LEADERSHIP MESSAGE
FROM DICK HAAPALA

Long Range Planning

We are looking into the feasibility of reconstructing our horseback riding program. The successful “mountain ride in the lamb” will be continued. Our dedicated volunteers, donors, and campers continue to make Camp Prime Time better every year.

By Mike Pappoff

“Do you know of any organization that can use some great decorative concrete? Donated?” That was the question posed to a year ago by my friend Chris Klimaske, a decorative concrete contractor in San Diego, and a member of the American Society of Concrete Contractors (ASCC).

My mind went immediately to Camp Prime Time. After a phone call to Regan Berthoff, the idea of a near-for-profit pit was started. The ASCC is a national concrete contracting association based in St. Louis. Each year ASCC sponsors a Community Project that is made of decorative concrete to benefit a nonprofit. In the past years, these projects have been installed in programs such as a veteran’s nursing home, a remote school for kids in Washington, and many others.

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We then added back rests to the bleachers. The project was completed in September. This could not have been done without the generous support of ASCC members all over the nation, CPT staff and volunteers, local labor, and local donations. The net result is that there is a beautiful addition to CPT that will put smiles on the faces of kids for decades.

Dick Haapala
Board President

NATIONWIDE COLLABORATION

NEW FIREPIT DRAWS NATIONAL SUPPORT

By Ralph Berthon

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Activities & Camp Improvements

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2019 RECAP

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DEBBIE'S DREAM

By Ralph Berthon (Co-Founder)

Debbie Armstrong, a valued employee of Camp Prime Time for over 10 years, retired in late 2018. Sadly, she passed away in October of 2019. Our sincere condolences to her family and friends. In our many conversations, Debbie expressed that one of her dreams was to recruit a minimum of 5,000 members for Camp Prime Time. We used to say that the only thing we could give them for their membership would be a “God Bless you and a Hail Mary.” We both thought that was the perfect thank you. True to Debbie’s sweet nature, she was willing to donate her time as a volunteer to work on making that dream come true. She wanted to create a data base and send out annual statements to all those members. Unfortunately, her health prevented her from being able to realize her dream. One of her many talents was working with numbers and accounting. Debbie once told me that if we had just half of the people in our database become members at just $25.00 a year we could raise over $100,000 annually. And if we had all the people in our data base become members, we would raise over $250,000! All for just $25.00 per year: Thirty-five years ago, Camp Prime Time started as a dream. Now, you can help Debbie’s dream become reality. Join me, with so many others, and become a Camp Prime Time Member today!

MEET PAUL GOLKE

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CAMP PRIME TIME

Paul Golke is excited to join the amazing team of Camp Prime Time. He brings over 30 years of outdoor camp experience and leadership from camps served in Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, and Washington. Paul has always had a great love for the outdoors. Building community through the shared experience of camp is one of the most powerful learning and development tools around. Years of camp experiences and stories have shaped his outlook and make his presentations entertaining and fun. He may pull out his guitar or lead a group in a camp related activity. So get ready for almost anything!

Paul enjoys hearing people share how camp has impacted their lives. Camp Prime Time offers an ideal place and setting to build relationship and community. One word in Camp Prime Time’s motto that catches his attention is “inward.” Enriching love, families, enjoyment, all in an enriching outdoor Addison. He looks forward to further enriching all who are touched by Camp Prime Time.

FOCUS ON VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

You can always volunteer to help run the camp or work on projects such as “Spring Clean Up” on weekends in May. We are looking at ways volunteers can help us grow. Administratively we are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator as well as a volunteer that would help us with the various group leaders and the booking of the camper groups. We are also looking at the possibility of recruiting a few individuals that are skilled in various trades that could be on call to help with assessing a problem or making emergency repairs to our buildings, equipment, or utilities at camp. A few areas where we need to expand our volunteer base for the camp are: electricians, propane equipment service technicians, carpenters, and equipment maintenance and repair workers.

If any of these areas are of interest, please contact the camp office at (509) 248-2854 and we can discuss these ideas in more detail.

COVID-19 CAMP IMPACTS

The impact of the COVID-19 virus has been staggering for our communities. We hope you are all safe and well and able to remain free of any illness. Camp Prime Time is honoring the “stay at home” restrictions that are in place in Yakima County and the rest of the state. We understand this creates a challenge in services for people trying to contact us. We have implemented telecommuting protocols for telephone calls, email, and general operations. Unfortunately, no one knows just how long the current restrictions will remain in place. The US Forest Service issued a partial closure to recreation in the forest. Permitted activities such as Camp Prime Time have not been impacted by this closure.

At this time, Camp Prime Time has decided to remain positive and is gearing up to open with a new planning team in convened in May. We understand this is optimistic and that our plans may have to change. We encourage all campers and volunteers to sign up for camp as usual, understanding that everyone’s plans may be put on hold at the last minute due to the nature of the virus and its control.

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