

Mount Traber Bible Camp

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September 2021 Update

Coming out of the 2020 summer, we were unsure what ministry at Mount Traber would look like during this camping season. There were a lot of unanswered questions about regulations, vaccinations, and so much more. On top of all that, our aging campground suffered quite a few breakdowns at the pool, at the washroom facilities, the lodge, and in some of our older cabins. There were many days during the 2020-2021 school year that we wondered if God was telling us that we would not be able to run camp this summer. Even as late as June and early July, our staff was working on daycamp schedules, overnight camp schedules, and potential back-up plans if we could not run any camp.

In God's timing, when our government gave us the guidelines to how overnight camps would work, we decided to go ahead with camp for 2021. We ran two weeks of camp for children, one week for teens, two full week long rental camps, and a three-day camp for young children aged 5-7. We also just finished our family camp on Labour Day weekend. To add to the summer we also continued with riding lessons and trail rides at the barn.

There were also questions about our summer staff. Usually new staff roll in each summer as older staff age out, and there is a healthy mix of new and experienced workers. This summer, almost every staff member was new, and even the older staff had not been in a camp setting for two years! God is good, however, and He led us through the summer. The staff served wholeheartedly, and helped to make this a wonderful summer.

God gave us over 150 campers this summer, and by His grace, we saw six children come to know Christ through our summer ministry. We also made many new friends and connections.

Throughout all the worries, the aging campground, and the ever-changing rules, God guided us through an incredible summer! We thank Him for what He has done, and we look to Him for guidance as we plan even more ministry opportunities this year at Mount Traber Bible Camp. Lord willing, we plan to continue on with riding lessons, trail rides, and start back up with our Homeschool Days. In Fall we still plan to hold our MOI and FLOW retreats and maybe add a few other youth activities to the calendar.