camp. From picking up sticks to building picnic tables, we can always use the help. Contact the camp office at 574-834-4193 to volunteer.

Thank You Larry & Lynn!

As of September, Larry and

Lynn officially retired.

Many thanks for all your years of hard work and dedication of your time and talents!

We can never repay you, but we wish you the best in this next chapter in life!



Gifts in Memory & Honor

Since the publication of the Spring Campfires, **\$7,972** has been contributed as follows:

In Memory of:

Doris Porter, Jean Stewart, Carolyn Kuhns, John & Betty Morris, Bob & Virginia Curless, Eddy Cline, Myron Rockhill, Jim Carter, Steve Smith, Kay Anderson, Lowell & Wilda Nicholson, Joseph & Kathleen Seale

In Honor of:

Dr. & Mrs. James W. Munden, David & Rita Reeves, Kokomo First Friends, Sid & Barb Martin, Logan & Olivia Shutters

\$450 was designated for Sidewalk Bricks

Summer Camp 2021 is a wrap!

What a phenomenal opportunity it was to come alongside fellow leaders to plan and provide a space for campers to Rest, Encounter Christ, and Respond. Many of our 570+ campers made decisions to follow Jesus, to rededicate their lives to Jesus, and to be disciplined in the ways of Jesus. We witnessed time and time again God breathing into our counselors and CITs as they answered the call to love campers well. At Junior High Camp, we had a counselor, who earlier in the week was experiencing spiritual warfare that was debilitating, running to catch up to a camper because of a prompting by the Holy Spirit to which they responded with obedience. This image of chasing after young people sticks with me because they were giving their all for their camper. They were willing to chase a young person's heart. Isn't that like Jesus that he so desires relationship with us that he runs after us!

Quaker Haven is dedicated to providing a space for people to encounter Jesus freely! That freedom is not lost on us, and we thank God for overwhelming us this summer. Summer camp at Quaker Haven is only possible because of Jesus and the people of Indiana Yearly Meeting and Western Yearly Meeting. Thank you. Thank you for saturating the summer camp program in prayer year-round. If you were a counselor, CIT, Camp-pa, Camp-ma, or on staff, thank you for loving young people. If you or your meeting sponsored or prayed for campers this summer, thank you for loving young people. If you brought or sent a camper to be with us this summer, thank you for loving young people. The mission is not over and there is more work to be done as we raise up Christians who are becoming wholeheartedly in love with Jesus.

I encourage you to wonder and act on this question, "What can I do to be a part of raising up people as disciples of Jesus?" You have so much to offer and to bring because of Jesus. Please don't downplay what Jesus has put in you, but believe what is spoken of you as a child of God. As our camp program theme states, "Now is the time" to put yourself out there for young people to latch onto. They are hungry for what of Christ is in you, and as we are all ministers of the Gospel, let us press on toward the goal of establishing God's kingdom here on Earth. Thank you for the opportunity to lead, and I look forward to helping launch the next youth and camping program theme for 2021-2022. "More Than You Know" which comes from 2 Corinthians 12:9. People are drawn to Jesus because of what he offers. There is so much life in Him-*More Than You Know*.

Grateful -Andrew Heald



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The **MISSION** of Quaker Haven Camp is to provide a natural retreat facility to support youth and family ministries of Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings of Friends, and the wider body of Christ.

The **VISION** of the staff and board is that Quaker Haven is a corner of creation where you can **rest, encounter Christ, and respond.**

**We'd love to hear from you,
so please contact us!**

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