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New Address? Moving Soon?
Give Wanake your
new address.

**Celebrating
65 Years**



Register now to
celebrate Wanake's
65th Anniversary
September 24, 2011
10 AM-7 PM
Details inside.

Wanake Celebrates 65 Years September 24, 2011

There is nothing quite like the outdoors at Camp Wanake in early fall. Plan to join us in celebrating 65 years of ministry in the beautiful, spiritual place among the hills. Saturday's festivities will give every generation of Wanake alumni opportunities to reconnect with each other, with God, and with the camp. Wagon tours, exploration of Wanake's new property (the Ames Farm), ministry updates, worship, and camp activities will round out our day. We will celebrate with a luncheon and BBQ at dinner. Overnight accommodations and additional meals will be available. Details and registration information are on page 3.



Campers enjoy the pool, when it was in the Frog Pond.

THEN AND NOW



The "new" pool (dedicated in 1954) is still a favorite!

Exploring the present Frog Pond during Dirt and Mud camp.



There is Still Time to...



...Register for
Summer camp!



Wanake is saving a place for you!

Learn more about these great events
and summer camp coming up and register at
www.CampWanake.org or www.wanake.typepad.com

Upcoming Events 2011

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| Tuesday, June 14, 2011 | The One Day Adventure |
| June 19-August 5, 2011 | Summer Camp Programs |
| June 19-24, 2011 | Teen Leadership Training |
| August 14-15, 2011 | Grandparent/Grandchild Overnight |
| August 19-21, 2011 | Special Persons Weekend |
| August 20-21, 2011 | Mother-Daughter Overnight |
| September 2-5, 2011 | Labor Day Family Weekend |
| September 16-18, 2011 | Women's Spiritfire Retreat |
| September 24, 2011 | 65th Anniversary Celebration |
| October 13-16 & 20-23 | Walk to Emmaus Weekends |
| October 28-30, 2011 | Fall Family Horse Ride |
| November 18-20, 2011 | Fall Confirmation Retreat |
| November 18-20, 2011 | Youth Connection Weekend |
| December 2-3, 2011 | Christmas Cookie Baking Event |
| December 10, 2011 | Wanake Celebrates Christmas |
| December 16-17, 2011 | Christmas Shopping Extravaganza & Parents Night Out |

SPRING 2011 — WANAKE CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER — CAMP FOR LIFE

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Inner City Ministries Partner with Wanake for Amazing Results—Join the Partnership for Summer 2011

In 2008, Camp Wanake partnered with Deuber United Methodist Church to provide camping opportunities for children from an economically depressed area of Canton, OH. That summer, 11 children from Deuber Hope Ministries attended Camp Wanake. News of the impact of the Christian experience on these children spread, and participation increased to 27 children in 2009 and 76 children in 2010!

Such success is due largely to the involvement of parents served by Deuber Hope Ministries. By working with parents to recruit and follow up on the camping experiences of their children, Hope Ministries found a way to achieve even greater impact on families as well as children. "We had to work with parents to do the paperwork and make those arrangements [for camp], and we started developing relationships with the parents," says Deuber lead-

ership. "That opened a door, and parents started to call us when they needed something—not just money, but someone to go to court with them or someone to talk to, and they started visiting the church." As a result, 5 families served by Hope Ministries have joined the church!

There are potentially 80 children at Deuber who would like to attend Camp Wanake this summer. At present, only 50 are registered due to lack of funding. To help address this need, Wanake has applied for a grant of \$1,000 for camperships from "Corners of the Field," a scholarship program administered by the interdenominational Christian Camp and Conference Association. To receive the grant, Wanake pledged that the Camp will raise a minimum of \$5,000 in donations for camperships. Will you make a gift to Wanake for camperships this



summer?

The cost for one campership is \$300. You may wish to pay \$150 now followed by a pledge payment of \$150 in Sept. If you plan to make such a pledge, please note this with your initial payment, and Wanake will send you a reminder when the second half of your gift is due.

Wanake Celebrates 65 Years of Ministry



Homemade Ice Cream



Discussion

Triangles



Mud Ovens

Wanake Finishes 2010 \$1,100 in the Black—Praise God!

With the help of alumni and volunteers, the efforts of diligent camp staff, and the prayers of churches and friends, Camp Wanake is thankful to have balanced its 2010 operating budget, which ended on December 31.

This tough budget challenge began in May of 2010 when a public school called to say that its district's levy did not pass, forcing the school to cancel outdoor education week the following September. This loss in opportunity for the children came with an immediate income shortfall of \$20,000 for Wanake. Nearly 90 percent of the revenue for Wanake's \$650,000 annual operating budget is generated by camp fees.

While camper registrations at the outset of last year's summer program were quite strong, they slowed dramatically. To cut expenses, the camp put on hold its hiring of two year-round, part-time positions and

hired fewer paid summer staff, making up the difference with dedicated volunteers. This cut in personnel expenses provided more than half of the expense savings for Wanake in the second half of the year. Staff found ways to cut operating expenses, and alumni and friends raised campership monies. With referrals from alumni and sister camps, Wanake income rebounded by \$26,000 in the fall retreat season. The fiscal health of Camp Wanake for the future is not in cost cutting and less programming. We must continue to increase the use of the site—booking retreat groups (even family reunions), outdoor education groups, summer camp registrations, and through gifts for camperships. Please join us in creating more opportunities for Christian ministry at Wanake.

Celebrating 65 Years Of...

Christian Birth, Growth and Renewal



Nature Exploration



Volunteering



Outdoor Cooking in the Home-in-the-Woods



Building Friendships



Wanake Alumni News

Career milestones:

Diane Bryan (00s, 10s), Wanake food service manager, celebrates 10 years of service this year.

Erin Chester (90s, 00s, 10s) is full-time program manager of the summer jobs program for teens with University Circle Incorporated, Cleveland, OH.

Erin Kirkpatrick (90s, 00s) is full-time occupational therapist at Riverside Hospital in Columbus, OH.

Jessica Mazza (10s) has accepted a full-time job beginning in the fall with InterVarsity at Purdue Univ., Lafayette, IN.

Kara Snow (00s, 10s) is a full-time nanny in Akron, OH.

College Graduates (bachelor's degrees):

Mike Giles (10s) Malone Univ.

Pat Gill (00s, 10s) Malone Univ.

Christine Montelione (10s) Miami Univ.

Sarah Murphy (00s, 10s) Ohio Wesleyan Univ.

Beth Robb (00s, 10s) Ohio Wesleyan Univ.

Amanda Smith (00s, 10s) Bowling Green State Univ.

Congratulations Everyone!

Marriages:

Erin Kirkpatrick (90s, 00s) and Maxwell Button were married Jan. 15, 2011 and reside in Columbus, OH

Births:

Jason and **Kristen (Blackburn) Snyder (00s)** welcomed a son Samuel David on Sept. 3, 2010, and reside in Sherrodsville, OH.

Al and Virginia Leidtke (00s, 10s) welcomed a new grandchild, Mia Chengyi, from China on Nov. 10, 2010. Mia and her mother, Sarah, reside in Miami, FL.

Alumni! Tell us what has been happening in your life!

The Wanake community would like to join you in celebrating new jobs, retirements, graduations, weddings, births, and other important events. Please e-mail your news items to Director@CampWanake.org.

Alumni & Friends Help Wanake Continue to Be in Ministry

Ames Farm Work Projects

While future use of the recently acquired 38 acre Ames Farm is still being studied, work projects are underway on the house and 2 barns located adjacent to the camp on Route 93. Please contact the Wanake office if you or your group are interested.



Volunteer Opportunities

Wanake has opportunities for volunteers in program, office, maintenance, and food service.

Projects are available for individuals or groups, skilled and unskilled. Consider a scheduled work day or plan your own. Contact the Wanake office: 330-756-2333 or Info@CampWanake.org.



Summer and Fall Projects for Volunteers

Mowing; work on the Ames Farm (indoor and outdoor projects); tree work; erosion control; cabin repairs; gardening; baking; exterior painting; screen, window and door repairs; trail maintenance; bench and picnic table building; & more.

Gifts are needed on all levels

- \$40 Signage or a Riding Helmet
- \$80 A Bench for a campfire site
- \$100 A case of 24 Bibles for campers
- \$120 Picnic Table
- \$300 Full Week Campership (with the option of 2, \$150 payments)**
- \$330 Porch Swing for Outpost Barn
- \$400 Mountain Bike (21 gear)
- \$950 Continued Lake Arnold Revitalization
- \$1,700 Electric Golf Cart

During the summer of 2010 Wanake volunteers (counselors, deans, and support staff) donated 6,000 hours valued at \$125,000!



65th Anniversary Details

Plan now to be part of the celebration September 24, 2011. Register today on line at www.campwanake.org. Choose the events tab. From this web page you can print out a paper form and mail it in or register using Wanake's on line registration system. To receive registration information via snail mail, contact Wanake's office at 330-756-2333.

Fees: For the day's activities, lunch and dinner - \$29/person; children ages 4-12 attending with their family \$9/child

Friday overnight with three meals Saturday and program: In a retreat at house \$69/adults & \$34/child; Heated White Cabin \$39/adult & \$19/child; Unheated Pines Cabin \$29/adult & \$14/child.

Friday & Saturday overnight with three meals Saturday, Brunch on Sunday and program: In a retreat at house \$79/adults & \$39/child; Heated White Cabin \$49/adult & \$24/child; Unheated Pines Cabin \$39/adult & \$19/child.

For Tenting and RV rates, contact Wanake.

Shuttle service from Akron/Canton Airport to Wanake available for \$25 round-trip upon request. Please mail/e-mail request with time and date of arrival and departure with registration.

Crews from Christ UMC Louisville, Sterling UMC, York UMC, Trinity UMC Mansfield, and Lorain Lighthouse UMC completed numerous projects this spring, including: creating the Wanake Family Wall, building a horseback riding ramp for Special Persons Campers, staining wood, painting, working on the Ames farmhouse, baking, mowing, and other worthwhile initiatives. Thank you!



Beautiful gardens due to the hard work of many volunteers!



Replacing the Inpost Barn porch deck: Dale Kandel (left), Frank Hann (right). Thanks also to J.R. Schmucker & Doug Royar (above right).

