

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



September 2020

DAMAGE REPORT!

At our staff meeting on the morning of Monday, August 10, we reviewed our summer and looked ahead to a bit of quiet for the remainder of the month. Though not a “normal” summer, it has been hectic and chaotic year since the pandemic hit in March. We talked about and planned out inexpensive projects and improvements that would make things safer in the age of COVID-19 as the family reunion on Camp prepared for a cool dip in the swimming pool. But our plans for rest and ease were about to change.

By 12:30PM, the derecho storm had arrived and a host of destruction with it. By the grace of God, everyone on Camp was safe throughout and after the storm, and no major damage occurred to Camp facilities. The afternoon was spent clearing the road for the family reunion to evacuate Camp. Aside from downed trees and debris everywhere, we had electrical lines both downed and uprooted. After a few days of wonderful volunteer help, we were able to get our infrastructure accessible so that we could haul logs and brush to the horse pasture as we built massive burn piles. Around 80 trees and large limbs have come down across camp, but we expect to find out more damage once the leaves come down in the fall. A month later, the vast majority of the main cleanup is done, though the damage from the storm can still be noticed.

Electricity fully returned to Camp on Saturday, August 15 and, with that, we began hosting volunteers the very next day. With the Iowa District East office in Marion out of commission due to the storm Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca became a center for LCMS Disaster Response efforts across Eastern Iowa for a few weeks. Dozens of highly trained volunteers came from all across the country with equipment and provided aid to areas significantly impacted by the storm, doing work ranging from chainsawing and dropping trees to removing trees and branches from homes.

We hope to continue to host more volunteers throughout September and October as we have availability. It has been a blessing to serve our district, congregations, God’s people, and our communities from Belle Plaine to Olin in August, and we look forward to participating in this mission going forward. You can support this effort. Donating to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca’s Disaster Response allows us to house, feed, and host volunteers **FOR FREE** as we utilize their efforts to help Eastern Iowa recover from this disaster. Email director@iodiseca.org or call 319-848-4187 to see how you can support an upcoming volunteer group!



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Camp Presentations

Would you like to know more about Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca? Camp Director Daniel Sanchez is available to speak to congregations and groups about Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's mission, facilities, and programs. Call 319-848-4187 to schedule a speaker!



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Needs List

Lawn Tractor; Paper Towels; Toilet Paper; First Class Postage Stamps; Batteries: 9v, AA, AAA; Cleaning Supplies: window cleaner, all-purpose cleaner. **Please see our web site for a complete list: www.campiodiseca.org.**

Important Dates

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, these retreats are subject to change, postpone, or cancel.

September 12
IED LWML Convention

October 5-6
IDE Fall Pastors' Conference

October 9-10 - POSTPONED TO SPRING
IDE Confirmation Retreat

November 6-7
IDE Pastors' Wives Retreat

November 7
Fall Workday

November 20-21 - POSTPONED TO SPRING
IDE Sr. High Retreat

Camp and COVID-19

Are you wondering how your camp experience is impacted by the pandemic? Do you want to know how Camp is planning to host your group and make sure that you are being safe? Head over to our website to review our policy guidelines and camp updates at:

campiodiseca.org/camp-and-covid-19/

We are going to do our very best to make sure that our guests and staff stay safe in this time, and we want to make sure that you are informed! Over the past month, we installed a water bottle filler attachment to the drinking fountain!



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