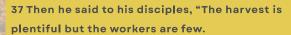
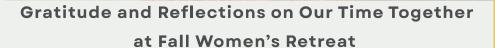
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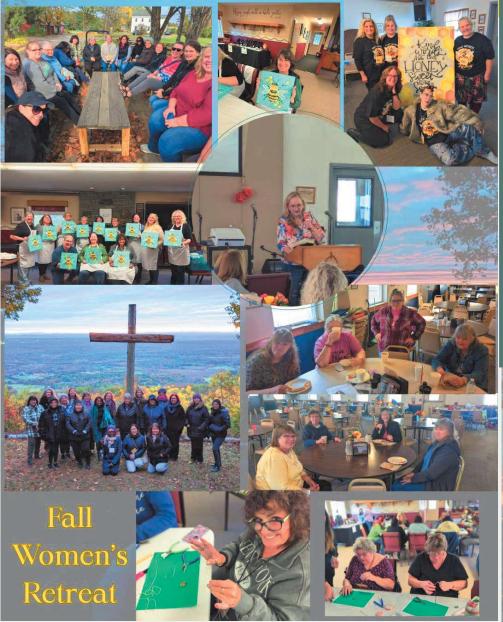
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38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9:37-38





Dear Pinnacle Families, Camp has its annual Fall / Harvest festival this weekend and we are expecting a lot of people. We are excited to share everything that happens here at camp with folks and to be Thankful for all That God has done this year. This verse reminded me that Our prayer is to reap a great harvest of kids at camp where they can meet the Lord!

It is also a time to be thankful and we are so grateful for all of our supporters and those who uphold us in prayer as well!

Please think of us this season, we covet your prayers and support!

Stephen Flach **Executive Director** 



#### Honey & Laughter

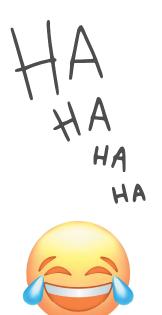
#### Thank You for a Wonderful Women's Retreat

The recent Women's Retreat was a truly special time for everyone who attended. Together, we experienced meaningful moments of connection, growth, and reflection. The central message of the retreat—using kind words and "being honey" in our relationships—resonated deeply and encouraged us all. The Spirit of God was truly felt by all who gathered. Through shared prayer, thoughtful discussion, worship, and uplifting fellowship, we sensed God's presence guiding and blessing our time together. It was an inspiring reminder of the strength and comfort we find in each other.

**Thank you** to each and every person who attended the retreat. Your openness, warmth, and willingness to participate made this event memorable. We are also grateful to everyone who helped organize, plan, and serve throughout the retreat—your dedication did not go unnoticed and was deeply appreciated.

Most of all, we **give thanks to God**, who blessed our time together and filled our hearts with joy, peace, and encouragement. We look forward to carrying all we learned at this retreat with us as we continue our

journey together.



One morning as the sun was just starting to come up, an hour before the staff got up, a woman in charge at the time came screaming for John who was in charge of the horses one summer. She was very strict on everyone following all the rules. As an example, she had a list of rules on a sign next to the swimming pool which stated such things as no swimming without a counselor or life guard present, no running or pushing in the pool area, taking shoes off before entering the pool area, proper swim wear and many more. If she caught anyone disobeying the rules, they were grounded for the day. She was very adamant about not wearing shoes in the pool area.

Everyone was still sound asleep early one morning when she was yelling for John at the top of her voice. Of course all the windows being screen covered, everyone for a country mile could hear her loud and clear. Even though staff and campers were still half asleep, all kinds of thoughts were racing through our minds what must have happened and why was she calling so frantically for John. What had happened that she was in such a panic at this crack of dawn hour in the morning, she kept yelling John, John, John, her not being certain what cabin he was in. Finally John sounding half asleep responded, feeling something must be terribly wrong for her to be yelling like this. He yelled back saying here I am what's wrong. She screamed the horses had gotten out of the pasture and were in the swimming pool. Even though everyone in all the cabins were still hardly awake, my husband still remembers the laughter coming from all the cabins when John responded -"As long as they took their shoes off first, its OK " It was funny to all the staff and campers that heard this but not as funny to that woman. All these years later he still laughs about it. (As shared by Diane)



Laugh with us...
Funny Camp
Stories From
Years Past

#### Welcome Spike the Porcupine!

We're excited to announce that we have a new-and somewhat "unusual"-team member joining us around campus: Spike the porcupine!

"Where's Spike?" He is easy to spot with his distinctive quills and slow, steady strolls. He loves snacking on apples and clover, so don't be surprised if you see him munching away under a shady tree or near the gardens.

A Friendly Reminder- If you're driving to Camp Pinnacle, please watch out for Spike! Porcupines are known for crossing roads without looking.

Should you see Spike while you're out and about, feel free to greet our prickly pal (from a safe distance, of course). He's a unique addition to our campus community, and we're thrilled to welcome him!

### **Fun Fact**



Did you know a group of porcupines is called a prickle?
And baby porcupines are known as porcupettes? Contrary to a popular myth, porcupines cannot shoot their quills; instead, the quills detach easily when a predator touches them. Baby porcupines are born with soft quills that harden within an hour, and they can climb trees the same day they are born.





## **UPGOMING EVENTS**



MEN'S FALL RETREAT: Come up into the mountains for a weekend of fellowship, delicious meals, bonfires, worship, and powerful sessions by guest speaker Eddie Irizarry from Mount Moriah Church

https://www.camppinnacle.org/fall-mens-retreat

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#### CHRISTMAS LODGE

Escape the busyness of the Christmas season this year, with a family or couples getaway to Camp Pinnacle's Christmas Lodge!

SAVE THE DATES



Dec

#### CHRISTMAS RETREAT WITH PAINT & HEAL

Come and enjoy a weekend away and feel the peace of the season. Crafting, painting and celebrating the One who created us all.

MORE INFO: <u>@paintandheal.online</u>



Dec 19-20

#### NATIVTY CAMP

Children ages 7-15 are invited to spend the weekend at Camp Pinnacle and enjoy LOADS of fun activities, and be a part of a live nativity skit performed on Saturday evening at the Live Nativity Event!

MORE INFO: https://www.camppinnacle.org/nativity-camp



Dec 20

#### LIVE NATIVITY SERVICE

Come join us for for dinner at 5:00PM in the Dining Hall followed by a Live Nativity service in our Gymnasium at 6:30PM. A night of Christmas celebration!

MORE INFO: https://www.camppinnacle.org/live-nativity



## WAYS TO HELP

Grateful

<u>Time:</u> Volunteer at one of our events, help with camp maintenance, or mentor young campers.

Every moment you give makes a difference.

<u>Talents:</u> Share your unique skills—whether it's music, art, carpentry, teaching, or leadership. Your talents can enrich our camp experience for everyone.

<u>Treasures:</u> Consider making a financial contribution or donating supplies and resources.

Every gift, big or small, helps us provide a safe, enriching, and faith-filled environment for all who attend.

#### **Get Involved**

Reach out to our camp office to learn about current needs and opportunities.

Sign up for volunteer days or offer your expertise for specific projects or events.

Make a one-time or recurring donation to support our programs and facilities.

By choosing to give your time, talents, and treasures, you answer a higher calling

and help shape the future for all.

We depend on and are grateful for your generosity and willingness to serve and give.

Together, we can make a difference for God at Camp Pinnacle!

Are you searching for a way to do something meaningful for God?

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE



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I will give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly to the work of Camp Pinnacle. Enclosed is my tax deductible gift in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

- Support for the General Operating Expenses
  - Donation towards the Janet Truax Scholarship Fund
- Horse care-pole barn
  - Legacy giving for the next generation of campers



Checks can be made payable to Camp Pinnacle and mailed to 621 Pinnacle Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186

Many options available for giving online through givebutter

https://www.camppinnacle.org/donate



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Lord, we humbly ask for Your continued provision in our lives.

Guide us with Your wisdom and surround us with Your love.

Help us to trust in Your promises, knowing that You care for us deeply

and You will supply all our needs according to Your riches in glory. Philippians 4:19



**THANK YOU!** 

