



Quaker Haven Campfires



95 Years of Ministry



Friends,

While 2020 has been a year most would not want to repeat, we are celebrating many blessings. We served 370 youth campers ages eight to eighteen through four camps held in July! Dozens of volunteers served as counselors and twenty young adults spent the summer cooking, cleaning, mowing, painting and lifeguarding. After a spring of quarantine, everyone was ready to be at Quaker Haven. More people enjoyed the campground, Boat-In Worship and the quilting retreat than ever before. Reservations for fall, winter, and next summer are filling up. Quaker Haven's mission to provide a corner of creation for people to rest, encounter Christ and respond is as vital as ever.

We are celebrating and praising God that despite a pandemic and hosting over 1000 people this summer, we have had less illness than ever and no known cases of Covid traced back to Quaker Haven. We modified many of the ways we serve, focusing on being outdoors as much as possible thus allowing us to enjoy each other, God's creation and worship together. I'm sure this was the first year since 1953 that the log meetinghouse sat empty for the season, but our guests were still filled with the Spirit of the Lord!

We are celebrating many improvements and completed building projects! Brock Sizelove's and Kevin Lipsey's families moved into the nearly finished duplex in May. Emily DeAngulo moved into the cottage that was renovated following tree damage. The boys' staff cottage was also repaired following the same incident. All twelve log cabins were varnished by friends from Arba. The dining hall staining was completed along with lots of smaller projects. While the list seems simple, the blessing of these works is great!!!

We are celebrating the addition of Darr Lawson and his family to the full-time camp staff. Darr will work with Larry Guyer, transitioning into the position of maintenance director through September 2021 when we will celebrate Larry's 24 years of service to Quaker Haven. We are thankful God continues to provide faithful servants to His ministry here.

We are celebrating the many hearts that support Quaker Haven and its ministry. We are humbly grateful to those who responded to the financial, as well as spiritual need from March through June. With nearly every retreat cancelled and youth camps delayed, the camp lost \$128,000 in revenue and traditional opportunities for ministry. However, during this time, Quaker Haven received more than 300 gifts totaling over \$120,000 and was able to minister virtually through Facebook gatherings, including a popcorn pop by the lake! Due to your faithful giving, camp is nearly on par with a normal year - what a testament to God's provision and timing!

While we face the uncertainty of 2021, we celebrate the opportunities God has in store for us. We trust Quaker Haven will finish 2020 strong and that year-end giving will meet the \$60,000 budgeted to balance the budget and complete the unfinished details of the duplex. We celebrate your dedication to Quaker Haven as you enable us to meet this goal! As we celebrate God's abundant blessings, we face 2021 with optimism for a year worth repeating!

Brandon Dennis
Executive Director

Please Welcome The Lawson Family

We have hired Darr Lawson to train toward the role of maintenance director as Larry Guyer is planning a September 2021 retirement. Darr and his family moved to Quaker Haven from Greentown, IN where they are members of Sycamore Friends. Camp maintenance requires several different skill sets. Darr fits this well, as he has worked in everything from roofing, farming and truck driving to being the technical director at POWRi Racing League! During the next year, Darr will work with



Back Row: Wyatt, Reed. Middle: Darr, Kim, Rylee. Front: Happy.

Larry to learn both the seasonal maintenance and the many other tasks needed to keep Quaker Haven going. We are excited to welcome Darr, his wife Kim and their three children to Quaker Haven.

Honoring Past Board Members

In the past year, we have had two former board members pass away. These two people had a passion for God and the way He used QHC to build His kingdom. Within the last couple of years, Florence moved up to Quaker Haven Park and was often visiting the Dining Hall to see how she could help serve. These faithful servants will be missed!



Florence Emma Peery



Arthur "Art" Harris

Thank you Pat!



As Pat Byers moves into his new role as IYM's General Superintendent, we at Quaker Haven would like to thank him for all the work he has put into serving camp's ministry from leading music to writing the devotions for family groups, and everything in between. May God bless him in the next chapter of his story.

95 Years And Counting...

We are collecting Quaker Haven Photos and other memorabilia to display at our centennial celebration! Even if you have pictures from the last 10 years, we would love to display Quaker Haven "as you remember it!" If you have something to contribute, please let us know!



Upcoming Events!

"LAP Christmas Show"	December 6,7,8,13,14	Beginners Camp	June 11-13
Men's Groundhog Retreat	January 29-30	Senior High Camp I	June 13-18
Winter Sneak	February 5-7	Adventure Camp	June 20-25
5K Sap Run	March 13	Pastor's Short Course	June 28-July 1
Christ's Passion	March 26- 28, April 2-3	Senior High Camp II	July 4-9
Quilt Camp	April 15-18	Little Friends Camp	July 11-14
Memorial Day Weekend	May 28-31	IYM Business Sessions	July 22-24
Young Adult Camp	June 4-6	Family Camp	Sept 3-6
Junior High Camp	June 6-11	Golf Scramble	September 18

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 6 or 8 foot folding tables
2. Stand-up paddle boards and paddles
3. Tennis rackets and balls
4. Basketballs, volleyballs, soccer balls, etc.
5. New sauce pans for the kitchen
6. Stainless frying pans for lodges
7. Two, four-channel, PA systems
8. Assorted 2x4's and 2x6's for misc. projects
9. New TV's for lodges

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 to volunteer.



Newsletter Changes

We need to keep our mailing list up to date and be good stewards of our resources where we can. If we can deliver the QH CAMPFIRES newsletter to you by **email**, send your email address to contact@quakerhaven.com

Gifts in Memory & Honor of:

Since the publication of the Spring Campfires, \$5,095 has been contributed as follows:

In Memory of:

Wilmer & Maxine Beeson, Sullivan Memorial, Paul Boyd Durham, Kay Cain, Susan Sullivan, Laurel Ann Sherer, Bob & Virginia Curless, Cathy Chapman Rubush, Melvin & Nancy Featherston, Charles, Barbara, and Armina Vanbibber, Margaret Williamson, Shirley Harper, Doug Chalfant, Florence Emma Peery, Arthur Harris, Marietta Mogle.

In Honor of:

Wilmer & Maxine Beeson, Estelle Family, Jerry & Tish Dain, Johanna (Jodi) Hefler Mills, David & Rita Reeves, Grant Reeves, David & Debbie Phillips.

We have also received \$5,400 in Brick Sidewalk donations, contributed as follows:

In Memory of:

Florence Emma Peery, Dale Graves, Ronald & Marjorie Smith, John & Mary Compton, Shirley Harper, Donald Odom, Frank & Rachel Johnson.

In Honor of:

Andrew and Kellie Morrical, Russ and Mary Jo Clark, Carolyn Kuhns, Connie & Peg Robertson, Lewis & Mary Frances Taylor, Darrell Smith, Hannah & Aaron Doke, Kristi Uitts, Pierce Family, Hook Family.

Friends of Quaker Haven

We have designed a program called "Friends of Quaker Haven." This program was created for the purpose of assisting camp staff fulfill the mission of Quaker Haven. Friends of Quaker Haven will accomplish this by establishing a list of volunteers who are willing to use their gifts and abilities to contribute to the ministry of Quaker Haven. To be added to the list of volunteers, contact us at 574-834-4193.



Summer Camp 2020:

This summer, we had the opportunity to dive into the theme of All In, with the focus on Treasure as a verb. If you truly go All In with something, you typically live your life surrendering to it. Everything you do and say is a reflection of that thing you treasure. So what would your life look like if you were to go All In with your relationship with Christ? What is it that is keeping you from making that leap of faith, and surrendering your own plans, for His? We broke this down into four parts. If you were to truly live your life All in for Christ, what does it look like to; Treasure God, treasure others, treasure yourself, and treasure the journey. It was awesome to see the students dive into this theme, and to see their desire to go All In with Christ.



Matthew 13:44
Quaker Haven Camp

Every summer, we at Quaker Haven are honored to continue the legacy that has been built here to provide a place where kids and adults alike can come to rest, encounter Christ, and respond. This summer was no different. Though many camps in our area and around the country weren't able to hold summer camps, we were blessed with the opportunity to serve. I know growing up, me, like so many others, loved coming to camp and WANTED to come back every year. I believe this year, kids, and the adults that served, NEEDED to come to camp. They needed a chance to fellowship together with other believers. They needed space to spend time learning how to find, and be with Christ. God placed that calling on Quaker Haven, and the people that served here. Although this year looked very different, the presence of the Holy Spirit remained the same. God used the ministry that happens at Quaker Haven to help shape the lives of His people this summer.



As we look ahead to 2021, we are so excited for how God will continue to move. This next year, we will be using the theme of "Now is the Time," based off of the verses 2 Corinthians 6:1-2. Although we live in uncertain times, we know that Now is the Time for us to live for Christ.

Brock Sizelove
Development and Program Coordinator

What kids said about Quaker Haven Camp 2020:

"Camp for me in the midst of covid was a sense of normality with all the changes in my life because of covid and graduating high school, camp was a constant. Even though we had to adapt and make changes because of covid, the people and the feeling you get from the place were the same." -Gideon

"QHC is one of the most amazing places! You can truly feel God's presence here. Though it was a short week, I feel refreshed in my relationship with Christ." -Grace

"I would say what camp meant to me in the midst of covid was a chance to get away from all that was wrong in the world and have to be able to grow my faith and connect with God." -Ben

"I have been going to QHC for 6 years and it gets more fun every time. This is the best camp ever!" -Lynae

This was the best week I've ever had. It was so laid back and I could focus on my relationships and my faith." -Jonathan

"Camp was a great experience! I think God had me at the right place at the right time!" Keira



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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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