



The Quarterly Camp Reporter

Odd Fellow and Rebekah Camp of Michigan

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Camp Board Meetings

All meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

The following meetings

will be held at the

Odd Fellow & Rebekah Camp:

May 7th

June 12th at noon

July 2nd

August 7th at noon

September 10th

November-TBA

December-TBA

Camp Beautification

We would like to plant the hillside below the look-out this year.

So, we are asking if you have any extra flower seeds, wild flower seeds, any flowering bulbs and tree seedlings and you do not know what to do with them... THE CAMP COULD PUT TO GOOD USE...

*None of us is as good as
all of us!*

Camp Highlights

Mark Thetford, Camp Maintenance has resigned effective immediately. Thank you Mark for all your hard work and years of dedication.... You will be missed.

Amanda Hawkins, Camp Director has also resigned her position effective immediately stating health reason for this action. We will miss you as camp director. And congratulations to you and Nick on the birth of a new baby girl.

CAMP CLEAN-UP WEEKEND

May 6, 7 and 8th...

We need your help!!! Free food and lodging to anyone willing to help. Supplies need for this weekend, gloves, rakes, leaf bags, chainsaws if you have one We need to get the camp ready for our 2011 campers and Bikers Weekend on May 13, 14 & 15, 2011.

Larry Ostrander, a member of Vernor Lodge #400 is our new caretaker at the camp and is looking forward to meeting everyone.

Grants.. We are applying for grants to help maintain our camp. Terry and Karen Messmer have taken on that task.

Major goal for 2011.. Metal roofs on 3 cabins, repair buildings damaged in the wind storm, looking into repairs on the "White Castle" building. Planting wild flowers at the look-out area.

2011 Positions Opened:

Camp Director: If you are interested and would like to apply please go to the webpage: ioofmichigan.org/camp and go to the employment page. You will find an application, please fill it out and return to:

Karen Messmer
7135 N. Wacousta Rd
Fowler, MI 48835

Maintenance Director: (non-elected position) to over see the camp caretaker. Must be knowledgeable in all phases of maintenance, able to set a schedule for the caretaker and all the summer projects.

Camp Counselors: Male or Female counselors needed must be 18 years of age able to pass a drug screening and a back ground check. If you are interested and would like to apply please go to the webpage:

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Return it to Karen Messmer.

Water Safety Officer: (Life Guard): Male or Female need must be 18 years of age, a certified life guard and able to pass a drug screening and a back ground check. If you are interested and would like to apply please go to the webpage: ioofmichigan.org/camp and go to the employment page. You will find an application, please fill it out and return to Karen Messmer.

Arts and Craft Director: Able to furnish crafts for campers ages 7-15. Supplies will be furnished for the crafts. Please get your application to Karen Messmer.

Cook and Assistant Cook: The applicants must be a certified food handler and registered with the State of Michigan and able to pass a drug screening and a back ground check.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO): The Camp Board is accepting applications for this position, if you are interested please contact Dan Brownrigg for more information and an application. The job responsibilities of the CEO are to implement the strategic goals and objectives of the organization and to enable the Board to fulfill its governance function. In addition, the CEO gives direction and leadership toward the achievement of the organization's philosophy, mission, strategy and its annual goals and objectives.

This is a year round and voluntary position and the CEO will report to the Camp Board of Directors. The CEO candidate should expect to interface between the Board of Directors and the staff and provide the vision of success to the entire team.

Current Status of Camp Projects

Amounts Received	Estimate Needed	
• Water Project	\$6450.00	
• Tractor	\$1482.00	\$28,000.00
• Rebekah Cabin	\$200.00	
• Roofs	\$388.00	
• Roofs (kids cabin)	\$62.00	\$18,000.00
• 6 more to do		
• Living Legacy	\$935.00	

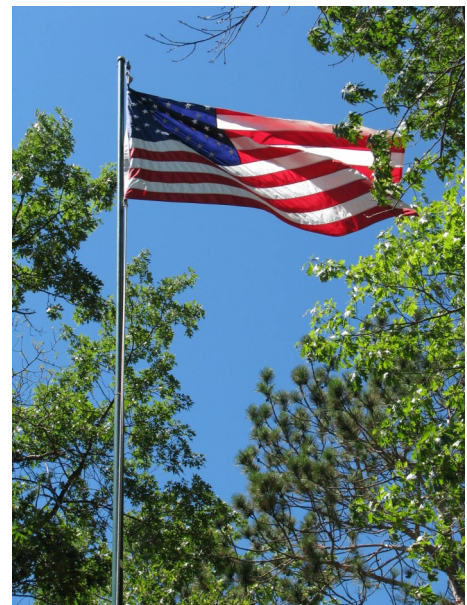
Thank You to Our Donors

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Robert Kowalski	Monroe IOOF #19
Jim & Heather Meyers	Golden Link IOOF #379
Double D, LLC	Shamrock Jr. Lodge #4
Maple Rapids Grass Kickers	Golden Link # 516
All Unit Camp-Out	Maple Rapids IOOF #224
Antiques and Friends	Eastwood RL#499
Caledonia IOOF #251	Truth Rebekah Lodge #157
Florence Howland	Grand Ladies Enc. Aux.
Joint & Jurisdictional Youth	Gaylord Craig
Committee (JJYC)	Eastwood Lodge IOOF#496
Edward Beckstein	Mt. Pleasant IOOF #217
Washington IOOF # 54	Truth Rebekah #157
Maple Ridge IOOF #224	Terry and Karen Messmer

Pavers

“Fundraising through engraving”

We are looking into purchasing pavers for engraving. Then we would offer to anyone a chance to purchase a paver or two and have a name or names engraved on them. There could also be several sizes to choose from but we will let everyone know when this is going to happen. As to where they would be put down, there are several sites recommended but no confirmed decision has been made.



Camp Promotional Corner by Bob Kowalski

“The Blessing of the Bikes”

On Sunday May 15, 2011, the Greater Baldwin area will celebrate the 39th annual event at the Baldwin Municipal Airport. This motorcycle riding activity started with humble beginnings in 1972, and only four bikes and eight riders. Now it has blossomed into literally thousands of bikers from Michigan and beyond who make this annual Mecca a must. Often motorcycles line M-37 to the county line to get in. The Blessing is sponsored by the “Para-Dice” Motorcycle Club of Grand Rapids. The father of St. Ann’s Church of Baldwin blesses the bikers to have a safe and happy riding season. There is a small entrance fee at the Airport, and all food and other vendors who sell items must be a non-profit and local organization. Several thousand dollars are raised each year to fund the St. Ann’s Senior Nutrition Program and the Meals on Wheels of Lake County. Also, the substantial influx of visitors to a small town provides a real economic boost for the area merchants and businesses.

For several years now, the Tall Oaks Odd Fellow-Rebekah Camp of Michigan has been the setting for the organizing bikers to stay. For a donation, the Para-Dice Club, the Christian Motorcycle Riders and others spend the weekend at our camp. Tasty meals are prepared by members of the Davison “Vernor” Odd Fellows Lodge. This Lodge and their supporters also set up a large, food sales tent at the airport, profits from which have typically returned to the Camp to improve our facility and programs. In recent years, monies were donated to improve the entrance area, to help update our water system, cabin renovations, and for stripping of layers of old shingles on many of our cabins, with the installation of new green metal roofs, which reportedly have a sixty year life span.

Early in May the weather may be sunny, or more often, cool, windy and rainy, yet the Lodge members continue to come the distance to the Camp to make the Blessing a major success. They know it helps the Camp and the needy in the community, while it warms the heart and solidifies the fraternal bonds amongst us all. Many thanks to all the participants. Bless You.



To all Lodges and Members please consider supporting the camp on a monthly basis.

The Camp Board would like to balance the Camp's income over the year so that 62% of the income is not received in June and July as the camp has several expenses that occur every month. If you would like to be a monthly supporter, please detach and complete the form below.

Make Checks payable to: Odd Fellow and Rebekah Youth Camp

Return it to:

Karen Messmer

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THANK YOU!

NAME: _____

MONTHLY AMOUNT: _____

ANNUAL PLEDGE: _____



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