

FLBC Update

FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER

Annual Meeting
Sat, October 10
2:00 PM

All are welcome to come
hear camp updates!

FLBC Extravaganza!

Golf Tournament, Delegate Retreat, Partner's Luncheon & Annual Meeting!

Join us for all or part of an exciting weekend full of ways to support and celebrate with Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp!

This fun-filled weekend begins on Friday, October 9th, with our Golf Tournament at Eagle Bend Golf

Club in Bigfork, MT to raise money for camperships. Did you know that FLBC is committed to never turning anyone away due to inability to pay? It is a joy to be able to make camp financially accessible in this way – it is because of the care and generosity of people like you that we can fulfill this promise! Register at www.flbc.net/golf. Can you, your business, your congregation, your organization, etc., sponsor a hole at our tournament? Contact carlee@flbc.net for more info!

Delegates are invited to join us for our Delegate Retreat to learn the ins and outs of being an advocate for camp in their congregations and communities (visit flbc.net/delegate or call 406-752-6602 for information about registering). Anyone who is interested in being a voice for FLBC in the world is invited to join.

On Saturday, FLBC Partner's luncheon—a celebration of the generosity of our donors—will begin at 12:15. Partners will receive an invitation by mail, and all delegates are invited to attend! This year's speaker is Reverend Dr. Laurie Jungling, Bishop of the Montana Synod of the ELCA. Following the luncheon will be the Annual Meeting (all are welcome to come; our voting body is made up of a pastor or pastoral associate and 2 lay delegates from each of our 55 member congregations).

This weekend is also the final gathering we'll have with Kyle Lefler, Associate Director of FLBC, as she prepares for her next adventure. Please join us in celebration and thanksgiving for her 6 years of service at FLBC!

Camp has done so much for me; I hope I can help in some way. Even though – now being in the service – I can no longer be on staff, I am going to set up a monthly gift to FLBC to help with the ministry there

~ Sawyer; Summer staff, 2015–16



Schedule

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

10 AM–12 PM

Golf tournament begins! You will receive a scheduled tee time upon registration.

Anyone not golfing is welcome to spend time at camp before the retreat.

6:15 PM

Dinner & awards ceremony at camp

8:00 PM

Campfire

Overnight housing available! (Limited space due to Covid-19)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:15 AM

Breakfast

9 AM–12 PM

Delegate Retreat

11 AM

HeartWise Generosity Seminar with Doug & Grace Schroeder Scott—all are welcome!

12:15 PM

Partner's Luncheon

2 PM

Annual Meeting & dessert to follow

**Come for all or part of the weekend!
Registration is required.**

Golf Tournament

To register to play or to sponsor hole, visit www.flbc.net/golf

- \$125/player (includes green fees, golf cart, tournament memorabilia, dinner at camp, and a tax-deductible donation)
- \$250 to sponsor a hole
- \$25 for Friday night dinner guests



Flathead Liturgy

Greetings FLBC Community!

We all know the joys of life at FLBC. The ripples and crystal clear depths of Flathead Lake, the smells and sounds of the towering, gently swaying trees and the time together connecting with God, ourselves and each other! I have had the pleasure to serve as a camp pastor here for a few years, and at the end of each week I reliably found myself exhausted, and rejuvenated for living as an active child of God in the world.

One take-a-way that I always appreciated was the music. I loved carrying camp into my life through the songs we sang at worship, campfire, and as we walked around. I loved how those songs kept me connected with camp and with the Christian community both around the world and through the ages. I loved introducing “Salaam Alaikum” — a song from our brothers and sisters in Western Africa — into that mix a while back, and I am now thrilled to be introducing the Flathead Liturgy, a series of songs that I have been working on for the last few years. While the tunes are mine, the words reach back through thousands of years of Christian community to the Bible. Inspired by FLBC’s regular use of liturgy in a camp setting, I wrote this setting of the liturgy specifically to be accompanied by ukulele or guitar and to reflect the unique blend of reflection and fun that is in the air at FLBC!

At present there are still a few details getting worked out. Keep your eyes on the newsletter for further updates, and look for a full debut next camp season!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Grant Applehans

Luther College class of 2001, Luther Seminary class of 2011; Currently serving with his wife as Co-Country Coordinators for the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program in Madagascar.



Thrivent Choice & Action Teams



**THRIVENT
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Thanks to all who support camp with their Thrivent Choice dollars and Thrivent Action Teams! Thrivent Choice dollars help us provide financial support to campers of all ages, make improvements around camp, and purchase new equipment to make the camp experience even better!

Additionally, Thrivent members can apply for a Thrivent Action Team grant and help camp complete a project! Past Action Teams include building new campfire circles, repairing and providing benches and picnic tables, and much more!

Call our office for help with applying for an Action Team project such as:

- Safer overhead door for the canteen
- Ladders for windows and new cabin windows for fire safety
- Pavilion Bathroom cubbies for off-site groups
- New roofs for the Staff bathhouse and cabins 1 & 14
- Outside benches and picnic tables
- & many more!

I am currently in the process of applying for medical school and I have put my time at Flathead as a staff person, as one of the most valuable experiences in my life. Thank you.

~ Kai, Alumni staff

Camp in the time of COVID-19

After serving more than 300 guests from January 1st through March, camp was closed to guests for 3 months. We spent that time taking in developing information regarding the Coronavirus, attending countless webinars and zoom calls, recording virtual campfires, and listening to recommendations from advising organizations such as the American Camping Association, the CDC, and our local Health Department.

Standard Operating Procedures were written and rewritten as we prepared for a summer unlike any other. Brainstorm sessions took place for distanced games, art projects, Bible Studies, Grab n Go lunches, and more. The search for Clorox wipes began. We prayed a lot: for our campers, our staff, our beloved community, and for you!

On May 27th in a 9pm Meeting, our diligent and faithful board members voted to shift away from the children and youth programming FLBC has done for 75+ years, and instead focus on family and small group retreat-style experiences for summer 2020.

Campers and parents were called to be informed of this switch, and we started the process of registering guests for an entirely new way of doing summer.

The summer camp season began with our week-long Family Campers on July 5th (as “originally”



scheduled in our 2020 summer calendar), and we welcomed our first families and small groups to camp for custom retreats that Friday. Campers of all ages experienced God’s unconditional love through the hospitality of our summer staff, good food, campfires and Bible Studies, time spent in God’s creation, and much more.

We give thanks for the incredible team of summer staff who became masters at smiling with their eyes while wearing masks, learned detailed sanitizing procedures, and were the epitome of flexibility. We give thanks for our campers, the young and the young at heart, as they took temperatures, followed new mealtime procedures, and shared the peace during worship from 6 feet away. And we give thanks for YOU—for your prayers, your care, and your loving support.

From **“In a Post-Covid-19 World, We Will Need Camp More Than Ever”** by Jake Sorenson from Sacred Playgrounds:

“The reality is that we need camp. Our society, our families, and our faith communities depend on the unique contributions that camp provides. Camps need to find creative ways to respond now, in the midst of the crisis. I am inspired by what camps across the country are doing to let their constituents know that they are still there for them. There are spontaneous silly camp songs available for children and families. There are virtual campfires and virtual camp tours. There are even perpetually creative summer staff members performing skits together via on-line platforms. Keep being creative and providing camp resources for people who need a little levity, a little relational connection, and a spiritual mooring.”

Needs at camp:

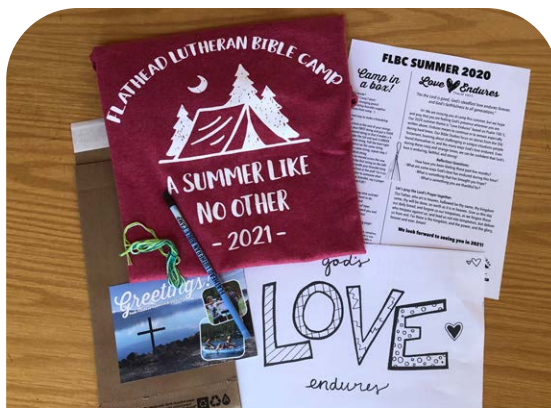
- Your prayers
- Your financial gifts
- Golf Carts
- Motorboats
- Vehicles (i.e. trucks, mini-vans, plow trucks)
- Riding Lawn Mower
- Toilet Paper

Just finishing a construction project, cleaning out your house, or moving?

Consider donating items you no longer need that are in good condition!

This summer we sent small care packages to our 400+ campers who were registered for programs like Night Camp, M.A.D. Camp, Traditional On-site Camp, and more.

We look forward to welcoming these special campers back to this special place!



OUR CAMP STORE IS ON-LINE!
www.flathead-lutheran-bible-camp.square.site

or find the link on our website to purchase cozy sweatshirts, camp shirts, a new water bottle, awesome stickers and more!

Order by Nov 30th for Christmas gifts!

2020 Summer Camp



Summer 2020 by the Numbers*

14 members of our Board of Directors guiding us

19 incredible summer staff joined our **11** year-round staff to make **1** awesome team

6 weeks of summer programming (plus an additional **3** weeks of post-summer family retreats!)

126 families/groups welcomed to camp

513 people served

80 Pontoon & Sailboat rides

∞ Countless hours of fun!

*Estimated at the time of writing in early August

This summer's FLBC camp staff made us feel safe with a consistent use of masks, gloves and sanitizer at mealtimes—along with detailed protocol about how we could serve our families and maintain both distancing and ease—as well as the thoughtful cabin spacing and assigned bathrooms. We were truly impressed with the high level of communication during the week.

To be honest, as the summer has progressed, all of us recognize that we felt so relaxed at camp because of how health was respected and taken seriously, more so than in our own community.

We would return now if schedules allowed and are grateful that camp remains to be a family highlight.

~ Allison, Summer 2020 guest



SHOPPING FOR NEW CHACOS (SANDALS)?

Use the link found on FLBC.net, and Chacos will donate 25% of your purchase to FLBC!

Stasher Bags

Reduce your waste & support camp by purchasing Stasher bags! Visit our website to find our custom link.



Thank you to Tom & Becky Tucker for the gift of this awesome truck!

Thanks to a grant from the Hetzel Foundation, we purchased reusable storage bags from Stasher that will help us reduce our waste at camp, especially for our off-site & Glacier Wilderness adventures!

Start Planning for 2021!

Summer 2021 Calendar*

June 15-24	<i>Holy Land Journey</i>
June 20-25	<i>On-site Day Camp (NAVIGATORS, EXPLORERS, & PIONEERS); Ranch Camp (PIONEERS, PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS); Staff in Training (SENIOR HIGH)</i>
June 27-July 2	<i>MAD (EXPLORERS, PIONEERS, PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS, SENIOR HIGH); Basketball (PIONEERS, PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS); Seattle Servant (SENIOR HIGH); Grand Camp (ALL)</i>
June 27-29	<i>Bring a Big Person to Camp (4-5 YEAR OLDS)</i>
July 2-4	<i>Family Camp Weekend (ALL)</i>
July 4-9	<i>Family Camp (ALL); Climb & Kayak (SENIOR HIGH)</i>
July 11-16	<i>Traditional On-site Camp (EXPLORERS, PIONEERS, PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS, SENIOR HIGH); Cross Country Camp (PIONEERS, PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS, SENIOR HIGH); Treehouse (PATHFINDERS); North Fork Raft (SENIOR HIGH); Sailing (SENIOR HIGH)</i>
July 11-13	<i>Half-week Traditional On-site Camp (NAVIGATORS, EXPLORERS)</i>
July 14-16	<i>Half-week Traditional On-site Camp (NAVIGATORS, EXPLORERS)</i>
July 16-18	<i>Family Weekend (STAFF FAMILIES ARE FREE)</i>
July 18-20	<i>Half-week Traditional On-site Camp (NAVIGATORS)</i>
July 18-23	<i>Traditional On-site Camp (EXPLORERS, PIONEERS, PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS, SENIOR HIGH); Night Camp in Outback (TRAILBLAZERS); Backpacking (SENIOR HIGH); Climb & Kayak (SENIOR HIGH)</i>
July 21-23	<i>Half-week Traditional On-site Camp (NAVIGATORS)</i>
July 25-30	<i>On-site Day Camp (NAVIGATORS, EXPLORERS, PIONEERS); Traditional On-site Camp (PIONEERS, PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS, SENIOR HIGH); Treehouse (TRAILBLAZERS); Rock & Raft (SENIOR HIGH); Wilderness Servant (SENIOR HIGH)</i>
Aug 1-6	<i>Traditional On-site Camp (NAVIGATORS, EXPLORERS, PIONEERS, PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS, SENIOR HIGH); Adventure Camp (PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS); Pack n Raft (TRAILBLAZERS); Sailing (SENIOR HIGH)</i>
Aug 1-3	<i>Half-week Traditional On-site Camp (NAVIGATORS)</i>
Aug 4-6	<i>Half-week Traditional On-site Camp (NAVIGATORS)</i>
Aug 10-20	<i>Tanzania Trip (AGES 15+)</i>

NAVIGATORS = Entering Grades 1 & 2 **PATHFINDERS** = Entering Grades 6 & 7
EXPLORERS = Entering Grade 3 **TRAILBLAZERS** = Entering Grades 8 & 9
PIONEERS = Entering Grades 4 & 5 **SENIOR HIGH** = Entering Grades 10 to 2021 HS Grads

*We are preparing and planning to do a full summer of youth programming, but will be ready to adjust our plans as needed.

Camp is for Everyone!

Day Camps in Congregations are available each week from June 20–August 6, 2021. Registration for congregations opens October 20, 2020!

Glacier Wilderness adventures, Servant Trips, & Custom Designed trips for your youth group, ministry group, etc. are available June 27–August 6, 2021.

New For 2021: Plan an off-site adventure for your family! Available June 27–August 6, 2021.

Retreats 2021

Jan 8-10	Ski Retreat
Feb 13	Tea Party
Mar 6	Day Camp Workshop, Great Falls
Mar 13	Day Camp Workshop, FLBC
Apr 18-20	Adult Spirituality
May 9	Mother's Day Brunch
May 28-31	Memorial Work Weekend
June 11-13	Women's Retreat
June 12	Partner's Luncheon
June 15-24	Holy Land Trip
July 2-4	Family Weekend
July 16-18	Family Weekend
Aug 10-20	Tanzania Trip
Sept 3-6	Labor Day Retreat
Sept 10-12	Grief Retreat
Oct 8-9	Annual Meeting & Harvest Festival
Nov 4-7	Quilts & Crafts Retreat
Dec 3-5	Family Advent Retreat

Building a Bridge to Tomorrow

Legacy Partners are those who include Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in their estate plans. As a Legacy Partner, you help FLBC strengthen its mission and ministry base for the future.

Various gifts may be considered in estate planning. Wills and charitable bequests lead the way. Charitable designations may be made with retirement accounts and life insurance. Endowment gifts are blessings. We are ready to help you consider the most effective ways to support FLBC today and tomorrow.

If you would like to include Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp as a beneficiary in your estate plan,

please consider the language found on the giving page of our website for your will or living trust. Please email **Grace Schroeder Scott**, Senior Development Consultant, at

grace@flbc.net or call the FLBC Office, 406-752-6602, to arrange a visit with Grace and start a legacy gift conversation.

If you have already included Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp as a beneficiary of your estate, trust or retirement fund, please share your plans with us by completing the FLBC Letter of Intent Form (found on flbc.net/donate-volunteer) and contacting Grace at grace@flbc.net and/or Margie at margie@flbc.net. By informing us of your plans, we will be able to document your gift along with your specified purpose, allowing us to use your gift as intended. We look forward to hearing from you and thanking you for your generous commitment to the future of FLBC! Thank you and God bless!

Please note: This information is not intended as legal or tax advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney or tax advisor.

"Give It Twice" with the Larsen Family

With six children in the family, Quinten and Julia Larsen of Galata, Montana wanted to leave an inheritance to their children and to Flathead Lutheran Bible camp.

"Dad made no secret of his intention... he was open and upfront, talking to us kids about what he wanted to accomplish. I was still in high school when he told us what he and mom were doing. My dad's parents were also wonderful stewards of God's gifts. They did a sponsorship at a seminary. It was inspirational to us kids, that my parents wanted to do this," said Joe (youngest child and only son).



Quinten and Julia Larsen

Julia and Quinten met when Julia was working one summer in Glacier National Park; Quinten was working near Browning, where he had leased land to run cattle and sheep. Julia and her friend were hitchhiking on their time off, and Quinten picked them up near Silver Falls on highway 2.

"That's where it all started, the rest is history. And Silver Falls was forever a special place for my parents. We would stop there every time we drove by."

Quinten and Julia farmed near Galata their entire life and knew that they wanted to give to their children and to FLBC... thus, they established a charitable remainder trust that is lovingly called the **"Give It Twice Trust!"** The trust was set up so that when Quinten and Julia passed on to greater glory, 5% of the income from the trust would be paid out and divided between their 6 children for 20 years. In 1999, the children began receiving the income and in December of 2019, FLBC received what remained in the trust.

A "Give It Twice Trust" really does double what you give, so you can care for your family, FLBC, and other charities without compromising a penny of what you intend for your family. It also spreads the benefit of the inheritance to loved ones over time which can be very helpful. *"When I have worked with people to set up this type of trust, I often hear 'Really, you can do this? It sounds too good to be true!' It is such a win-win for all involved!"* said Margie Fiedler, FLBC Executive Director.

"Dad liked making facility improvements, so we want this gift for the camp to help those old buildings be updated and remodeled, or used for something new," said Joe.

When COVID-19 started to spread, FLBC lost 3 months of spring retreat income and had to significantly adapt plans for summer. Margie called Joe and asked if FLBC could use funds from the gift for general operations, if necessary*. Margie will never forget Joe's words when asked about borrowing from this family gift:

"Well, as a farmer, I know there is no sense in saving for a combine if you cannot put seed in the ground!"

Thank you to the entire Larsen family for your care for the ministry of FLBC! And thanks to all who have also made a planned gift in care of the future of camp.

To learn more about a "Give It Twice Trust" or other charitable gift vehicles, please contact grace@flbc.net or call our office at 406-752-6602 to be put in touch with Grace.

**Thankfully, camp has not yet had to borrow from this fund thanks to our generous community.*

Endowment

Each year the FLBC Endowment supports FLBC's ministry. My wife and I yearly support the Endowment with financial gifts.

Why?

Because:

- as I once heard a friend of FLBC say, "I like what you do here at FLBC";
- the Endowment provides "camperships" so no one is turned away because of financial need;
- 4 generations of my family have been blessed by the Christ centered ministry of FLBC;
- the Endowment of FLBC will continue to support FLBC long after my earthly journey has ended.

How?

- with gifts in your will, or by naming FLBC Endowment as a beneficiary of an insurance policy, etc.;
- with gifts of memorials, financial resources, real estate, stocks;
- through estate planning— contact FLBC for free help: (406) 752-6602

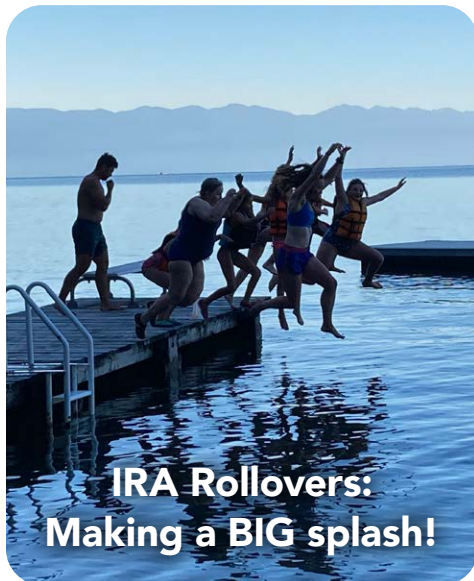
Rev. Mike Borge
Chairman of FLBC Endowment Committee

Holy Land Journey

June 15-24, 2021

Our trip to the Holy Land was rescheduled to 2021!
We hope you'll join us!

For more information, visit flbc.net/holy-land-journey or contact margie@flbc.net



IRA Rollovers: Making a BIG splash!

Making an IRA rollover gift to FLBC is still easier than you think! Although the SECURE Act raised the age for taking required distributions from your IRA to 72, if you are 70½ years old or older, you still can give up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to FLBC without having to pay income tax on the money. It's an easy way to support FLBC and ministries that are important to you while simultaneously reducing future required distributions!

Contact FLBC at 406-752-6602 or grace@flbc.net

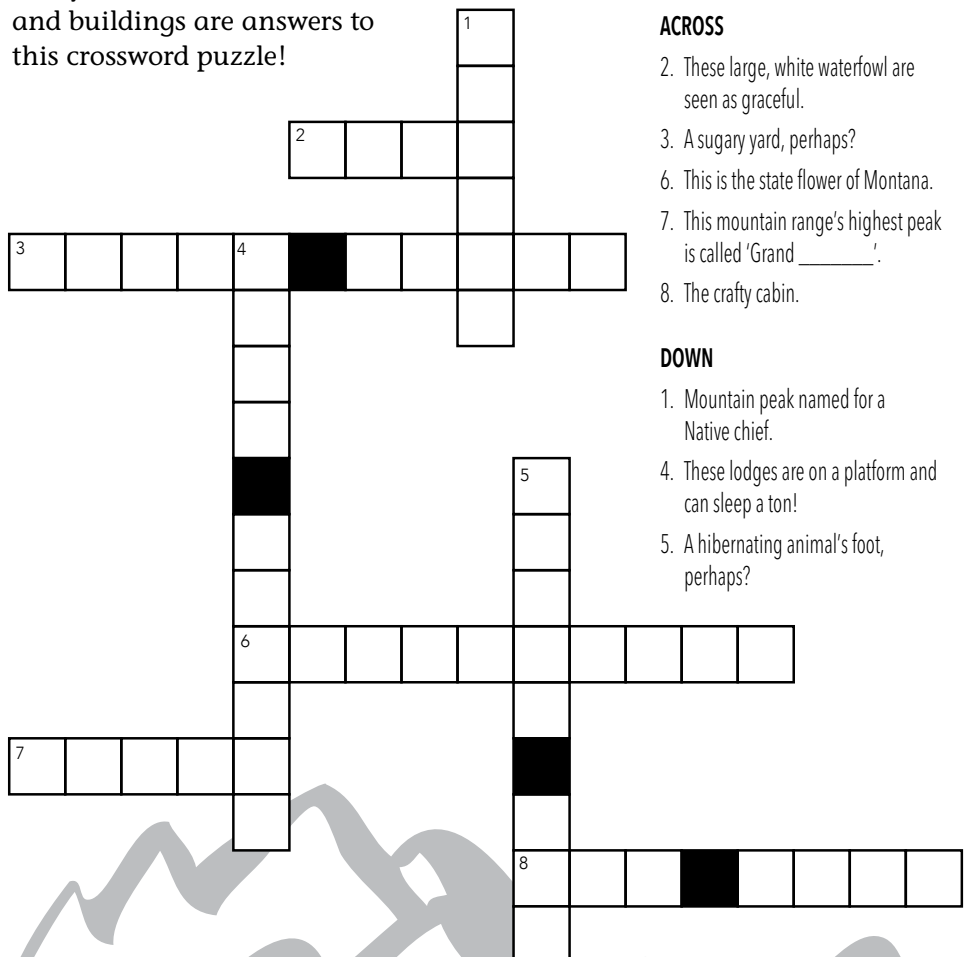
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FLBC Fun!

Crossword

By Mica Riendeau

Many names of FLBC cabins and buildings are answers to this crossword puzzle!



ACROSS

2. These large, white waterfowl are seen as graceful.
3. A sugary yard, perhaps?
6. This is the state flower of Montana.
7. This mountain range's highest peak is called 'Grand _____'.
8. The crafty cabin.

DOWN

1. Mountain peak named for a Native chief.
4. These lodges are on a platform and can sleep a ton!
5. A hibernating animal's foot, perhaps?



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Coming up in 2020

OCTOBER 2020

- Oct 9-10 FLBC Extravaganza! Join us for as much as you'd like!
- Oct 15-18 Youth Worker's Retreat
- Oct 20 Day Camp Registration opens for congregations!
- Oct 20 Applications for Summer 2021 Montana volunteers open

NOVEMBER 2020

- Nov 6-8 Bread-Beverage-Bible-Boats Retreat
- Nov 12-15 Crazy About Quilting & Crafting Retreat
- Nov 20 Applications for Summer 2021 out-of-state volunteers open

DECEMBER 2020

- Dec 1 Applications for 2021 Summer Staff open!
- Dec 4-6 Advent Family Retreat
- Dec 20 Summer 2021 camp registration opens



Do You Know What Hiking & Nature Can Do For You?

Hiking in nature can stop negative, obsessive thoughts. Aside from the almost instant feeling of calm and contentment that accompanies time outdoors, hiking in nature can reduce rumination.

A recent study published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* found that spending time in nature decreases negative thoughts by a significant margin. More research has been done on how creative problem solving can be drastically improved by both disconnecting from technology and reconnecting with nature. Researchers have found that performance on problem-solving tasks improved by 50% for those who took part in a 4-day, technology-free hike!

Join us at FLBC for a retreat this fall, winter, or spring and spend time out in nature, hiking on our abundant trails at camp or resting near the quiet stillness of the lake. Or consider planning a multi-day backpacking trip or other adventure for your family, group of friends, or church group for summer 2021.

Our Wilderness & Operations Director, Jacob Kvale, will assure that you have proper equipment, great food, and awesome Christ-centered programming, all while teaching care for creation in one of the beautiful wilderness areas FLBC is permitted to lead trips in. Please contact office@flbc.net to start planning your retreat or wilderness adventure!

We'll see you outside!



I thank you for all you do for the camp. My grandkids love it there.

You are all held in prayer.

~ FLBC Donor

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