Quarterly Newsletter – October 2017



Quaker Cove

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Dear Friends,

We're grateful for a summer season full of new relationships! One of the most popular camp songs this summer was, "I just wanna be a sheep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep, I just wanna be a sheep." We're thankful for the sweet reminder to listen for and follow our shepherd's voice in every season and situation.

Recent Guests and Local Involvement

Friendly Water for the World used the Cove for their annual training session on how to build bio-sand water filters as a point of use water filter requiring low maintenance. Westminster Presbyterian Church held a service in the amphitheater, and Anacortes Christian Church used the camp for their Fall BBQ. We're thrilled to share the Cove with local churches and organizations and welcome new faces to the camp.

You're Invited!

You're invited to our Fall Dessert Banquet at Anacortes Christian Church! A fun and free evening will include appetizers and dessert accompanying a presentation about what's going on at the Cove. Childcare will be provided. To register find the link on our website.





Upcoming Events

Board Serve Weekend

Oct. 6 - 7

Fall Dessert Banquet at Anacortes Christian Church

Thursday, Nov. 9, 6:30 pm

Gingerbread House Party

Sunday, Dec. 10, 1 - 4 pm

Off Season? Off to the Beach!

Looking for a quiet place to retreat from the hectic pace of Fall and back-to-school? Come spend a weekend at the Cove. Take advantage of the off season for a relaxing jaunt to Fidalgo Island and its beautiful sights, all within driving distance of the Cove. Enjoy a cozy, winterized cabin or a crisp walk on the beach. Bring your favorite family board game or break out a puzzle and bond without the distractions of technology. Paint rocks while meeting God in the solitude of a personal prayer retreat.

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Day Camp: An Adventure to Remember



For the second summer in a row, day camp was a hit. Our theme, Let's Go Adventuring, encouraged campers to find adventure and remember the best adventure is following God. Campers explored and learned at the beach, in the forest, in the garden, and

on the archery range. Each day, we used trail talk to share a Bible story and then asked what it could teach us about God and people.

Thanks to volunteer Jim Lampman, the maple tree in the upper field is now an amazing tree house! Kids (and adults too) can climb up a new ladder inside the tree to step up onto a sturdy platform surrounded by protective rails. Campers would have stayed in it for hours if we had let them.

We also want to recognize the hard work of intern Aly Brooks, in organizing our Day Camp program this summer. We are blessed to be

part of God's work in the lives of campers and we thank God for His presence and the many memories campers made during their week at the Cove.

Rezoning

Liz submitted an application to rezone the camp property July

28th. Plans to build a new cabin require this, because the current zoning (Rural Intermediate) doesn't allow for expansion beyond the footprint of existing buildings or for the addition of any new buildings. Now, we wait through several public hearings for the Skagit County Board of Commissioners to make a decision, likely by July 2018.

End of Year Giving

Thank you to all who have generously donated to the camp. We look forward to giving you a positive update on our financial progress when we send donation receipts for 2017 at the beginning of January. Donations made by December 31st will be included on your taxdeductible giving receipt.





Watching God's Hand at Work - Prayer Requests

At the Cove, we get a front row seat to watch God work. We love seeing circumstances unfold as evidence of God's sovereignty. We welcome your prayers for:

The Quaker Cove Board of Directors

Camp staff, Liz and Karl Seume, and their family, and intern Aly Brooks.

A favorable decision on our application to rezone the grounds.

Someone to do the roofing on the Palmer cabin.

The planning and execution of upcoming events, and for God to bring the right participants.

God to be glorified in the use of Quaker Cove.

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