

March, 2024

Camp Sugarwood Updates

For more information about any of the Camp Sugarwood activities, contact Carrie Drees at cdrees23@gmail.com or call 937-564-7346

Camping and Retreat Ministries Presents District Game Day

March 16, 2024 10am-5pm You are welcome to come and go as you please. West Charleston CoB, 4817 S. St. Rt. 202 Tipp City, OH 45371

Please bring games you wish to play, a snack to share and a monetary donation for lunch. We will be ordering pizza. No registration is required, but please text or email Carrie Drees to let her know which games you are bringing or hoping to play.

Women's Mini Retreat

April 13, 2024 8:30AM-Noon at the Salem Church of the Brethren, 6037 Phillipsburg-Union Rd, Englewood, OH 45322.

The theme: *Created in God's Image* focuses on Affirming Ourselves and Welcoming Others. Participants learn about their God-given identity and how their unique story adds to God's creation.

Camp Sugarwood Registration is OPEN

Camp Sugarwood camp opportunities are open for registration. We have a variety of camps for all ages throughout the year. June camps are held at Cricket Holler 6444 Frederick Pike, Dayton, OH 45414. New this year is Early Bird pricing for our week long Junior and Senior Creative Arts Camps. Both the Junior week and Senior week discount is available if registration forms are received by April 15. Scholarships are available for all camps. Flyers with more information including how to register for all camps is available on the district website, or check with your church office.

Registration is OPEN for Pieceful Quilting Camp

Camp Sugarwood is holding Pieceful Quilting Camp at Bergamo Retreat Center in Beavercreek on August 6-9. At Pieceful Quilting camp you can expect Fellowship, snacks, Bible study, learning new quilting skills, games, and relaxation.

Camp Sugarwood Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed in various areas during Junior Discovery Camp (June 16-18), Junior Creative Arts Camp (June 16-22), and Senior Creative Arts Camp (June 23-29).

Volunteers are also needed as Camp Grandparents!

Camp Grandparents are needed for Junior Creative Arts Camp and Senior Creative Arts Camp. Camp Grandparents do not have a specific task all day long but follow a group of kids with higher needs or simply be of 'presence'. They are around when they can/wish to encourage and be of positive influence. The timing is flexible and can be for as short as an hour to all day **Camp set-up at Cricket Holler 6444 Frederick Pike, Dayton, OH 45414 for all of our June camps is on June 5** beginning at 9:00am until completed.

Disaster Ministries Updates

Intergenerational BDM Trip – New this year! July 21-27 is a BDM trip for adults and youth. It's also an opportunity for grandparents/youth (15 yrs. +), parents/youth (14 yrs.+) to work together rebuilding homes for disaster survivors. The location hasn't been determined yet by BDM, but transportation will be provided. BDM also provides housing, food, tools, and leadership. Call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com to join the crew or for more information. A flyer with information about all upcoming trips can be found on the district website, or ask in you church office.

Volunteer Opportunities - Serve with BDM in 2024. We're working on tornado recovery in Dawson Springs, KY through June. An updated flyer with all the 2024 trip dates is available on the district website, or ask in your church office. Note that the October date is 13-19, a week later than originally announced. Call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com to join a crew.

Cemetery Cleanup Workday – We've been invited to join workers from the South/Central Indiana District to work on Lybrook Cemetery, which has fallen into disrepair. It's the first COB cemetery in Indiana and is located south of Richmond. The workday is Sat., March 9 starting at 8:00 AM. Workers will gather at Four Mile COB, 5022 Kitchel Rd., Liberty, IN and shuttle to the sight. Needed are pickup trucks, chain saws, weed eaters, clippers, workers to carry wood & debris, and kitchen help. Lunch will be provided at Four Mile Church. **RSVP to Anitra Kraus by March 1**(440-444-7017, akraushouse@gmail.com). Additional workdays will be scheduled.

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – The first sewing bee of 2024 will be held on Saturday, March 23 at 9:00 AM at Eaton Community Church. Sewers need to bring a sewing machine to make school bags for Church World Service (CWS). Non-sewers will prep items for school kits and cleanup buckets. All are invited to bring a sack lunch. A flyer with the 2024 schedule can be found on the district website, or inquire in your church office.

Trotwood CoB Offers Scholarships for College Students

The Trotwood Church of the Brethren has five scholarships for college students. You can learn more details and ask for an application form by emailing the church at <u>office@trotwoodcob.com</u> or calling 937-837-6604 to leave a message. The amount of each scholarship will be determined by the number of applications, the resources available and the guide-lines of each contributor. Applications will need to be turned in by April 12, 2024.

For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, email the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District (sodcob@brethren.org) or visit our website: <u>www.sodcob.org</u>. In addition to this publication, we also email a monthly newsletter. To request a newsletter simply email your request to the same email address. If you would like to add your event to either the website, this publication, or the monthly newsletter please email your information to sod-cob@brethren.org <u>before the 15th of the month</u>.