



# MAHAFFEY NEWS

**Mahaffey Camp & Conference Center:** *A Christian Center for Spiritual Growth*

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## From the Director/Developer

2024, another chapter of Mahaffey Camp is coming to completion. It has been my privilege to be the Camp Director/Developer for the past 24 summers. When I recall the beginning days, I remember the welcoming volunteers who came for the first spring workdays. I remember the first Youth Camp, held for one week, with a total of 35 campers. I remember the first ringing of the bell on the first day of Family Camp. I am completing this year with many fond memories of victories, successes, trials and errors. I am humbled by the outpouring of love shown to Nancy and I, over the years and especially in the past few days. It truly has been an army of prayer warriors, supporters and Mahaffey Camp ambassadors that has promoted and provided for the camp in my tenure here.

I shout out a big thank you for all the volunteers and an amazing camp staff, who have given their time and effort to make these 10 days run so smoothly. It is a small army of more than 200 volunteers who serve daily during Family Camp. Because of their sacrifice in serving, I trust your stay has been more pleasant and one that was encouraging to you. I firmly believe that when you can get away into a peaceful setting, then there is greater opportunity for you to hear the Lord's voice more clearly as you seek Him while attending services. Our speakers and musicians have done an outstanding ministry that has been well received this year. I know I have been blessed and I trust the same for you!

I am also incredibly grateful for the support that you have shown to the camp ministries during the days of Family Camp. Thru the efforts of events such as the Golf Tournament, the Cottage Tour and the Painting Party, funds were raised that will broaden the ministries here. The July 21 Sunday morning march offering provided the amount needed to begin the foundation work to start the mini-lodge. As more funds are raised, we pray this project can be accomplished over the next few years, debt free. This year's Penny Parade provided abundant showers of blessing, and our faithful participants weathered the pounding rain to keep collecting for expansion in the Children's Ministry Building funding. Our Treasurer's team also was diligent in drying all that offering before it went to the bank and as they did that, more stopped by to include their offering. For all of this, I say a big thank you for giving to the Lord's work here at Mahaffey Camp.

Please be in prayer about whether God is leading you to continue supporting our ministries. This year we have turned away potential youth campers due to lack of housing. Our teen retreat, Replenish, held in early January, was filled to capacity, and has no more bed space to grow the group. Please pray with me, that more housing will become available quickly so the momentum of growth will not diffuse. It is awesome to have this type of problem and we rejoice that the camp's attendance continues to thrive.

As a non-profit ministry, we rely on your provision to continue and expand our ministries. If you believe God is calling you to show support for the Kingdom work happening here, I'd invite you to visit [mahaffeycamp.com/donate](http://mahaffeycamp.com/donate) (for one-time gifts) or [mahaffeycamp.com/become-a-mahaffey-friend/](http://mahaffeycamp.com/become-a-mahaffey-friend/) (to sign up for regular giving). The camp website provides all the information needed and you are welcome to call the camp office for more details.

Whether you are departing today or tomorrow, as you leave these grounds, I ask that you will remember us in prayer. When Family Camp ends, the ministry here remains in full swing for several more months. In just a few short days, the final week of Youth Camps will begin. Please pray for the staff and campers who will be attending Horse, Basketball and Adventure Camps. In the second week of August, we will host the local school district's football training camp. That same week we have a group of 20 or so, coming to be a "missions work team" who will assist with camp projects to continue improvements within the grounds. The Fall programming will include Men's Link Retreat, Academic

Adventures homeschooling program, Prayer Retreat and Writers' Retreat. Applefest and Quilter's Retreats will fill the October schedule. There is always something exciting happening at Mahaffey Camp! Be sure to follow us on social media, sign up for email newsletters, and check out our website [www.mahaffeycamp.com](http://www.mahaffeycamp.com) for all the information and signups on these events. Be sure to stay in touch, and we hope to see you for the many Fall activities!

On behalf of Nancy and myself, I thank you for partnering with us. It has been our privilege to serve you, to share in the joy of expansion and progress here at Mahaffey Camp. I give the Lord all the glory for what He has done in these past 24 years. Thank you for the honor of serving you. Thank you to an outstanding group of Board members, both past and present, who have stood with both of us and given us the freedom to dream big for the ministries possibilities that have become realities for Mahaffey Camp.

With warmest regards,

**Edward L. Depp**

Director/ Developer

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SATURDAY, JULY 27**

3:00pm *Baptism Service* (W. Branch  
Susquehanna River)

### **SUNDAY, JULY 28**

10:00am *Combined Family Morning  
Service* (Main Tab)

## DINING HALL MENU

### **SATURDAY DINNER: 5pm**

Open-faced roast beef sandwich with  
gravy, baked potato, vegetables, tossed  
salad, Jen's white salad dessert.

### **SUNDAY BREAKFAST: 8am**

Breakfast egg bowl or burrito with sausage,  
cold cereal, muffins, fruit.

### **SUNDAY NOON DINNER: 12pm**

Baked ham, scalloped potatoes,  
vegetables, rolls, tossed salad, chocolate  
lasagna dessert.

*Daily meal counts in the Dining Hall have  
been prepared based on average attendance  
in previous years. We apologize in advance if  
the serving line must close early on any date  
due to diminished supply.*

## CAMP STORE

Lunch: 11:30am - 1:00pm

Dinner: 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Late Night: 8:30pm - 10:00pm  
*no late night on Sundays*

*Even with milkshakes finished for the year,  
you can enjoy ice cream, burgers, hot dogs,  
candy, and more up top at the store during  
the Late Night hours. Groundhog Grindz  
also has smoothies for purchase.*

## COTTAGE TOUR TOTALS & THANK YOU'S

Thank you to all who participated in the Cottage Tour 2024. There were 84 participants for the tour on Tuesday. A total of **\$840** was raised for camp ministries through this event. Thank you to those who opened their cottage for touring. The coordinators were Patty Poorman and Sue Trout for this event and we thank them for a great event this year. If you are a cottage or chalet owner interested in being in the cottage tour for 2025, please contact Patty or Sue, or the camp office for all the details.

## A.B. SIMPSON MEMORIAL GOLF UPDATE

A special thank you to all who participated and helped sponsor this year's A.B. Simpson Memorial Golf Tournament. This year's golf outing included 52 participants and raised **\$1,676** toward our Youth Camp Scholarship Fund, which helps families facing financial hardship to be able to send their children to camp. An extra special thanks to Ryan Keefer for overseeing this event and its operations.

## PENNY PARADE

Drying out each wet bill from this year's Penny Parade resulted in a delay to finding out this year's total. In the meantime, we want to thank you for generous giving to raise funds for the building of a permanent pavilion to extend the Children's Ministry Building. Your gifts are vital to the expansion of our ministries and your giving is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support and joyful giving. Keep saving your pennies and coins! To God be the glory!

## SERMON MESSAGE RECORDING ORDERS

All flash drive sermon messages must be picked up from the sound room prior to the Sunday morning service by 10 am. If you are leaving the grounds prior to availability of messages, arrangements can be made to mail them to you that will include a fee for postage. All orders must be prepaid. Digital downloads of this year's messages will also be available one week after camp at [www.mahaffeycamp.com/speaker-messages/](http://www.mahaffeycamp.com/speaker-messages/).

**It is through the giving of many in financial support and donation of time that much has been accomplished here at camp. Thank you for giving to the Lord's work here at Mahaffey Camp.**

## 2024 JUNIOR BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament here at Mahaffey Camp finished with a down to the wire exciting finish. The first three days included "Round Robin" play (everybody plays everybody) to decide the seeds for the final two days of tournament bracket play. The games were super exciting with great drama to the very end!

**Team "Prime Time", comprised of Cooper Kieffer, Billy Hugland, Eli Giordano, Jordan Timko, and Gibby Georgianos,** made it to the finals with several first-time players. They have a bright future in the Junior 3-on-3 here at Mahaffey Camp.

**Congratulations to this year's champions, "Team Noah's Ark", comprised of Lexi Michalko, Mallory Michalko, Bentley Grant, Maverick Grant, and Noah Laughlin. They displayed great teamwork and passing to come out top in several very close games.**

All of this year's participants exhibited exemplary sportsmanship, positive attitudes, tremendous hustle and all-around good play.

A special thanks to Jeremiah Ewing, Andrew Wallace, Jordan Merendino, and Braden Greenleaf for another great job refereeing.

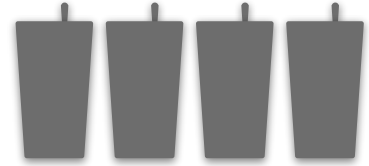
And special thanks to Dominique Bannister for keeping the books, calling the games, and keeping us all updated on all fast action during the tournament.

**Here are the highlights:** 50 games played, 40 players participated, 9 teams in tournament, 4 referees, 5 days of competition, 1 fantastic time!!

Thank you all for a great year! See you next year!  
Coach Steve Bannister

### BIBLE HOUR MEMORY VERSE

**"I leave my peace with you. I give my peace to you. I do not give it to you as the world does. Do not let your hearts be troubled. And do not be afraid." John 14:27**



### CAMP MILKSHAKE TOTALS

Milkshakes wrapped up for the 2024 Family Camp season with 563 milkshakes made on Friday night! The Mahaffey News's initial math on the week's total missed a day, so adding in last night's count brings the total milkshakes made during this year's camp to **3085** milkshakes!

Did you know that Mahaffey Camp's first milkshakes were made in 1935? That year, the camp made a total of 51 and a half milkshakes. We've come a long way!

### Want to stay updated on all the news of Mahaffey Camp? Please consider becoming a Mahaffey Friend ...

Have you signed up to be a Mahaffey Friend? If you are not currently a Mahaffey Friend but desire to become a supporter, please fill in the appropriate line of the response form and drop it off at the Welcome Center office. A Mahaffey Friend is someone who commits to support the general fund of the camp through regular giving. This enables improvement projects and general expenses of the camp to be maintained. You can also sign up at [www.mahaffeycamp.com/become-a-mahaffey-friend/](http://www.mahaffeycamp.com/become-a-mahaffey-friend/) or pick up a form at the Welcome Center.

#### Address Corrections:

You are important to the camp, and we want to be sure that you receive the mailings in the most economical way. You can help us by making sure we have your address correct. Please fill out the response form for any additions or corrections to the mailing list.

**Online giving** is available and easy - just visit [www.mahaffeycamp.com](http://www.mahaffeycamp.com).

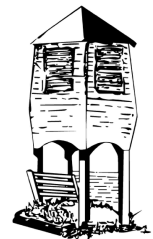
#### RESPONSE FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like more information about becoming a Mahaffey Friend.
- I would like to be added to the Mahaffey Newsletter mailing list.
- Please note my new address and correct the mailing list, so I will continue to receive Mahaffey news.



## IMPORTANT END-OF-CAMP DETAILS

**All RV site payments**, including West RV Winter storage, are due at check-in for Family Camp. If you have not paid your bill by now, you are late. Please pay at the Treasurer's Office/Welcome Center by Sunday at 1:00pm.

**All Dorm and Longhouse** keys must be turned in prior to departure. Please turn off your lights and air conditioner, lock your door, and turn your keys into the Welcome Center prior to 1:00pm on Sunday.

**Dumpsters** are located throughout the campground for your household refuse disposal. Please do not put cardboard boxes, wood, building supplies, furniture, branches, etc. in the dumpster. Leaves and branches may be placed at the mulch pile. Please do not dump items up at the soccer field hill including mattresses and furniture.

**Cottage Directory Updates:** If you own a cottage or chalet on the campground and want your current information to be included in the online directory, please complete the form at the camp office. The updates are completed twice a year and you can submit your information at anytime.

**NO PARKING** from the bridge to the store area. For safety purposes, this area is blocked off from all traffic, including vehicles and golf carts.

**Due to a water leak, emergency water conservation is in effect until further notice.** Please do not wash cottages, cars, etc. Please limit water use in restroom facilities, including showers. Limit water use in every camp area.

**First Aid Station** volunteers are available at the Welcome Center during the following hours: 9:00-11:30am, 1:30-3:30pm, 6:30-8:00pm. The after-hours emergency number for first aid on call is 814-592-6814.

WE HAVE SO MANY EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS FALL! FOR INFORMATION ON ALL THE FALL PROGRAMMING AT MAHAFFEY CAMP, SEE [www.mahaffeycamp.com](http://www.mahaffeycamp.com).



For frequent updates, videos, and pictures from camp, like us on Facebook : @MahaffeyCampandConferenceCenter



Check us out on Instagram @MahaffeyCamp.



Looking for more information on Mahaffey Camp? Check out the camp website for details about what we do and what events we have coming up at [www.mahaffeycamp.com](http://www.mahaffeycamp.com).

## MAHAFFEY POEM

*To Ed and Nancy Depp.  
Thank you for pouring into so many others.  
Thank you for being obedient.  
Thank you for loving well.  
Thank you.*

Oh, dear Mahaffey, Oh sweet Mahaffey  
It's the beautiful camp that we all adore  
It has been an astounding establishment  
Since the grand ole' year, 1894

My family first stayed at the Altoona house  
Where it barely stood, right on Nan Lane  
I remember thinking that place was haunted  
But we stayed there all the same.

I remember walking as a small kid  
To Bible hour in the dining hall  
I remember graduating to the youth tab  
And playing in the tournament volleyball

I remember hearing each of the workers.  
Who came from all over the world  
I remember sitting, completely mesmerized  
Clinging to their stories and to every word

My time roaming the campground  
Brought me some of my dearest friends.  
Through them I learned true community  
How to be real, to live boldly and not pretend

I look back on my summers at camp  
And see how G\*d used each of those days  
To bring me closer to his gracious heart  
To teach me how to stop, to listen to pr\*y

Without a doubt, I know and believe  
That I am who I am because of that place  
I long to see His Kingdom come  
And for others to know his saving grace

I look at where my feet are planted now  
In a land far from the one I called home  
But I hold all I learned from those days at camp  
And I know that to the ends of the earth, I am not alone

And I am just one simple woman  
And I know there are many more like me  
More people who are greatly changed and impacted  
Because of the home on earth we call Mahaffey

*-an International Worker*