

CAMP SITES

News from Camp Chautauqua

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Dear Camp Chautauquans,

Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow...early spring. Dunkirk Dave saw his...6 more weeks of winter. On February 3rd, it was 60 degrees here...draw your own conclusions. 94.5 inches of snow in Mayville.

We have three new units and their trades scattered around the camp in various states of completion. They all arrived late, so we've not been able to get them on sites.

As always, we are keeping busy with our usual winter chores – seems like it never ends. It will soon be time to thinking of fixing decks, new awnings, boat lifts, and docks.

Think Spring!!

See you 'round the campfire.

Live Simply, Love Generously,
Care Deeply, Speak Kindly

The Andersons

Events Coming in 2016

Memorial Day Weekend – Band, DJ, Fireworks, Scavenger Hunt, Hayrides, Crafts – Relaxation!!

July 22-24 – Bring your lights and decorations, and celebrate Christmas in July at camp. Santa arrives by jet ski.

August 5-7 – Come for the Corn Hole Tournament, and try to unseat last year's champs. Corn Roast too.

Check out our new brochure, and the camp website for details on our newest event weekends. We have several bands scheduled, fireworks, DJ at the pool, various dinners like Chicken BBQ, Steak Fry, Hot Dog Roasts.

www.campchautauqua.com

ATTENTION!

Silver-top Manufacturing is offering 6% off all orders for awnings and rooms placed before March 15th, 2016. Contact Don 716-789-3435 for more information, or to order your new addition to your park model or RV.

Since 1947, Silver-top has provided homeowners, RV owners, and commercial properties with quality awnings and room enclosures.

We are also preparing our order for boat lift parts, canopies, etc. If there is anything you need, please call or e-mail Don.

UNITS FOR SALE

We always have a great selection of Park Models and RV's for sale. Check out our FOR SALE list in the office, or on the website.

**For more information, call Don, Matt, or Mark
716-789-3435**

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NEWS FROM THE BARNYARD

Hello! My name is Apollo, and I'm another of the Fallow deer that live here in the barnyard. This month we're hunting groundhogs.

As an excuse for a tongue twister (*if a woodchuck could chuck wood*), and as the legendary February forecaster of Spring's arrival, the groundhog (or woodchuck) is generally well known by this name given to those species in the genus marmots found in the Eastern United States. The natives of the Western states are called marmots (the largest members of the squirrel family) and are primarily terrestrial animals that can climb and swim fairly well, and can run up to 10 mph to escape danger.

These pesky animals are often seen in Camp and around the area, but they are not invited to live in the barnyard.

About Jim and Eve Arndt

It was May of 1985 and some friends invited us to spend a day with them at a place called Camp Chautauqua. We were looking for a place to try camping and wanted it located within two hours of our home in Willowick, Ohio. At that time, our three children were ages 7, 5, and 3, so long travel was out of the question and towing a camper was not high on our list. After spending the day at the camp both Eve and I liked it a lot and if we could find a camper on site it would eliminate towing one around to different places. Mark showed us around and we stopped and looked at a unit on Cherokee that had three bunk beds inside, a large deck, and shed with a refrigerator inside. We put a bid on it and were successful and that started our lives at Camp Chautauqua.

Now 30 years later, three married children, nine grandchildren, three different boats, two golf carts and only our second trailer we are still at Camp Chautauqua, up on Choctaw by the pond. The children and grandchildren love coming to the "lake house" as they call it, and making memories and just having fun times. Eve is retired and helps watch the grandkids and I am also retired from my full time job and work part time as business manager at our church in Willowick. We hope to spend more time each summer enjoying the tranquility Camp Chautauqua offers.

Many of our friends and relatives ask "how can you keep going back to the same place every year?"...that is until they come up for a visit. After spending a day or a weekend with us, the campground itself begins to answer their question. We have always found Camp Chautauqua to be a "safe haven", a peaceful and relaxing place to just unwind. Our children met many friends over the 30 years and we never once had to worry about them while we were inside the camp. The Anderson family and staff go out of their way to make it a great place to spend summer weekends or even whole weeks, if you can get the time off!

A lot has happened over the 30 years and we were there for most of it. We lived through the burning down of the original office down by the lake, as well as the rebuild of the store and office combined. We saw storms go through that occasionally did damage, and the camp personnel went out of their way to clean up and fix up the place. We saw the addition of the pool, the playground, sewer lines, cable TV, paved roads and countless other enhancements over the years. All of these are good reasons to continue to be part of the campground each year. It also meant a lot to our family that religious services were held each weekend. For over 20 years Fr. Birney would come to camp on Saturday afternoons and say mass in the pavilion. On Sundays there is always a service in the "chapel in the woods" or in the pavilion. Eve and I both sing in the choir and have been doing it for so long we don't even remember when we first started.

We have also met many people over the years, and yes, some have come and gone, but one thing remains constant...the people at camp are very friendly and as they say, "neighborly". The activities and events are just great and there is a wide variety of them to try out. We hope to have another great summer and if you are up around the pond, near the bathhouse, stop by and say hi!

Message from Michigan

Of course, by now you know that Punxsutawney Phil predicted an early Spring! Here in Michigan, our prognosticator says "six more weeks of winter", which I really expect we will have anyhow. But...whichever is correct, it's soon time to get rid of "cabin fever" and be out and about. We have had a whole flock of robins around (they may be confused too, and never migrated). So THINK SPRING – it will come!!

Sherry and Lynne, Auburn Hills, MI
Janet and Toby, Clarkston, MI



Dear Friends,

As Cella and I prepare to leave for vacation, I thought I could share this with all my electronically challenged friends...

I had a power outage at my house this morning and my PC, laptop, TV, DVD, iPad and my new surround sound music system were all shut down. To top it off, it was snowing and icy, so I couldn't go for a walk, bike ride or run. The garage door opener needs electricity, so I couldn't go anywhere in the car. I went to the kitchen to make coffee and then I remembered that this also needed power, so I sat and talked with my wife for a few hours. She seems like a nice person.

Love,
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