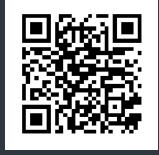
#### 2022 Camping Schedule

Worship Camp At Pathway a Wesleyan Church 4960 Portland Rd. Saranac June 20-24 5 days Mon-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM Campers age 13-18 Cost: 125.00

Day Camp At Camp Victory 8513 Centerline Rd. Saranac June 27-30 4 days Mon-Thr. 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Campers going into grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Cost: 95.00 **Register Online:** 



### **OUR NEEDS:**

Seeds of HOPE Mentors (consider it, pray about it and register for training - see details below)

Funds to operate camp this summer and provide scholarships – our **goal is \$3,000.00** (see our fundraising option below)

## Seeds of HOPE Mentoring New Mentor Training Day Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

At Caroline's house (9295 Peck Lake Rd. Lowell, MI) Please register by e-mailing: info@BranchAdventures.org or call/text Caroline at 616-644-7197 \*(if March 25<sup>th</sup> doesn't work for you, feel free to inquire for an alternate date)







#### **FUNDRAISING**

We thought maybe we'd just ask for the funds. If you would like to contribute to Branch Adventures, we are a 501c3 non-profit organization and your giving is tax deductible.

You can send checks to: Branch Adventures, P.O. Box 231, Saranac, MI 488881

You can donate with PayPal through our webpage: www.BranchAdventures.org

\*We may be hosting an online fundraising event in March – a virtual Pancake Supper. Stay tuned for more details about this potential flipping good time.



We like to call ourselves a camp in the summer and a mentoring program during the school year. Our Seeds of HOPE Mentoring program matches students of all ages from Saranac Community Schools with trained and screened Mentors to meet One on One, One hour, Once a week at school during school hours.

We are rebooting Seeds of HOPE Mentoring. During our Sabbatical we did not have insurance to facilitate the program safely and then during Covid we were not able to get into the school. We are fully insured and the doors are reopened to us now, we plan to have mentors and students back together early 2022.

We have mentored over 50 students since 2011 and so thankful we get to resume.



2022 Newsletter **'RESTORED'** 

Branch Adventures Day Camp at Camp Victory had over 60 Elementary age kids attend our 4 day camp. 29 of those kids and a few of our staff made a commitment to receive Jesus as their Savior.

**Branch Adventures** Worship Camp at Pathway a Wesleyan Church had over 40 middle and high school students attend. For many of them they had never played the instrument they were learning that week and were brave enough to offer their worship on Friday night.

Most of our staff were our own kids and kids we raised up through camp.



# Branch Adventures 2.0 – Camp Revamped

2021 was a year of rebirth for Branch Adventures. In 2019 we took a Sabbatical to process the changes that were happening to Branch Adventures. We didn't have any summer camps that year. It was weird not to have camp after 14 summers of camping, we rested but our hearts were sad. We had come to the decision to discontinue using the previous property and we really wondered if camp was just over with. We asked the Lord to tell us what to do, since it's His camp, we have always prayed that prayer. We asked that if camp was to come to an end that He would make that clear to us and if it was to continue that the new location would "Wow" us. Then Caroline was at a basketball game sitting next to her friend Diana Whorley Naylor and got to talking about the future of camp. Diana told Caroline, "Oh, you need to talk to my Dad." Caroline's Mom and Diana's Dad had grown up together in Ionia, so there was already that connection.

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Caroline gave Herb a call and come to find out Herb had been building a camp on his property for almost 10 years and was just waiting for the Lord to bring the program and people. Kind of a 'if you build it, they will come' story. The B.A. board visited the property and Herb and we had our "Wow". We knew that the Lord had been preparing a place before us -Camp Victory at 8513 Centerline Rd. -only just over a mile from our previous location.

Then Covid hit. We knew we weren't going to be able to hold a camp at Camp Victory or anywhere the summer of 2020. That put us into year 2 of not having camp. Everything was crazy but not everything was lost. The Lord had a rebuilding plan.

During a little reprieve in the pandemic this past summer of 2021, He revived Day Camp at Camp Victory and Worship Camp at Pathway a Wesleyan Church.

We have been brought back to life.