



The Messenger

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A Developing Situation: TWO BIG NEEDS - Staff and Camp Scholarships

By Daniel Sanchez, Camp Director

With summer camp quickly approaching, Camp Iodiseca has two major needs! The first is summer staff, and in particular, counselors! With almost all of our behind-the-scenes staff in place, we need up to 6 more counselors for the coming summer? Why so many? **Well that's because our summer camp numbers are growing!** Though it's not uncommon for us to be looking for a few counselors to fill out our summer staff in May, our registrations are up almost 20% year-to-date. Though we might not end up at that high of a percentage, it's very likely we'll have a notable increase in summer camp attendance, and that means we need more staff! We're currently looking for 2-3 more male and 2-3 female counselors. What are the requirements? We're looking for college-aged young adults to serve as Christian role models, teachers, and activity leaders for our campers. Don't worry, we provide all of our counselors with training. Working at Camp Iodiseca is more than just a summer job, it's a fun-filled experience where we make a positive difference in the lives of our campers. It's also a great team environment where staff make great and lasting friendships with each other. Are you or someone you know possibly interested in serving at camp? If so, you can get started on applying by completing a summer service profile at www.nloma.org, and be sure to select Camp Iodiseca as your 1st Camp Preference.

Our second big need is, as always this time of year, camp scholarship funds. We currently have over \$4,500 in requests from over 50 campers that need to be completed! That's not counting registrations still to come in. It's very likely that we'll need \$6,000 more to accommodate each request. Camp scholarships are a big reason why our numbers are growing at Camp Iodiseca. Aside from providing financial aid to those needing assistance, our camp scholarships also reduce the cost for first-time campers by \$100 for full-weeks and \$50 for mini-week and day camp sessions. It allows us to bring in new people to Camp Iodiseca each year so that our mission of providing Christ-centered education and outdoor recreation becomes a reality! More than 50 campers need your help in funding their week of amazing fun, friendships, and Christian learning. You can help out by mailing in a check and write *Camp Scholarships* in the memo line, donating online at our website, or donating to our campaign on Facebook!



What's New and Improved Around Camp in 2019?

Thanks to a combination of support from donors and volunteers, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca has been able to make improvements every year. Your camp staff and volunteers have been busy making all kinds of updates to our facilities and activities so that our guests and campers can enjoy a best-in-class camping experience. Let's go through the pictures on this page and the next from left to right to see what's new around Camp this year!

First up, using canteen refunds donated by our campers (From the Kids, For the Kids), we purchased and installed new soccer goals on the rec field. We also have measured off and marked locations for cones to be put up for both soccer and ultimate frisbee. Many thanks to the **St. John, Homestead LYF** for helping us to set the rec field up! Staying on the rec field, this is also our archery location. Thanks to volunteers from the **King of Kings, Cedar Rapids Mens' Retreat** for assembling our above-ground targets. We've always had a great, natural backstop behind our targets, but in the past we've set targets up on the ground. This will make shooting archery feel a bit more natural as opposed to firing towards the ground. The same group also installed a new campfire ring behind Omega Lodge in addition to working on the Raft Village and splitting firewood.

Last fall, a camper of ours, **Will Wittich**, began installing a human-size checkers board as his Eagle Scout project. It's a 16' x 16' square next to our sand volleyball court. It can be played a variety of ways, with wooden checkers pieces or with real people using pinnies. Maybe we'll even be able to get chess pieces out there! This activity improvement is being funded by our 2018 **IED LWML** grant.

Rounding out the improvements across the camp are the new heating and air-conditioning units now available in our high-comfort rooms. Though we had updated many of them already, we needed to replace 5 more units to fully update all of the units in Alpha Lodge, which were approaching 30 years old. The updated units all have digital panels,



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which make them much easier for our guests to use, and run much quieter as well. Finally, we have updated bathrooms at our Family Campground! Most everything has been refinished or replaced in both the men's and women's bathrooms at the front of the campground. They've never looked nicer than this!

These updates are only thanks to the support of so many donors and volunteers. When you support Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, we're proud to show that each year we have new and improved equipment and facilities for our guests.





IMPORTANT DATES

May 11, 9AM - 4PM
Spring Cleanup! (Lunch Included)

June 9-12
Evanguard: A Camp on Biblical Masculinity

June 12
Summer Camp Begins!

July 27
I Believe in Camp Fundraiser Auction

July 30 - Aug 2
Higher Things Confirmation Camp

September 6-7
IED LWML Fall Retreat

New Camp: Evanguard

Evanguard is for all MEN—single, married, children, or no children. It is for BOYS, sons 8 years and older, because it is the duty of men to raise, mentor, and initiate their sons in biblical manhood. It is for GRANDFATHERS, with their sons and grandsons, for they are to make it known to their children and their children’s children (Dt 4:9). It is for CHRISTIAN MEN~LUTHERAN MEN, a brotherhood, in the bonds and crucible of the cross where “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another” (Pr 27:17), bound together in Scripture and the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

For more information on Evanguard and the June 9-12 Camp, head on over to www.evanguard.org to register and see the schedule. You can also find the even of Facebook!

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