



The Messenger

Fall 2022

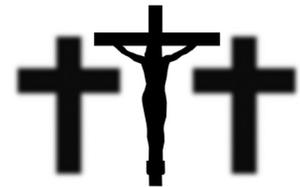
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Summer Camp 2022 Review—Best Attendance in 15 Summers!

By Daniel Sanchez, Camp Director

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking to Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

The past few years have been a whirlwind. The circumstances surrounding COVID-19 impacted Camp significantly in 2020 and 2021. Such uncertainty can really make one wonder if things would ever be the same again. Would Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca survive the massive blow to our summer camp attendance and ministry? Thanks be to God, Camp has endured! Thanks to such wonderful support, we weathered the storm of the past few years to experience our best summer attendance in about 15 years!



THE FOCUS
Hebrews 12:1-2

Throughout the summer, campers learned about “looking to Jesus,” and how today we look to Jesus by reading and hearing His Word. Campers learned that even though they may lose focus on God and His promises to us, Jesus stayed focused on accomplishing our salvation through his life, death, and resurrection. In Christ, we now have a new life, a new focus. **Jesus is our focus**, even in uncertainty and doubt we trust in His faithfulness to us. We pray that all of our campers had a fantastic time with us here at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca this past summer, and we pray Jesus remains their focus in life and living.

With summer camp having roared back to life, retreats are slowly coming back to normal, though still not to full strength. For many groups, this is their first retreat or family event in 3 years! We look forward to welcoming back all of our retreat groups and family reunions with open arms. The last piece we need to have fully back is the camp summer staff. Even though our numbers were the best in 15 years, we weren’t able to get almost 50 campers in due to staffing shortages. So if you’re considering a way to support Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, encourage a college-aged young adult to be a member of the 2023 summer staff. We’re already accepting applications! Just go to our website at campiodiseca.org, find the Summer Camp tab, and then click on the and click the Summer Staff/Jobs option.



Spring Pool Campaign Update & Uh-Oh, Again: New Well at the Campground Needed

We did it! Thanks be to God, every dollar spent in updating the new pool shed was covered by your donations. Our campers were able to swim in a sparkly clean pool this year! It's a whole up-to-date and automated chlorination and filtration system. We still



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have a few more things to finish with the electrical and built-in lighting, but we're thankful that we were able to cover the cost of the project AND have it ready to go for the summer. Additionally, the outside of the shed was also resorted and looks much better. So many Camp supporters came

together to achieve a fantastic and essential update. Thanks be to God for all of you!

Staying on the topic of water, when it rains, it pours. We've been dealing with some intermittent water issues at the Family Campground, only to discover that the well casing has deteriorated and we need a whole new well drilled. Due to the commercial standards required of us, we're dealing with an initial bid of over \$76,000, and we pray the final cost doesn't go any higher! Once again, we need the help of our supporters and congregations. Thanks be to God, we've been able to secure a pledge of up to half the cost of the bid, meaning **we still need to come up with another \$38,000 on our own, possibly more.**



Make a difference by helping to make up the difference between the pledge and the total cost! Though this project is at the Family Campground, the location is still an important part of our site as it contains a camp staff home, our maintenance shop, and our campsites. We also use this land to ride horses on in the summer time and host other events such as cross country races. We need this area of Camp to work so that the rest of Camp can work!



This is a necessary project that has to move forward. As soon as we get the green light to proceed from the DNR, it's a go! Though the well is limping along for the time being, we can't risk having the well fail in the middle of winter. Please support Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca by donating to our well repair project. Simply mail in a check (write "well repair" in the memo line) or donate online at www.campiodiseca.org today. We thank God for your support, and we look forward to your help in accomplishing this task just as we were able to complete our pool repairs!

THANK YOU!





Fall Workday - November 12

We have been able to accomplish so many important updates at our Fall Workdays! Just last year we removed the old boardwalk in preparing for the new cemented walkway to Omega Lodge and put in a new retaining wall at the Gazebo. These amazing updates make Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca look great! We're looking forward to making headway in two big projects at our Fall Workday on Saturday, November 12, and possibly more with your help.



This year, we need to update one of our favorite camp activities. We'll be replacing the netting around the Human Foosball course. We also will be taking down a giant dead ash tree. Bring your chainsaws for this one! If we're able to complete these two projects, we'll get started on possibly replacing the carpet in the upstairs of the Omega Lodge.

We need your help to make this day a productive one! As always, lunch is on us! We'll be getting started around 9AM and ending by 4PM.

Human Foosball has been around for 13 years and is a favorite! 

Ash Tree and Dylan, who is a real big 6'3" offensive-lineman type guy. 



IMPORTANT DATES

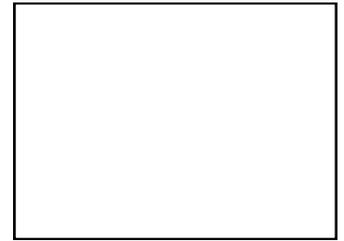
Nov. 1 - Summer Staff Profile Opens

Nov. 12 - Fall Workday

Nov. 18-19 - IDE Sr. High Retreat

Jan. 16 - Summer Camp Registration Opens

Jan 27-28 - IDE Middle School Retreat



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Thrivent Choice

In 2021 our Thrivent Choice participants designated around \$10,000 in support of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Help make 2022 an even better year in Thrivent Choice donations by designating your dollars today! Go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836), state "Thrivent Choice", and designate your choice dollars for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Thank you for making Thrivent Choice a valuable stream of revenue for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca!

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