

## **Camp Christian Operating**

*Al Channell, Camp Christian Superintendent*

### Deep Pool:

Tim Patterson, of Patterson Pools, and Christian, owner of C J Custom Concrete, inspected the deep pool with me Monday morning. The ENTIRE diving well needs to be replaced as there is nowhere to cut out, patch, and have the patch adhere to good concrete in the diving well (it doesn't exist). This a significant change from Tim's assessment back in February. Most certainly the March 14, 2017 quote of \$11,750 plus \$3,500 allowance (did not include painting) will be far exceeded. Dependent upon Ohio State Regulations, a cheaper option of concrete capping the diving well will be considered. The area in the N/W corner still can be cut out and patched.

We patched the deep pool in 2013 and also repaired the shallow pool. Painting was done to both pools once repaired. The total cost of that project was \$26,223.00.

I will convey Tim's new quote for the Deep pool as soon as I receive it.

QUESTION: Are we throwing good money (and money we do not have) after bad money into the deep pool just so campers can jump off a diving board? The diving board is approximately 12 years old and will probably need to be replaced in the near future. The pool pump/filter room building foundation is failing. The electric panel is so old and corroded that I hold my breath every time a breaker is turned on, wondering if that will be the last time. The filter sand has a tendency to calcify and harden which requires the filter to be replaced. All five filters have been replaced within the past five years, so they're due to fail. Operating with only the shallow pool this past summer did not disrupt the program. Possible options: We could fill in the Deep pool and make it a beach volleyball court, fill it in and put up a pavilion, or fill it in and do nothing with it. The stainless steel could be removed and recycled in either of these options. Benefits include: One less lifeguard required (MA's already have been reduced from 13 to 10), reduced chemical costs, reduced electrical costs, reduced license fees, and reduced insurance rates. Long range planning, if we are going to continue to exist as a camp, calls for us to construct a new pool on the West side of Maple Dell which eliminates the need for campers to cross the road (current cost estimate \$440,000.00).

Clark & Yoder Watershed Project (camp swale): The Union County Commissioners have called a meeting on November 2, 2017 to determine the feasibility of this project. Reverend Bentley and I shall attend and report the outcome. If approved, construction will start in September 2018.

Cluster 1 Sprinkler System: The sprinkler systems in clusters 1 & 2 have all piping (mostly located in the attics) charged with glycol to prevent freezing. Both systems need to be inspected annually. During said inspection of cluster 1 last year, the technician left an incorrect valve open and partially depleted the glycol. He advised me that he would tell his supervisor and try to cut us a break on recharging the system. Unfortunately, he did not do so and S A Comunale, the service company, earlier this year quoted us \$2,420 to recharge the system. I replied that the quote was unacceptable and explained the reason why. I am waiting for a revised quote. The amount for glycol was \$720. The rest was for labor.

My Camp Wish/Needs List (This is a partial list not approved by anyone, yet requested by many. It will become a life unto itself):

- Lodge-replace room furniture in all 20 rooms, install new HVAC, replace all 8 shower stalls, replace toilet stall dividers, upgrade bathroom lighting and exhaust fans, replace great room exhaust West wall fans, replace door locks on all 20 rooms, remove the unused bun warmers in the kitchenette and upgrade the cabinets and countertops, replace/upgrade great room lighting, replace cushions on great room furniture, replace exterior lighting, and pave/upgrade the parking lot.
- Rec Hall-upgrade/replace interior lighting.
- Gym-replace/upgrade exterior lighting, replace bench on concrete deck.
- Kitchen-new meat slicer table, new portable salad bar, new manual #10 can opener.
- Admin-upgrade/replace exterior lighting.
- All Clusters-exteriors need to painted; decks need to be repaired, pressure washed, and sealed. The wing walls on the back of A, B, & C need to be capped and caulked as they are separating from the buildings.
- There will be more.