



News & Upcoming Events

This information went out to Little Eden members on Friday, February 17 as an email.

Welcome, Heather DeRidder!

Little Eden Camp would like to welcome **Heather DeRidder** as our new **Office Manager**. Heather is married to Scott and has three children, Autumn (married to Jorde), Anna who is a junior in high school, and Benjamin who is in 10th grade. She lives in Bear Lake and is a member of First Baptist Church of Manistee, where she also serves as church secretary. In her spare time, she loves to walk, read and hang out with her family. When talking about working here at camp, Heather says, *"I am very grateful for God's continued hand in guiding my life and putting me here at Little Eden."* We, too, are grateful for Heather joining the Little Eden team. Please welcome her when you speak with her this spring or summer!



Little Eden would also like to thank Michelle Foster who assisted us in the transition of Kathy Charette's retirement.

Balmy Heights update

The replacement of Balmy Heights continues. The new Balmy Heights project started this past fall and is scheduled to be completed in the spring. We have had a very mild winter allowing for the contractor to make steady progress with construction. Currently, the drywall is being hung in the cabin.

Many families are excited to be able to stay in the new cabin this coming summer. Many of our staff are looking forward to a safer stairway and no A-frame beams to hit their heads on when cleaning. A big thank you to all those who helped fund this project. We have raised enough money to fully underwrite the construction of Balmy Heights. Without all of you, this project would not be possible.



Reminder of March 1 deadline

If you are a **permanent reservation holder**, please be sure to send in your reservation information by March 1, if you haven't already done so. If we do not receive your reservation forms by March 1, you will be marked as *"NOT COMING,"* and your permanent reservation for this year will be made available to other campers.



If you are on a **waiting list**, we ask that you mail your postcard information back to camp by March 1 so we know whether you would like us to contact you for the week(s) you are on a waiting list and the best way to contact you. Upgrade and waiting list calls begin in March, and your information helps us to move as efficiently and quickly as possible through the process.

Praise and Prayer Requests

Please continue to be in prayer for Little Eden Camp, especially in the area of staffing needs.

- We praise God for the incredible eleven **summer staff** who have already signed up for this coming summer. Please be in prayer for us (and spread the word) as we search for four to five more staff.
- We ask for prayers as we seek a **lifeguard** and **youth camp counselors** for the weeks of June 11 through 23. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please prayerfully encourage them to apply.
- We ask for prayers as we continue to seek a new **Food Service Director**. Craig has notified us that he will be stepping down due to some health concerns and to be closer to family. We also ask for prayers for **Craig (and Pam)** as they wait for God's leading for their next step.
- We thank God for the responses we've had for our **Guest Services Manager** position. We ask for prayers for wisdom for Wayne and KJ as they interview applicants, that God would lead and guide the process and bring the right person to Little Eden.
- We also praise God for a moderate winter and the continued progress on **Balmy Heights**.

2023 Camp Dates

Work Weekends:

Spring: May 18-21

Fall: October 19-22, *Annual Meeting Saturday, October 21*

Youth Camps:

Junior High Youth Camp: June 11-16, *completed 6th, 7th & 8th grades*

Boys & Girls Camp: June 18-23, *completed 3rd, 4th & 5th grades*

High School Camp: June 18-23, *completed 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th grades*

Download Youth Camp Registration forms at www.littleeden.org or contact camp.

Family Camps:

Pre-Family I Week: June 10-17, *no resource person*

Pre-Family II Week: June 17-24, *no resource person*

Genesis Week: June 24-July 1, *Jason Nussbaum of Tulsa, OK*

First Family Week: July 1-8, *Bill Holsopple of Archbold, OH*

Christian Fellowship Week: July 8-15, *Cal Emerson of Owosso, MI*

Home Builders Week: July 15-22, *Tim Miller of Naubinway, MI*

Christian Business/Professional Week: July 22-29, *Scott Yoder of Plymouth, IN*

Second Family Week: July 29-August 5, *Sarah Short of Archbold, OH*

Farmers Week: August 5-12, *Ryan Harker of Wauseon, OH*

Rest & Relaxation I Week: August 12-19, *Jeff Polen of Applecreek, OH*

Rest & Relaxation II/Homeschool Week: August 19-26, *Tyler Hartford of Goshen, IN*

Lifetime Activities Week: August 26-September 2, *no food service, resource person or camp program*

Golf and Fellowship Week: September 2-9, *Gail Shetler of Goshen, IN*

Quilting Week: September 10-15, *Cynthia Denlinger of Millersburg, OH*