



Winter  
2022

# Little Eden Echoes

## Youth Camps 2022

**T**his past summer's youth camp weeks were great! Kids were ready to get back to camp and experience Little Eden again after missing a year. Campers had loads of fun, and our Youth Camps experienced the highest overall attendance of the past 18 years. We are very thankful for the lives Little Eden has been able to impact for Christ through our youth camp program and are excited about **Youth Camps 2022!** Brochures for 2022 went out in the mail over Christmas break, but if you need one, they are available at [www.littleeden.org/youth-camps.html](http://www.littleeden.org/youth-camps.html).



least ten additional staff members/counselors, and counseling only requires a one- or two-week commitment. Youth Camp Orientation is June 10-12 with campers arriving on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Youth camps finish June 24. If you are interested, fill out an application online at [www.littleeden.org](http://www.littleeden.org)

**2022 busing.** We are already planning for and looking forward to youth camps this coming summer. *New this year*, we will be using **chartered coach buses** to transport campers to and from camp. Little Eden has always provided transportation for the youth camp programs. For many years, we used church buses but are finding that we no longer have that option. Using chartered coach buses should make the trip to and from camp more enjoyable and reliable.

**Chaperones needed.** Little Eden needs volunteers to ride along and chaperone campers on each bus trip to and from camp. These trips are on the Sundays and Fridays of the weeks of June 12 and 19. If you would be interested in helping with one or more trips, please contact Keri Nofziger at 567-454-0875 or [youthcamps@littleeden.org](mailto:youthcamps@littleeden.org).

**Counselors needed.** If you want to work at camp but don't have all summer available, consider being a youth camp counselor. During our youth program, we need at


**Youth Camp Coordinator needed.** Keri Nofziger of West Unity, OH, has been our Youth Camp Coordinator for the last five years. Keri is looking to transition into other endeavors and will be stepping down after this summer. We thank her for all that she has done in this position!

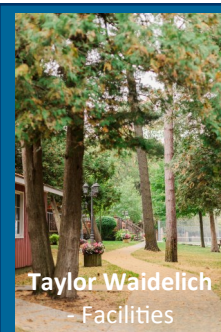
We are looking to fill the Youth Camp Coordinator position for 2023. Ideally, we would love to have Keri train someone this year to help make the transition go smoothly. Responsibilities include taking in youth camp registrations, entering them into a spreadsheet, making sure each camper has the necessary camper forms, and coordinating transportation and chaperones. If you might be interested in this at-home position, please contact Wayne at 231-889-4294 or [admin@littleeden.org](mailto:admin@littleeden.org).



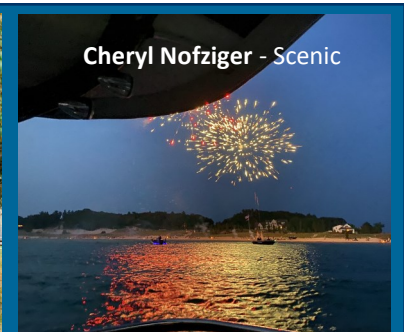
## Welcome, Angie Clendening

Angie Clendening is Little Eden's newest board member approved at the 2021 Annual Meeting. She and her husband, David, attend First Family Week with their family. The Clendenings live in Franklin, Indiana, where Angie is an elementary school counselor.

When at Little Eden, she enjoys *"everything, but especially pickleball, Craig's cinnamon rolls and hours with old friends."* The Board is delighted to have Angie join them. 



Taylor Waidelich  
- Facilities



Cheryl Nofziger - Scenic

## Photo Contest Winners:

Nicole Maust - People





# From the Director's desk: *Family Camps 2022*

by Wayne Faber



It is hard to believe it is 2022 already and that Summer Family Camp packets will be going out in the mail to permanent reservation holders soon. Just a friendly reminder, permanent reservation holders need to let camp know if they will be coming to Family Camp prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>, so we can begin to contact upgrade and waiting list people in a timely manner.



**A 9 a.m. Saturday departure.** As campers, as a board and as staff, our desire has been to get camp back to pre-COVID programming as soon as we can. As you are aware, this past summer we were short staff mem-

bers (2-3 summer college staff and 7 local housekeeping staff) on Saturdays. I am pleased to report that we are moving ahead with a 9 a.m. Saturday departure for this summer based on/assuming we will be able to get at least the same number of staff as we had this past summer.

In order to make a Saturday departure possible with continued COVID-19 cleaning protocols in place, though, the board has approved the following minor adjustments for the 2022 Family Camp season and is asking for your help as campers.

Little Eden will:

- *Continue to limit meals offered to brunch and supper.*
- *Go back to using volunteers to help at meal times wiping tables.*
- *Once again have volunteers man the snack shop during the summer staff outing on Friday evenings.*
- *Still provide blankets in bags for use (if needed) in housing units, but no longer have bedspreads on beds (or in units) when campers arrive.*
- *Have a recycling area located by the dumpster where campers can bring and sort their recyclable items.*

Campers are asked to do the following before leaving camp:

- *Settle up their bill before noon on Friday*
- *Wash all the dirty dishes and put them away*

- *Wipe out the microwave, refrigerator, and stove*
- *Take out the trash*
- *Take recyclable items to the lodge dumpster area and sort items*
- *Sweep out or vacuum cabin/lodge room*
- *Call the office to let us know that you have left, if leaving before Saturday morning.*

A large number of you are already doing most of these items, so it will not be a big change for many, but it will take everyone's help to make a 9 a.m. Saturday departure possible.

**Please pray and help us recruit.** We ask that you pray with us as we step forward in faith that God will provide the staff needed to run our summer program despite projections for staffing shortages for 2022 in Northern Michigan. Please also spread the word to college-aged staff and encourage them to consider applying at Little Eden by visiting our website at [littleeden.org](http://littleeden.org).

**Patience and understanding.** In addition to staffing recruitment challenges, Little Eden continues to experience supply chain shortages, delivery delays and increased inflationary costs. Because of rising costs and ongoing inflation, the board-approved increase in camp fees and meals for 2022 is slightly larger than in recent years, but is necessary in order to be fiscally responsible with the operational budget. We ask for your continued graciousness toward the camp and the staff as we navigate the challenges presented us.

I am looking forward to another great summer at camp and hope you are too. I am so grateful for each of you and for your support, encouragement and prayers as we minister to children, youth, adults and families year-round at this place we all love – Little Eden!





# More than just a summer job: *Why work at Little Eden?*

**Why work at camp this summer?** Here's what past staff said:

- *"Working on staff at Little Eden was so rewarding. It was the perfect opportunity to serve God, serve God's people, and enjoy creation in the most beautiful and peaceful place. As a staff member, you become part of a big, loving family. My summer on staff at Little Eden was a blast, and many awesome memories with great friends were made."* - Sadie Leatherman, 2021

- *"My favorite part about being on staff was how close everyone got. These people quickly became like family to me! This was especially true when I broke my hand. Instead of leaving me to fend for myself, the staff rallied around me and made me feel loved and taken care of."* -Sierra Rupp, 2021

- *"I loved working at Little Eden because of the Christian community and closeness to God's creation!"* - Ryan Harmelink, 2021

- *"Working at Little Eden gave me the tools to find joy in the little things, whether it was cleaning chicken on a Monday or turnovers on Fridays/Saturdays. Working at camp was one of the best experiences I've had in my life. I am taking the skills I have learned and using them for my leadership position at Spring Arbor."* - Rebekah Holsopple, 2021



There are so many great reasons to come and spend a summer in beautiful Northern Michigan at Little Eden Camp! We are currently looking for college-aged adults who are interested in meeting new life-long friends and working to help make an impact on youth and families. We are accepting applications for our 2022 Summer Staff at

[littleeden.org](http://littleeden.org). Working at Little Eden is more than just a summer job....It is a great opportunity to serve Christ by serving others and having fun while doing it. We would love to have you join us! 🌲



## 2022 Family Camps & Summer Programs

**Spring Work Weekend: May 12 - 15**

### Youth Camp Dates:

**Junior High Youth Camp: June 12 - 17**

**Boys & Girls Camp: June 19 - 24**

**High School Camp: June 19 - 24**

Download Youth Camp Registration Forms at [www.littleeden.org](http://www.littleeden.org) or contact the camp.

### Family Camp Dates:

**Pre-Family I Week: June 11 - 18**

- No resource person or camp program.

**Pre-Family II Week: June 18 - 25**

- No resource person or camp program.

**Genesis Week: June 25 - July 2**

Bill Holsopple of Archbold, OH

**First Family Week: July 2 - 9**

Keith Kerstetter of Willmar, MN

**Christian Fellowship Week: July 9 - 16**

Tim Miller of Naubinway, MI

**Home Builders Week: July 16 - 23**

Sarah Short of Archbold, OH

**Christian Business/Professional Week: July 23 - 30**

Jeff Polen of Applecreek, OH

**Second Family Week: July 30 - August 6**

Ryan Harker of Wauseon, OH

**Farmers Week: August 6 - 13**

Cal Emerson of Owosso, MI

**Rest & Relaxation Week I: August 13 - 20**

Ramon Lianez of Wauseon, OH

**Rest & Relaxation II/Home School Week: August 20 - 27**

TBA

### Lifetime Activities:

**August 27 - September 3**

- **Biking, Hiking, Relaxing, Fishing, Beaches**

- No food service, resource person or camp program.

Enjoy any of the above activities or just come enjoy Little Eden during a quieter week of the year.

**Golf and Fellowship Week:**

**September 3 - 10**

Steve Heatwole of Archbold, OH

**Quilting Week: September 11 - 16**

Cynthia Denlinger of Millersburg, OH

- Enjoy quilting or just come enjoy Little Eden in the beautiful fall season.

**Fall Work Weekend: October 13 - 16**

Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 15





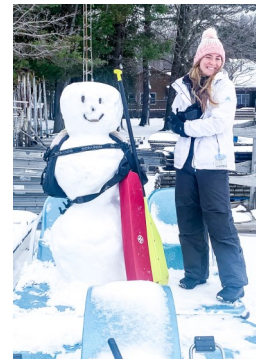
# Winter family getaway: *A winter wonderland*

There are so many reasons we all love Little Eden in the summer. But, did you know Little Eden in the winter can be just as fun? Over the last two years, we have had more and more families come and spend a weekend enjoying everything winter in Northern Michigan has to offer. Whether you enjoy skiing, snowmobiling, ice fishing or just sitting in a warm cabin reading a good book while drinking hot chocolate, Little Eden is just the place for your winter getaway.

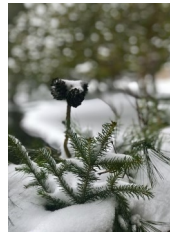
Don't take our word for it, here's what some of the families had to say:

- *"Our stay was wonderful! This time of year, up there is just magical! I love experiencing different seasons!"*
- *"We can't thank you enough for the wonderful experience we had staying here! We had such a fun, relaxing, and wonderful time that it's hard to leave...But we are already making plans to return again!"*
- *"We had such a great time last year at Little Eden, coming up for fall break for fall hiking, cookie decorating in the cabin, and pumpkin carving. So, when we returned to experience winter at LE we were blown away that it could be even better than the fall and summer weeks. It was so cozy tucked in our warm bright cabin while it snowed outside. Craig even left us*

*a plate of cookies to welcome us 'home'. When you go off season you get your choice of cabins which we loved! You make it so affordable to stay there, that there's money left over to purchase two days of ski lift tickets at Caberfae and Crystal Mountain and the commute is so reasonable. And we will never forget sledding down Sleeping Bear Dunes unable to catch our breath from the acceleration! Our son made it down the dune and across the parking lot. Unforgettable!"*



Little Eden Camp is a great destination to bring your family for some winter fun. We would love to see you this winter and would be happy to book a getaway for you! Call the office at 231-889-4294 or email [guestservices@littleeden.org](mailto:guestservices@littleeden.org) to make a reservation. Come experience what you love about Little Eden in a different season.



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