

# SOARING EAGLES CAMP

**Once again it's here!** Victor and Brenda White of the Mesquakie Friends Center announced they will be having summer camp for Indian kids in Tama, Iowa. They have continued to improve their facilities to hold such a summer camp program. **With God's guidance it will become a reality once more.**



day at the Aquatic Center. This will be for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders.



## ***An opportunity for you to serve the Lord!***

We will have youth from the Meskwakie Settlement. We are hoping to further our outreach to neighboring tribes for camp, too. **What a ministry!** We would like to ask you to be a partner with us in serving the Lord and these young people. The opportunities are before you and the funds needed for us to purchase the following items are:

1. **There is a need for Adult Counselors who don't mind roughing it!**
2. **Camp scholarships for youth in your personal or church name!**
3. Recreational activity fees for swimming, tubing, etc.
4. Paper products such as plates, bowls, cups, napkins, toilet tissue, and paper towels
5. Disposable eating utensils
6. Craft supplies
7. Prizes for the different activities
8. Food
9. T-shirts

Donations should be sent directly to and checks payable to Mesquakie Friends Center, either at 1898 – 350<sup>th</sup> Street, Tama, IA 52339 or P.O. Box 36, Toledo, IA 52342. Any volunteers names should be sent to Victor White.



Jay Mule from the Chickasaw Tribe, from Ardmore, OK will be the Evangelist and Camp Pastor. He will be bringing other guests to help with the camp. There is the possibility that we will be having tribes from all over the Midwest. We are lining up other experienced adult volunteers for camp counselors, cooking, supervising, helping on field trips, assisting in crafts, and just general help in running the camp.



Many fun and learning activities will happen that week. Since the camp is operated by the Mesquakie Friends Center, the primary emphasis will focus on Bible teaching. This includes daily chapel and small group interactions to study God's Word, what it means, and how His Word changes lives. Integrated into the daily fun activities will be opportunities to put in to practice what was learned from chapel and group meetings.

Other high lights of the week might include tubing down the Iowa River, bowling, swimming in the local aquatic center, attending a near by water park, spending time on the beach, building cardboard boats for racing, fishing, hiking in the woods, playing basketball, playing volley ball, doing crafts, and evening campfire gatherings with Native American culture activities. It will be a full filled week! Campers must arrive and be ready to start by 10:00 a.m., Monday on June 22 and will head for home on the evening of June 26 after a

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PREACH THE WORD; BE PREPARED IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON; CORRECT,  
REBUKE AND ENCOURAGE WITH GREAT PATIENCE AND CAREFUL INSTRUCTION.

2 Timothy 4:2

Dear Friends,

Spring finally arrived along with it the beauty that only God can create. Just as the grass was turning green the rains hit. This caused the grass to grow faster making the lawn look more like a hay meadow than a yard. But Travis got it all mowed before more rain fell. Today it is just gorgeous after the rains yesterday and last night. We hope to put in a garden this year.

The Lord was faithful to the work and the workers in 08 and we have no doubt He will see us through another good year. There were many who had a hand in helping us see that Gods Word was not only spoken but was very visible as well. It takes a lot of hard work to run all aspects of the mission and we could not have done it without the help of so many volunteers. We try very hard to keep the mission grounds looking nice and are trying to maintain the buildings so they look nice as well. The cost of upkeep is a constant concern for us but the Lord has been so faithful these past years we just leave that part to Him. We have enough to keep us busy ministering to the needs of our people.

We missed a lot of church services and Wednesday night Kids Club this past winter due to extreme cold or snow and ice. In the winter the kids have to stay inside and play so now that the days are warmer they get to enjoy being outside again. The adults are ready for them to be out where there is room for them to run and play. Our dream is one day to have a building they can be in during the winter time. Even though most of the kids come from dysfunctional homes they are very good and mindful at church. As believers we are called to instruct the kids about every aspect of their life. They need to learn not to have a craving to be entertained and not to expect us to teach them only what they want to hear but teach them to love and obey the word of God. We are so thankful to have teachers and cooks who love the Lord and are willing to give of their time and talents to help us with the kids.

Here is an update on our grandson, Colson. His surgery last November brought wonderful results in that he no longer has pain on his left side or corner of his mouth. Praise the Lord!! He returned last week to Mayo for a 6 month MRI. The doctor reported everything looked fine, no new growth, bring him back in 6 months for another MRI just to keep taps on everything. She did recommend he start some physical therapy to help restore and strengthen muscles on the left side. We along with Travis & Jen want to thank everyone who prayed so faithfully for him. God heard your prayers and answered.

Our granddaughter, LeAnan will be graduating this month and leaving home for college in the fall. My, My how the time has flown by. Many of you know her and maybe would like to drop her a card of congratulations. Her address is LeAnan White  
P.O. Box 64, University Park, IA 52577



Victor & Brenda White

## ***Volunteers needed to help side the residence of White' house and other task***

It has already been decided to install the four double paned windows on the north side of the house and put the heater in the bathroom on the north side. This has been done. However, the large part is to be done. It was decided that we should go ahead and fix up the outside of the house instead of painting the siding and overhang. The White's have lived in this condition for several years and it is time it changed. We got an estimate for labor and siding, overhang, and soffits.

**We need volunteers to help install the siding, soffits, and overhang on the side of the house. Therefore, please let us know if you can help by spending the necessary time by June 15. If you can do something else, please let us know that too.** It is estimated that this will not take over two to three days and we wanted to have it done by the middle of July. We hope that you can help us by making a special event. Please contact Victor White, 1898 -350<sup>th</sup> , Tama, IA 52339 or call them by phone at 641-484-2329.

## ***Valentine party a huge success!***

The night was a huge success by the turn out of parents and youngsters who attended the gala event. No vans ran that night so most of the kids were there. Several parents were present, too. The night began with decorated tables and a delighted meal. The dinner consisted of lasagna, salad, fruit cup, and a valentine cup cake. After the time of meal and conversation, the balance of the evening was covered by looking at some of past pictures of campers and several events. It was interesting to see some of the pictures of the "younger" ones who were now older! In all, it was an interesting evening.

## ***Middle and high schoolers learn about Jesus and His teachings***

The middle/high age group completed two studies this year. The first study focused on helping young people make good decisions. We used stories in the Bible to illustrate when people made bad decisions and their consequences. We also talked about forgiveness and how Scripture can be used as a guide for making wise choices. The second study examined our relationships with family, friends, neighbors, and most importantly with God. We took the young group to Ames this past winter to go ice skating and to play "Lunar Mini Golf" at the mall. The group also prepared a pizza supper for the younger children on a Wednesday evening.

Ron and Brenda Ackerson

## ***Annual harvest party held***

The Annual Harvest Picnic was held on September 10 at the Gary and Shirley Mattson's residence. All efforts were made to others who were past attendees. As a result, many came and it was a large crowd. It was fun, exciting, and stomach-filling time for every one who came. We started out with games for the kids and youth. There were games such as the three legged race, tug of war, to name a few.

Then it was time for the evening meal. Everyone brought something to share so there was more than enough food. The Mesquakie Friends Center furnished the wieners and buns and drinks. Everyone had ample time to eat and visit with each other.

Next came the hayride. It was just about dark and the rides began. The kids and youth had a great time and generally had more than one ride. Parents were

Included and they, too, had a great time. Each ride took about 15 – 20 minutes.



**WE ASK FOR AND COVET YOUR PRAYERS THAT THE LORD WILL BE SERVED, OUR NEEDS WILL BE MET, THOSE TRAVELING WILL BE KEPT SAFE, AND GOD WILL BE GLORIFIED THROUGH THIS!**