

SHELDON CALVARY CAMP

The summer of 2019 found the campers, staff, and families at Sheldon Calvary Camp enjoying new facilities that are the fruit of generous giving and years of work. A new Dining Hall was open and operational, providing a simple, beautiful, and welcoming space for meals for the summer camp community of 275 people. There is plenty of room for campers to move around and to share meals comfortably around the tables. There is a conference room which can be offered to local organizations. With an unequalled view of Lake Erie, the Dining Hall is truly a place of refreshment. Camp operations moved into a year round office building, which also has gracious spaces to allow gatherings throughout the seasons. We were delighted to have Bishop Price with us to dedicate and bless these new buildings. The Calvary Camp Board is engaged in strategic planning to consider how these resources, along with anticipated year round lodging, can best be used to serve. We are deeply thankful for the opportunities to grow as a Christian community reaching out to our neighbors.

Well over one thousand campers experienced Calvary Camp in the summer of 2019, many for more than one camping session. Those campers were cared for by a staff of more than seventy young adults, plus maintenance, kitchen, and health care staff. The camping program includes seven sessions of overnight camping for children ages 8-16, and a week of day camp for campers ages 6-12. Nearly twenty percent of campers receive some form of financial assistance.

As we continue to welcome campers and to inhabit our new spaces, the work of Calvary Camp remains consistent. We are committed to the formation and transformation of children, young people, and adults. We encourage the building of relationships and respect for every human being. We sing, pray Compline, and celebrate the Eucharist in the Bishop Thomas Chapel which is at the heart of our life together. We seek to offer the love of God to all who come to us, and to model the servant leadership of Christ. Spiritual life is integrated into day to day life, offering a dimension often missing for young folks who, as the Book of Common Prayer says, are “growing up in an unsteady and confusing world” (Prayer for Young Persons, p. 829)

We are always grateful for the land, resources, ministry, and lives which are entrusted to us, year after year. With these gifts, we work intentionally to send into the broken world people who are whole, filled with hope and faith.

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