



Warner Camp Tracks

MESSY

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to
stand.

Psalm 40:2

It's a joyful kind of gloomy day as the last campers depart from camp: joyful because the past five weeks have been filled with adventure, games, shaving cream, life changing chats, new friends, old friends, and so much more. Gloomy because it is all coming to an end for yet another season.

Summer 2K18 has soared by. A few weeks of training combined with five weeks of campers a couple holiday weekends and Camp Meeting makes for a lifetime of memories. God worked in so many MesSy ways this summer, we were grateful to have 332 youth campers join us for the adventure. We spent a great amount of time experiencing MeSSY adventures while learning that no matter the mess.... God loves us!!

Though the quieter campus now resonates a reminder of the absence of campers and Summer Staff, we are filled with gratefulness. We at Warner Camp are incredibly thankful for each camper who spent a week of their summer with us, and the parents and churches who made this possible. From the ropes course, ziplining, campfires and meal times, high-energy games to strengthen friendships and great cabin discussions. This has been one messy summer. We hope the impact of this summer carries over into everyday life. Most importantly, we give thanks to God who has given us this place and the resources to share with you.



They came - and they came - and they came!

Warner Camp may seem like it is far off the beaten path - but well OVER 3000 PEOPLE have come our way just this summer. For youth camps, family camps, holiday weekends, scout camp-outs, day camps, retreats, weddings, baptisms, reunions, birthdays, cross country meets and sometimes even solitude. The first month hit a thousand, July topped that and August has been even busier.

THANK GOD for 192 green acres, a lake, adventure activities, a great program, an RV park, bunkhouses, a wonderful heritage, dedicated staff, incredible volunteers, and the opportunity to plant tons of good seeds in the lives of people of all ages! We have planted good seed. Now lets pray passionately that God will bring blessing and growth, with story after story of *life changes*, renewal and new hope.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

**“Only a life lived for others is worth living.” –
Albert Einstein**

Volunteers are a vital part of our ministry here at Warner Camp!
Without this amazing group of individuals the ministry of Warner
Camp would not be possible!



Steve and Donna Wright – RV Park Host & Hostess, Maintenance, Café Hostess, Group Greeters and more.... You see, no one job description could fit this couple! Steve and Donna are true servants and a fundamental part of the ministry and staff family at Warner Camp.

On any given day you could see Donna planting flowers, mowing grass, praying with a guest, helping in the office, greeting RV park guests, answering and returning phone calls, helping with Rope Course waivers, working in the café, cleaning up the beach front..... And Steve you ask, he keeps equally busy from moving picnic tables and fire rings, constantly picking up stuff around camp, maintaining golf carts, running an errand, cutting wood, helping maintenance, helping an RV park guest set up and so much more!! All with a servants heart, asking for nothing in return, no complaints they just continue to serve and for

that we are so grateful. The follow comment made by Donna is proof that volunteering at Warner Camp is more than just volunteering to them.

“We are grateful, and amazed! We’ve been at Warner Camp five years now. We enjoy taking care of the RV park and ensuring our campers have all they need to enjoy family-time and make new friends. We knew we’d made the right choice our first year, as we watched a family having bible-study around the campfire. Watching our youth campers learn about the love and promise of Jesus, to the many baptisms that took place in Lester Lake. We are proud to be a part of the awesome staff and volunteers who have become life-long friends. Hearing our granddaughter last week say “Grandma, you really love Jesus!” was a highlight for us.”

Thank you Donna and Steve!

EMBRACE

Embrace what is good.... 1 Thes 5:21

Embrace what is good. That is what Warner Camp Meeting is all about. We have a rich **legacy** that we can embrace. And we can also embrace new ways as we seek to reach people today – and prepare for the future.

This year had a new twist as we intentionally **embraced families** in the opening days. The Laffoons were high caliber leaders who helped us to strengthen marriages and families. Opportunities for intergenerational fun and challenge were highlighted – with good response from many who joined in.

Many folks chose to **embrace challenge** this year by running to it rather than running away from it. Kevin Perthuis’ teaching helped us grasp the challenge to embrace our community and neighbors in tangible, life changing ways. Ways that not only could change others lives – but ours too.

Some things change – some things stay the same. That is the way it has always been. But as always we seek to create in Camp Meeting a community centered in Christ where people are **renewed in love, joy and faith**. A lot of feedback from this year’s camp meeting says this happened for many. And that makes it all worthwhile.

Are you looking for a unique space for your groups next retreat, meeting or event?

Warner Camp is a West Michigan's hidden treasure that offers a beautiful setting for getting away from the ordinary pace of everyday life.

Warner Camp offers 192 acres of beauty, setting on Lester Lake and surround by wooded trails.

- Women's Retreats
- Men's Retreats
- Youth Retreats
- College Retreats
- Pastor's Retreats
- School Trips
- Non-Profit Groups
- Corporate Meetings
- Team Building Events
- Holiday Gatherings
- Church/Family Picnics
- Weddings

Warner Camp is here to serve you! We realize how much work it takes to pull off a retreat, meeting or event. We are here to assist you in hosting a successful occasion that meets your goals. Our mission is to create an environment where the presence of God is experienced, the love of Christ is demonstrated, and the Spirit-filled life is inspired.



RV Park 2018



The 2018 season the RV Park was busy with more campers coming to enjoy these sacred grounds.

Our 126th Camp Meeting in July filled up the RV park and our three major holiday weekends continue to grow in numbers and activities.

It is always a highlight to see families come together and disconnect to reconnect, to see youth groups come to grow in their relationships with each other as they cook together, play games, explore God's word and enjoy the beauty of our grounds.

We continue to see new families coming to camp each year.

As the RV park continues to grow in numbers our staff has been diligent in upgrading areas that need attention. This season our maintenance crew was able to add 11 new picnic tables (we will be adding another 5 this fall), Update and re-arranged the RV Park welcome center for easier check in and out of our guests. Not to mention the addition of the handicap bath and shower stall in the bathhouse.

A huge shout out to those who continue to donate to the RV Park Improvement fund.



2018-2019

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LEGENDS

A lot of legends, a lot of people, have come before me. But this is my time. ~Usain Bolt~

Children are smiling just a little bit bigger here at Warner Camp thanks to the addition of our new Legends play area!

This long awaited upgrade has been an amazing blessing to Warner Camp this summer. Hundreds of children, big and small, have spent more hours at the Legends play area than we could even begin to count!

We have witnessed families enjoying the many play componets, as well as small groups of youth campers sitting in the towers while doing their devotions.

A special thank you to the designer Katie Deitrick and to Caleb Weeks and the Youth Build crew for the hours of donated in constructing it.



2019 Dates to Remember

- April 27—Warner Spring Work Day
- May 24—27—Memorial Day Family Camp
- June 23—28—Summit Camp (9th—12th)
- June 30 - July 4—Discovery Camp (3rd-4th)
- July 4-7 —Fourth of July Family Camp
- July 7-12—Escalate Camp (7th—8th)
- July 12—19—127th Family Camp Meeting
- July 21—26—Ascend Camp (5th—6th)
- Aug 30—Sept 2—Labor Day Family Camp
- October 5—Warner Fall Work Day

Dates Subject To Change—Additions Can Be Expected

MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE YOUTH CAMP DATES! THEY HAVE CHANGED A LITTLE!