



Quaker Cove

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Dear Friends,

At the start of a new year, we look forward with excitement and back with thanks. We give Christ the glory for everything accomplished in 2017. We are excited for more opportunities to glorify him through the ministry of the camp in 2018.

A Cooking Class Just for Kids

Do you know a young chef in the making who jumps at the chance to learn new skills in the kitchen? Our one-day Kids' Culinary Class is just the thing for them. Kids in 1st-6th grades will learn from Karl, a professionally trained chef, on Friday, March 16th (a day off for Anacortes School District).

Kids will learn new techniques and prepare a meal. We will run two sessions of the same class so more kids can attend, one morning and one afternoon. Look for a registration form on our website soon.



Time for Work Parties

Join us for a work party as we make the most of our off-season. Enjoy some fellowship and meet new people while bonding over chainsaws, paint, and good, old fashioned manual labor. We have indoor and outdoor projects, as well as projects for groups and individuals. Are you a plumber? Do you prefer to babysit? Are you the next Michelangelo of house painting? We can use your willing help and specialized skills. If you would like to schedule a specific work party or project for a group, let us know and we would be happy to put one on the calendar.



Upcoming Events

Work Parties

9 am – 4 pm, lunch provided

Saturday, January 13 and 20

Saturday, February 17

Saturday, March 17

Kids' Culinary Class

Friday, March 16

Board Retreat Weekend

March 23 - 24

Open House

Saturday, April 21

Seize Your Break!

Now is the perfect time to book a long weekend getaway or a Spring Break adventure with friends or family at Quaker Cove. Make the most of your days off by making memories. Seek rest by setting aside time for a spiritual retreat.

Don't forget; it is not too early to book your 2018 summer retreat either.

1st Annual Gingerbread House Party



Our Gingerbread House Party was a success. Around 140 people, including plenty of first time visitors, saw the camp decked out with Christmas cheer and enjoyed the warmth of hot cocoa and popcorn while decorating gingerbread houses in the dining hall. It was a joy to watch family and friends connect in the middle of the busy holiday season. Some kids ate more candy than they put on their houses, but who doesn't love a good sugar high? We are extremely grateful to our bakers

extraordinaire, Linda Lewis, Linda Reeb, Peggy Glascoe, Gerry Sugden, and Sue Gilbertson. They baked over 130 houses from scratch! The event wouldn't have been complete without the Sullivan family, who helped clean, decorate, and refill supplies throughout the event and also Matt Ivey who took some beautiful photos of families who attended.



The Public Hearing for Docketing

Thanks to help and kind words from so many of you, the first hearing on November 21st went extremely well. Over 100 people submitted letters to the county and eleven people testified in favor of our rezoning. Thank you for such an overwhelming show of support. We were encouraged by two of the country commissioners and are cautiously optimistic about the rest of the proceedings. We appreciate your continued prayers over the outcome.

Financial Recap

2017 was a significant year in the growth of Quaker Cove's finances. Thanks to generous donors and a busy camp schedule, we had \$99,000 in operating income and expenses of about \$82,000. This operations excess allowed Quaker Cove to purchase a 2011 Kubota Tractor. Giving receipts for 2017 have been mailed, if you find an error or didn't receive yours, please contact us by telephone 360-899-8269 or e-mail quakercove@gmail.com

New Volunteer Coordinator



We're thrilled to introduce Ralph Reeb as our volunteer coordinator. Ralph brings decades of valuable experience in carpentry. He retired from the planning division for Delaware's department of transportation. His knowledge and advice concerning county planning was a huge help and comfort as we prepared for the November hearing.

Since last summer, Ralph helped build a fabulous new deck on Helland Cabin as well as single-handedly building the beautiful benches around our beach fire pit.

Ralph is working with Karl on planning, connecting the necessary dots, and making it possible for work projects to go smoothly so we can increase efficiency in communicating and working with volunteers. We couldn't do a quarter of what happens here without the generous and selfless help of our volunteers. Thank you, Ralph, for all your hard work!