## Quarterly Newsletter – July 2017



# Quaker Cove

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Dear Friends,

We've been busy here, but we figured now is the perfect time to update you on our summer season. God's hand is at work all over the camp and his guidance and providence are such sweet gifts.

#### What's Been Happening at the Cove

We hosted Amplify middle school camp, put on by Anacortes Christian Church in coordination with other local churches. About thirty campers attended and many made life changing decisions to follow the Lord more closely! The program focused on teaching campers about God's truth and showing them his love.

Bible Baptist Church of Oak Harbor held their kid's and family camp the next week. Earlier in the summer, they came out for a work day to help with maintenance and building bunk beds.

Quite a host and variety of volunteers (including sailors from 2 Navy squadrons) have come out to serve. In addition to all the work that has gone into bunk beds, volunteers replaced the foundation and built a new deck for the Helland cabin, benches for the beach and fences. The Fitch cabin was painted and many hands helped us continue to offer food service.

On July 21st, directors Liz and Karl Seume welcomed Matthew Seth at 10 pounds 21 inches long. Amelie, James, Benny, and Gabriel are very excited to help mom and dad with their new baby brother!

The first two weeks of August, we'll welcome 1st through 6th graders to our

second year of day camp. Our theme, "Let's Go Adventuring," allows for plenty of fun activities such as digging for clams at the beach,



## **Upcoming Events**

### **Day Camp**

Week 1: July 31 - Aug. 4

Week 2: Aug. 7 – 11

Lydia Ministries Women's Retreat Sep. 29- Oct. 1

**Board Serve Weekend** 

Oct. 6 - 7

Move Forward: A
Leadership Retreat with Dr.
Gbenro Oct. 20 – 22

## **Our Mission & Values**

Mission: To serve with the attitude of Christ in order to be a light, engaging guests and the local community with God's love, grace, and the beauty of His creation.

#### Values:

God Centered
Servant Hearted
Community Minded
A Refuge
Growing People

**Good Stewards** 

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building forts, playing crazy games, making crafts, and singing silly songs. We're looking forward to the chance to adventure with campers and share God's love.

#### Rezoning

We're on track for this year's application deadline for rezoning the camp property. Plans to build a new cabin require this, because the current zoning doesn't allow for expansion beyond the footprint of existing buildings. So far, this process, which will take 12-18 months, has been easier than expected. It will still cost over \$5,000, but if successful, we'll have the freedom to develop the facilities to meet the needs of campers and make the camp safer and more beautiful.

#### Interns

Many of you had the chance to meet our first intern, Zach Maurer. He served by helping with maintenance and building projects, as well as cleaning and partnering with volunteer groups. Zach lived and worked here for nine months and recently moved back to his hometown of Newberg, OR. Thank you



for your service and willing heart and hands, Zach!



Our newest intern, Aly Brooks, graduated from Whitworth University in May, before coming to intern at the camp for a year. Her experience with Tilikum's day camp program and administrative procedures make her a good fit for organization, planning, and Newsletter writing. She loves working with guest groups and creating a hospitable space for guests and volunteers to meet with God.

#### **Financials**

**Income Increase -** Our guest group and programming income increased from \$4,482 in 2015 to \$40,827 in 2016!

**Giving Increase** – As of the Seume's arrival in July of 2015, we have raised \$114,269! We praise God for his blessings from many sources!

**Thanksgiving Offering -** We were chosen as the NWYM Thanksgiving project for 2016 and raised \$15,243 for a new cabin.



Thanks to our volunteers who bless the camp and its visitors with their time and effort. Here are a few of our most recent volunteers.

Bible Baptist Church of Oak Harbor

Anacortes Christian Church

**VOW** 

Ed & Sandy Dealy

Jim Long

Bill Rourke

Daryl Burton

US Navy VP Squadrons 4 & 47

**Andrew Cartwright** 

Ralph and Linda Reeb

Phil and Linda Madden

Ed and Lynn Borlin

Devon Donahue

Explorations Academy, Bellingham

Youth for Christ, Madras OR

Olympic View Friends Church Youth Group

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