

Sandpiper

Twin Rocks Friends Camp
and Conference Center



Camp Retreats Build Church Community

“We have found that a single weekend retreat is more effective at building relationships than a year of Sundays,” reflects Annette Collins of City’s Edge Church in Beaverton, Oregon. City’s Edge is one of many churches who bring their congregations to Twin Rocks each year for the purpose of church community-building.

For most of these congregations, the trek to Twin Rocks is an annual tradition. The Reformation Covenant Church of Oregon City has been coming to Twin Rocks each summer for over 25 years for a whole week of family camp. Leader Bryan Hangartner echoes Annette’s sentiments: “People get to know each other on a whole different level after spending six nights and days sharing every meal and countless hours together. New friendships can be formed and existing ones can be strengthened.”

River West Church in Lake Oswego held its first Father/Daughter retreat at Twin Rocks 10 years ago, and added a Father/Son retreat in 2021. Mike Self, the church’s Men and Family Pastor, says, “I see the value in creating new spaces for church members to connect outside of their regular routines. We have created a wonderful camping tradition that is a special part of our church’s focus each year.”

The Outreach Gospel Church in Portland conducted an all-church retreat at Twin Rocks for the first time last August. Pastor Trac Hyunh reinforces the benefits of coming away for concentrated time as a church family: “Summer camp retreat this year helped us grow in relationship with God. We encouraged each other, and united as a body of Christ.”

Church camps allow for congregational bonding through intentional “down time.” Annette explains: “The kids look forward to

spending all weekend with their friends, hanging out with youth leaders, and playing Uno with a multigenerational crowd. Parents look forward to a few hours without kid responsibilities and not having to make dinner. Everyone enjoys opportunities for conversation, puzzles, crafts, antiquing in Wheeler, beach time, or just hanging out in front of the fireplace.” Bryan concurs: “The children look forward to spending a whole week with their friends and the adults look forward to a week of mostly social time with no household responsibilities.”

Would your church like to come to Twin Rocks Friends Camp or Harbor Villa Retreat Center? Church groups as small as 10 and as large as 350 are encouraged to inquire.

Email guestservices@twinrocks.org or call 503-355-2284.



Reformation Covenant Church

“The TRFC Family Camp week is a very firmly embedded tradition in our church culture.”

— **Bryan Hangartner,**
Reformation Covenant Church



City’s Edge Church

Bryan believes their camp week allows them to focus on goals they have for congregational growth: “The morning and evening chapel times are opportunities for particular Bible books or topics to be dived into more deeply that would otherwise be very spread out over many months of (Sunday) preaching. Our music minister has more time to lead people through more challenging, or just different musical pieces that can be used later in Sunday worship.”



City’s Edge Church

Church camps at Twin Rocks include all of the usual camp fun, but shared with other church members. Mike says, “Campers love the opportunity to push themselves and try new things--the climbing wall, giant swing, zip

line, archery and canoeing are always a highlight. Because our camps are a church tradition, younger siblings have heard from older siblings about the special things they will experience. Part of that tradition is what our program team provides, but the other part is what is unique to Twin Rocks.”

Besides the recreational amenities at Twin Rocks, a church camp has its own designated meeting space where members can congregate as a large group or break up into smaller groups. The spacious camp grounds allow for bench chats, fire pit get-togethers over sticky s'mores, walks on the beach, or conversation while paddling a rowboat.

Meal time sharing is a large part of camp, and although the Dining Center may host more than one group or church on site at a given time, each has its own designated area in the Dining Center, so church members can relax family-style around the dinner table with others from their church family. The Dining Center is also a great place for a late night or early morning cup of coffee and special time with a friend or family member.

Twin Rocks welcomes church camps any month of the year. Warm weather allows for boating and swimming and cooler weather nudges conversation inside. Mike says, “We’ve held camps in every type of weather, and we always have a great experience.” Trac sums it up well: **“Twin Rocks Camp provided us with everything we needed. It’s a great place to have a family camp retreat and we will recommend it to other churches.”**

“Dads connect with their kids in special ways, and also get to know other like-minded men from church. We have created a wonderful camping tradition that is a special part of our church’s focus each year.”

— **Mike Self,**
River West Church



River West Church Father-Son Retreat

Food Service Director Mike Purcell Passes the Torch

After 18 years of exceptional service, Food Service Director Mike Purcell is saying goodbye and heading to Salem, Oregon. Mike leaves a lasting legacy of excellent food service management in which he oversaw all aspects of the dining experience at Twin Rocks, from menu planning and food purchasing to kitchen organization and staff supervision.



Mike brought a quiet confidence and easy manner that encouraged a “can do” spirit in his staff, even in an environment that has to bend to three unyielding meal deadlines a day. His cooking acumen allowed him to excel in executing large special events like the 2018 on site Centennial Celebration, which fed 800 and featured several unique food stations. Executive Director Ken Beebe shared high praise for Mike’s work: “Mike could consistently produce terrific meals and do so within budget, and when on occasion we gave him additional money—like at the Centennial—he really ‘wowed’ people. I still field compliments from the food Mike served that day.”

Mike was at his best when troubleshooting kitchen crises like a tray of spilled cake slices or quickly substituting a vegetable that was missed on the food delivery. Mike remembers one disaster that featured his nemesis, “the black cart.” The unwieldy cart caused the slippage of several trays of cake that slid off domino-style and almost ended up on the floor. With a little rearranging of icing, Mike was able to save the dessert that day. “I kept trying to get rid of that black cart, but it kept showing up back in the kitchen.”

For Mike, pranks were an important part of building camaraderie in the kitchen and among the staff. One of his best foil’s was former Finance Director Kevin Frazier, who Mike pranked by signing up Kevin to numerous company email lists. Mike notes that his most memorable “gotcha” was when Kevin pranked him back by posting Mike’s jeep for sale on Craig’s List!

Mike says he has loved working at the camp these past nearly two decades, saying “God is definitely here at Twin Rocks, doing great things with both the camp and the staff.”

Stepping into Mike’s role will be former Assistant Food Service Director Karl Seume. Mike remembers meeting Karl for the first time many years ago and felt what he believes was a nudge from God that Karl might someday end up at Twin Rocks. He says, “Karl is amazing and the right choice for the job. He’ll be really good with the staff and bringing his own ideas to the kitchen. I am excited for him and Liz (Karl’s wife).”

Mike and his wife Jennifer have moved to Salem from their Bay City home to be nearer Jennifer’s new role working for the Department of Higher Education. Mike is weighing his options for his next work adventure and looks forward to welcoming their kids (former staffers Ben (with wife Sasha), Colin, and Kasey) and granddaughter Brooklynn to their new home.

A Fruitful Summer of Ministry

— Micah & Angelyn Holmes, Program Directors

As summer 2022 came to a successful end we were grateful to God for His continued providence and presence among us.

Summer youth camps were able to run normally for the first time in three years. While our camper numbers have not yet bounced back, this did not diminish the impact our programs had on the lives of campers. A personal highlight for us was having the opportunity to direct the combined boys and girls Kids Camp. In its second year, Kids Camp is quickly forming a unique identity, and the environment this year was brimming with laughter, camper engagement, and fun! Other highlights of the summer included Surfside campers returning to Short Sands for beach day, a Day Camp program that was one of the largest we've ever had with 120 campers, and over 30 Tween campers making a first-time decision to follow Jesus!

After a two year hiatus, Family Camp returned over Labor Day weekend, and with 250 people participating it was clear families



were eager to be back at camp. In addition, over July 4th weekend we offered the more laid back Family Vacation Adventures, providing families the space to engage with camp activities at their own pace, capitalize on extended family time, and balance adventure and rest.

Our young adult Summer Staff and high school Servant Leadership programs remained small this year as recruitment continued to prove difficult. Both teams were especially hard working and grew significantly in their understanding of community formation and in their relationships with Christ.

We are thanking the Lord for another fruitful summer of ministry.

College-aged young adults and high schoolers looking for a life-changing summer working behind the scenes and counseling campers should consider Twin Rocks **Summer Staff and Student Leadership programs**. Find information and applications under the “Serving” tab at twinrocks.org. Apply now to secure the best chance of selection.



2023 CAMP DATES:

- **Sabbath by the Sea** (January 2-29, 2023)
- **Junior High Jamboree** (February 17-20, 2023)
- **Kids Camp** (July 2-6, 2023)
- **Tween Camp** (July 9-14, 2023)
- **Family Vacation Adventures** (July 14-16, 2023)
- **Day Camp** (July 24-28, 2023)
- **Surfside and Grad Camps** (July 31-August 5, 2023)
- **Family Camp** (September 1-4, 2023)
- **Men's Retreat** (September 15-17, 2023)
- **Homeschool Outdoor School** (September 18-22, 2023)
- **Couples Conference** (October 13-15, 2023)
- **Family Holiday Weekend** (December 8-10, 2023)

Volunteers Bolster Busy Summer

"We aren't going to make it...." These were the words on the minds of all Twin Rocks staff members as the summer loomed. The number of people needed to clean the entire camp after each camper group during the summer months is comfortably about 20 people. Quick "turnovers," or the cleaning of cabin areas and meeting rooms, are always a part of a jam packed summer in which groups come and go in rapid succession. But the camp's post-COVID staff was lean. Even with all staff participating by leaving offices and maintenance bays to join the normal housekeeping crew, there simply weren't enough hands to execute these tight turnovers.

To the rescue came 95 friends of Twin Rocks by volunteering over 1500 hours over the course of the summer to help clean toilets, sweep floors, wash laundry, and make beds. After emailing some 250 friends of the camp, including board members, donors, former summer staff and previous volunteers, a faithful summer crew emerged. Several volunteers came multiple times to help over the three summer months. Executive

Director Ken Beebe says, "Turnovers could not have happened, would not have happened, without this volunteer help. We really were in a bind, and these volunteers saved our summer."

Dan and Mindy Burns made many treks from their Ocean Park, Washington home to help. Mindy shares, "As we arrived in the morning we were greeted and welcomed, and given a Twin Rocks Volunteer shirt to make it official! Each time we returned to the camp for another assignment, we proudly wore our shirts." They enjoyed the camaraderie that volunteering allowed. Mindy says, "Working with other volunteers, from other churches and regions, was an unexpected delight. Both of us made new friends with folks we would likely not have otherwise met, much less been able to bond over a good, old-fashioned fireplace-cleaning!"

The Collins family: James (13), Grace (11), Lucy (9), and mom Annette, volunteered on several occasions, too, enough times to gain experience with the quirks of the job. Annette says, "(My) plan was to bring the girls along to climb up on those inaccessible top bunks, but much experience taught us that it really takes two



people to properly make a top bunk, especially when it's in a corner, and being on the bunk while you're making it doesn't really work!"

Like the Collinses, several other families volunteered together. Board member Matt Lacy, his wife Liberty and children Charlotte and Jackson came for Surfside week and decided to stay afterwards to help with the turnover. Matt says, "It gave us an opportunity to meaningfully debrief the week together and to wind down and talk it through. It was a really meaningful experience for us as a family."

Volunteer Tonya Comfort shared her appreciation for the hard work that goes into camp cleaning: "It was really gratifying to work with and get to know the staff. When I went to (Friends) Women's Retreat I saw several of them and it was like greeting my long lost friends. It seemed like a whole different level of involvement with Twin Rocks." Former Twin Rocks Program Director Mark Franklin new what he was getting into, but said volunteering was a "blast." "I had a really good time and kept coming back; I ended up going out three times, which I hadn't planned to do. It is really important to recognize how much of the camp's ministry is behind the scenes."

For Housekeeping Manager, Mary Kyle, the summer volunteers gave a wonderful effort. She says, "It was such a neat experience to see just how many people love the camp so much and were able to lend their helping hands to clean. We worked them really hard, but they did a great job."

Would you like to be an operations volunteer at Twin Rocks?

Find out more information at twinrocks.org under the "Serving" tab or call Volunteer Coordinator LeAnn Beebe at 503-355-2284 with your questions. Opportunities abound to volunteer for a few hours, for one day, or for several days. Volunteers are needed in all areas of the camp, like housekeeping, food service, grounds, and maintenance. Depending on the time of year, housing and meals are provided.



Lots & Losses Campaign Update

■ Oceanfront Lots Paid in Full

■ Pandemic Losses Less than \$80,000

Four years ago as Twin Rocks celebrated its Centennial in 2018, the camp embarked upon a *New Century* capital campaign slated to fund two key camp enhancements: (1) The purchase of four oceanfront lots located across Highway 101 from the camp's entrance; and (2) An expansion of Twin Rocks' dining room. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic intervened in 2020, sidetracking the four-year campaign.

The camp quickly pivoted to a *Lots & Losses* campaign – continuing fundraising for the oceanfront property, but temporarily disbanding Dining Center expansion efforts in favor of covering the camp's unprecedented pandemic-related losses.

Thankfully, more than 600 families have contributed to Twin Rocks over the past four years, keeping the camp thriving and financially secure.

Oceanfront Lots Paid in Full. This month, Twin Rocks made the final payment on its purchase contract and now owns outright the four vacant oceanfront lots. Someday the camp hopes to construct a family-style lodge on this property, but has no current plans to secure the \$3-5 million required to do so. In the meantime, a meandering oceanfront Prayer Walk with six prayer stations offers campers an opportunity to connect meaningfully with the Lord.

GIFTS TO TWIN ROCKS		\$1,274,000
EXPENSES		
• Oceanfront Lots (purchase price, interest, fees, surveying, initial groundwork)		882,000
• 2018's Centennial Celebration & History Book		83,000
• Camp Maintenance Project (Pacific Woods Lodge reroofing)		50,000
• COVID-Related Financial Loss (<i>losses remaining after \$1.16 million in gov't & private grants</i>)		338,000
		Total expenses: \$1,353,000
Remaining COVID-Related Financial Loss		\$79,000
Remaining Owed on Oceanfront Lots		-0-

COVID Losses Lessening. Nearly three years of worldwide pandemic dramatically reduced attendance at Twin Rocks. The camp initially feared losing \$1.4 million, and would have done so, but generous donors and timely private and government grants rescued Twin Rocks from catastrophe. More than \$1.1 million in COVID-related grants from the federal government (e.g., PPP), the State of Oregon, and a foundation reduced the camp's projected COVID shortfall to \$338,000. Hundreds of Twin Rocks' constituents stepped forward with \$260,000 beyond that needed for the oceanfront lots, leaving less than \$80,000 yet to raise to eliminate COVID's financial impact upon Twin Rocks.

A Year-End Appeal to Eliminate COVID Losses

Can you help the camp put the pandemic fully behind us by making a year-end donation? We hope to eliminate the final \$80,000 shortfall. Please donate online at twinrocks.org or mail your gift in the attached envelope. THANKS!

New Staff to Help Tell the Twin Rocks Story

Twin Rocks recently received significant awards from the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust, allowing the camp to hire two new full-time staff members: **Development Director and Marketing Coordinator.**

The Development Director will help Twin Rocks enhance its ties with donors and volunteers, while the Marketing Coordinator will bolster the camp's communication with prospective campers and staff.

Despite its wonderful successes, Twin Rocks has often failed to maintain sufficient connection with those who care most about the camp. Similarly, efforts to recruit staff and campers have fallen short. This award from the Murdock Trust provides three years of

startup funding for these two permanent positions, enabling Twin Rocks to strengthen these two crucial communication areas as the camp resettles post-pandemic.

If you (or someone you know) might be interested in applying, please peruse job descriptions and application materials at twinrocks.org. Since much of the work for these positions can be accomplished remotely, it won't be necessary for these new employees to relocate to Rockaway Beach.

Since its founding in 1975 by Jack Murdock (co-founder of Tektronix, Inc.), the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust has provided more than 7,800 grants totaling \$1.2 billion to 3,000 nonprofit organizations, including Twin Rocks Friends Camp

& Conference Center. In addition to numerous training events held for Twin Rocks' staff and board members, over the past two decades Murdock's generosity has helped fund these significant camp improvements: Shelter Recreation Center, Bridge to the Beach, perimeter roadway, handicap accessibility, and internship program. In addition, Murdock awarded Twin Rocks \$125,000 in COVID-rescue funds in 2021.



Long Term Volunteers Bless the Camp

Mark and Marsha Ocker joined the camp as long-term volunteers this past May, moving from their Vernonia home of 20 years to one of the camp's on-site park models. The Ockers join long-term volunteers **Richard and Kathy Nelson**, here since 2018 and **Ron and Deb Mulkey** who returned last spring as caretakers of Harbor Villa Retreat Center, following a two year call as pastors at Greenleaf Friends Church in Idaho. Twin Rocks is

indebted to these three couples, who have immeasurably eased the burden of camp operations. The ongoing demands of camp—hours maintaining the grounds and facilities, washing laundry, and cleaning cabins and guest houses—simply could not have been accomplished this past year without the steady and reliable help and presence of the Nelsons, Mulkeys, and Ockers.



Did you Know?

■ **Twin Rocks Friends Camp is hiring!** If you've always wanted to work at camp, there are several current openings: **Guest Services Director, Assistant Food Service Director, Full-Time Lead Cook, Development Director, Marketing Coordinator, and part-time housekeeping/kitchen roles.** Check the website at twinrocks.org for more information and to apply.

■ A **new sound system** is underway in the **Meetinghouse** as well as the addition of new pendant lights.

■ **New roofs at camp.** A huge thank you to Fisher Roofing for reroofing the Dining Center and the Shelter last winter and fall. The Pacific Woods Lodge also boasts a new roof, installed by Woodpecker Roofing. And Assistant Facilities Director Chris Reid did the bulk of the reroofing of the west shop this September.

■ **Twin Rocks redesigned its website.** Check it out at twinrocks.org.

■ Facilities Director, **Jeff Sargent**, is celebrating 15 years working at Twin Rocks. Marking 10 years is Assistant Outdoor Education Director, **Katey Astleford**.

■ **Twin Rocks hosted 9 public and 12 private outdoor schools** this year as well as welcoming 14 families to its annual **Homeschool Outdoor School** in September.

■ **Kendy & Cameron Frisby** (Housekeeping/Undertow and Recreation/IT) welcomed son **Oliver Norman** on May 11th.

■ Housekeeping Manager **Mary Kyle** is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

■ Executive Director and Guest Services Coordinator **Ken and LeAnn Beebe** took a month long sabbatical to Europe during the month of September.



■ This summer **Stella Johansen** joined the intern team and helped **Cedric Hays** lead the summer staff, who were **Alyssa Quinn, Alissa Olson, Zephaniah Muhr, Kate Rockey, Charlotte Celmer, Bree Macial, and Mei Shiomi.**



■ **Student Leadership Program (SLP)** participants this summer were **Daisy Gooch, Caleb Graham, Brayden Garon, Novalee Myers, Susy Anderson, Dakota Metcalfe, and Hadley Weathers**, and were led by interns **Will Brumbelow and Sam Smith.**

■ **Interns for 2022-2023** are **Brielle Jerd and Elijah Boardman.**

Twin Rocks Recreation 2022 by the Numbers:

	Sessions	Participants	Hours	Staff-Hours
Waterfront	72	3,444	157	516
Zip line	40	2,701	89	442
Archery	37	997	75	149
Extreme Swing	34	239	74	131
Rock Wall	37	166	20	35



Take time in January for some quiet, focused time with the Lord at Harbor Villa Retreat Center's oceanfront Sabbath by the Sea. Choose a half week or full week retreat. Registration is now open at twinrocks.org under the "Camps and Events" tab.

Memorials We want to thank those who have given to Twin Rocks in memory or honor of a loved one or friend. The following gifts have been received since the last issue of the *Sandpiper*.

In Memory of...

Alice Blodgett

Denise Gilbert

Allen Hadley

Jeff & Debbie Rickey

Audrey Stephenson

Jim Stephenson

Beth Bagley

Linden & Jane Cole

Betty Lou Sargent

Norma Ashley
Dave & Ginger Brown
Jim & Karol Hall
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Denise Gilbert
Harold & Melita Schmidt

Hayden Fredrickson

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Denise Gilbert
Marvin & Maribeth Hampton
Phillip & Esther Harmon
Beverly Lewis
Anne McKinney
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Denise Gilbert

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Ken & Lesley Carsley
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Miriam Muhr

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Ralph & Wanda Beebe

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Divonna Crecelius

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From the Director's Desk

It has been a fabulous season – despite many stresses, struggles, and periods of uncertainty. As I look back, I am amazed by the many times God has recently intervened, granting the camp success and providing strength for each new day. The Lord is faithful, kind, and generous. We have so much for which to be thankful:

“My God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

– *Philippians 4:19*

■ **Normality.** Life is finally approaching normal following 2+ years of pandemic-related pains. The Lord lovingly walked alongside us through numerous difficult days. Today, retreatants arrive with wide smiles – some back at camp for the first time since 2019.

■ **A Resilient Staff Team.** Twin Rocks has struggled in 2022 to maintain sufficient staffing levels amidst an increasing volume of campers. It has been difficult, at times overwhelming. The camp’s smaller-than-normal staff team has kindly held together, working extra-long hours, going the extra mile for campers and for each other.

■ **Rescued by Volunteers.** Upon learning of the camp’s staffing need, dozens of volunteers showed up this summer, eager to fill in the gap by vacuuming floors, washing dishes, scrubbing showers, and otherwise helping complete laborious camp “turnovers” in between camper groups. Incredibly, more than 90 people volunteered, totaling well over 1,500 hours of labor. They saved our summer.

■ **Oceanfront Lots Paid in Full.** Thanks to generous donors, Twin Rocks has officially secured its “oceanfront lots.” Four years ago, the camp embarked upon a campaign to purchase

an acre of oceanfront property across Highway 101 from the camp’s entrance. Remarkably, the pandemic failed to slow fundraising for these lots, and Twin Rocks now owns them outright.

■ **Pandemic Losses Lessened.** Twin Rocks’ COVID-related losses (once feared to reach \$1.4 million) now sit at less than \$80,000, thanks to generous donors, a grant from a private foundation, and various government subsidies.

■ **Enhanced Communication.** Twin Rocks will soon bolster the telling of its remarkable story by hiring two new staff: a Development Director and a Marketing Coordinator, thanks to three years of startup funds provided by the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust.

■ **The Gospel of Jesus Proclaimed.** Few things bring me more joy than sitting in the Meetinghouse watching campers sing songs of worship, or hearing speakers articulate to campers the good news available to them through Jesus. Such moments came frequently this summer and fall – at Kids Camp, Tween Camp, Surfside Camp, and among the many Christian churches and organizations holding retreats at Twin Rocks.

We have found it to be true: God does supply all of our needs. Thank you, Lord.

—Ken Beebe, Executive Director

