

Dickey Lake Bible Camp

2020

ANNUAL REPORT



*Making disciples through Bible-based,
Christ-centered camping experiences.*

DLBC Board of Directors 2020 Report

The DLBC board of directors are pleased to provide this report of the camp's 2020 activities and plans for 2021.

In 2 Thessalonians 3:5, the scripture says, "May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance." Little did we know heading into 2020 of the challenges coming the camp's way caused by the arrival of the Covid pandemic. We could not be more grateful for the many volunteers who served the camp ministry together under the guidance of God's love and persevered in the mission, with service to Christ as the clear focus.

Here are some highlights of the year:

- The Zirbels arrive! On February 1, 2020, Zach and Natasha Zirbel and family moved into the home on the camp property as Zach assumed the Managing Director role at the camp. He was immediately thrust into leading the camp family to determine what the camp's response should be in the pandemic environment. With appropriate planning, all of the scheduled DLBC camps were safely held! Thank you, Zach and Natasha, for joining the DLBC family! We are pleased to report that Zach has recently received his accreditation with the Christian and Missionary Alliance Rocky Mountain District.
- The Lord Blesses the DLBC camps! Zach has delineated details in his report. Our hearts were truly grateful for the salvations, recommitments and growth in both campers and staff, yet again, at DLBC.
- The Finances are Stable! Contained in this report is a summary of the 2020 financial results and budget for 2021. While the cancellation of essentially all of the rental groups in August was a significant reduction in the expected income in the 2020 season, the camp's expenses were also reduced this year due to the careful scrutiny of costs by Zach and the volunteers. In addition, the Lord provided several significant financial gifts to the camp which actually brought the camp in on its 2020 budget target. The board will be considering the disposition of these very special gifts in the coming months.
- Planning for the Future is Well Underway! A significant effort, led by board member Sam Kavanagh, has resulted in a future development vision for the camp property. This year, the plan will be to start with some nearer term projects (existing building refurbishment, new shop, sport court, bathhouse improvement) and also determine the next major project focus (new chapel or additional cabin space). More details forthcoming!

Thanks, you again for your partnership in and support of the Dickey Lake Bible Camp Ministry.

In Jesus,
The DLBC Board



“We exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ through Bible-based, Christ-centered, camping experiences” ...and God is faithful!

2020 could have gone many different directions. From March throughout our entire camping season, we lived in a state of uncertainty and moving targets.

However, once again, the DLBC family pulled together, worked incredibly hard, prayed, served and determined to make sure 2020 was a year of “mission accomplished”. God was faithful, as He always is, and worked right alongside us:

- The LORD gave us Joshua 1:9 and a theme of *COURAGE* even before the pandemic.
- The DLBC Board, led by John Roundhill, worked with “all their hearts as unto the Lord” to ensure we could responsibly run safe camps in 2020.
- God answered our cries for help when COVID felt incredibly close.
- He provided an incredible staff and group of counselors- many serving for the first time, and many serving year after year after year!
- Jesus was proclaimed and there were many salvations with over 30 campers baptized in Christ.
- The kitchen team was simply sensational as they too navigated the challenges of COVID guidelines. Hundreds of meals, hundreds of volunteer hours, and always a smile. Thank you to the head cooks and their many gracious helpers: Lela Toavs (Junior Camp), Jodi Jones (Family Camp & JH boys), Kevin Kalvig (JH girls) and Lynda Kenfield (HS camp & Young Adults Retreat - She went 8 days straight. I hope Brad lets her come back this year!)
- Hilary Ypma directing for the first time led an incredible Junior Camp. I’m still finding gold coins!
- Sage Wanner stepped in as a first-time director for JH boys and looked like he’s been doing it for years. I was so impressed watching him lead.
- Deb Westrom answered the call to stand in for Morgan Pelletier as the Director of Camp Ministries. She also directed JH girl’s camp. So many things would have fallen through the cracks if it hadn’t been for Deb. Her Christ-like character and huge heart acted like super glue throughout the entire summer.
- Nikki Fisher and Cassie Adams were like a Spirit empowered locomotive directing an outstanding H.S. Camp. They and the entire staff poured their hearts out!
- God blessed our retreat season with over 175 beautiful people attending Young Adults, Women’s, and Men’s Retreats. The women, in particular, had a raucous, good time. They were hungry for fellowship and pandemic or not, they kept pouring into camp!
- I’d like to name everyone who was incredibly instrumental this past year -but I’m trying to keep this to a page. You know who you are, and so does God. He won’t forget all the good you’ve done. He will repay you and I thank God for you!

Looking ahead to 2021 and beyond -- expect God’s faithfulness to continue. The BOD and Development Team are working on some very exciting possibilities for the future, which are detailed in the attached schematic camp layout Sam Kavanagh designed. An additional week of HS camp and a backcountry camp are in the works. Your MD has one year under his belt, and I believe even greater fruitfulness is in store. My desire is to see Dickey Lake Bible Camp reach its full potential and increasingly “Make disciples for Jesus Christ through Bible-based, Christ-centered camping experiences.”

God is faithful, Zach Zirbel, Managing Director

DLBC Future Planning

Sam Kavanagh, John Roundhill, and Zach Zirbel

Beginning in late Spring 2020, Dickey Lake Leadership initiated a visioning process directed at the camps facilities and an increased utilization of the entire property with which we have been blessed. The process began with a series of guided comment and listening sessions focused on how we might improve on the existing campus, both by way of enhancing existing amenities, as well as development of new ones.

The first gathering coincided with our annual staff training and afforded leadership a firsthand opportunity to hear what was most important to our dedicated staff and volunteers. From this early meeting, it was clear that DLBC is deeply loved by many. Moreover, they all have heartfelt, unique ideas of improving camp. What was most clear, however, is that our grounds near the lake are being utilized to their maximum capacity and our Chapel has been over capacity during several camps in recent years. Improvements to volleyball, nine square, and the basketball court all ranked high as well.

During the summer camp season, Jamie Reed, the mother of a camper and licensed surveyor, donated countless hours and expertise conducting a full topographic survey of the camp property. The comprehensive survey marked a major milestone in developing a comprehensive Master Plan for the entire property. Throughout the camp season, we gathered feedback from a “suggestion box”. This allowed campers, staff and counselors alike, to share their thoughts on camp needs, likes and opportunities for improvement.

At the conclusion of the camp season, another listening session was held at camp with a focus directed towards a more comprehensive use of the property. After a morning session of brainstorming different uses for areas of the property, the group took a tour through the entire property. During the walk, Board member Sam Kavanagh guided the group through a series of questions at various locations on the property to help the group envision different ways of using the property as well as alternative locations for future development, addressing things like the camps need for additional beds and more Chapel space.

With a summer’s worth of feedback, the board, led by Sam, set about developing a draft of the Camp Master Plan for discussion during the November Board Meeting. At the meeting Mr. Kavanagh unveiled the culmination of everyone’s suggestions and guidance. A follow-up meeting was held in mid-December to present a 2nd Draft of the Master Plan reflecting edits made in November and the feedback from the visioning participants. Included herein is the 3rd Draft of the Camp Master Plan; and while yet to be adopted as a final Master Plan concept, the board is excited to share with the greater DLBC Family what is envisioned as the future of the Camp.

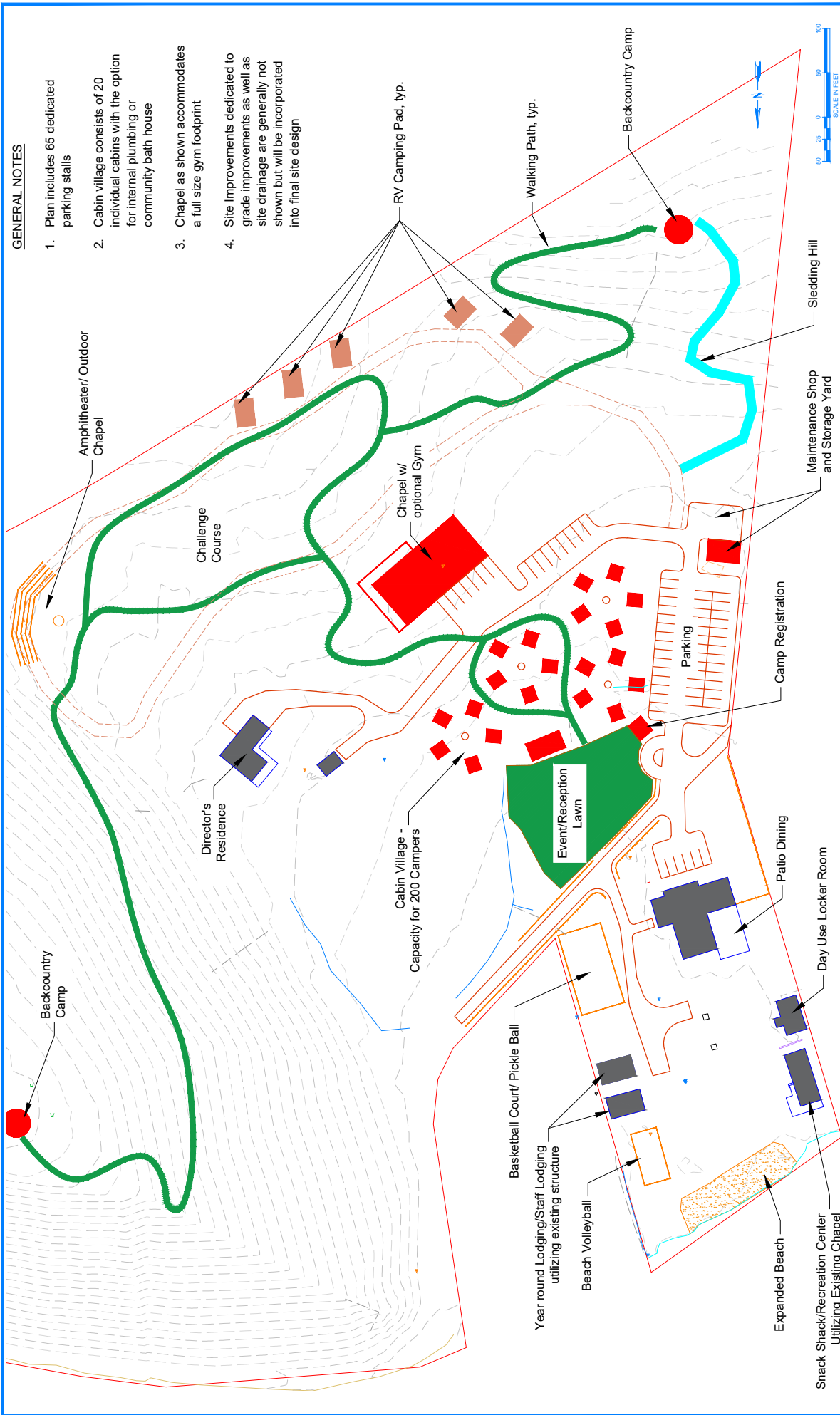
In addition to the feedback of many, the following guiding elements have helped steer this process:

- Greater utilization of the entire camp property
- Reducing our impact on the waterfront and surrounding neighbors
- Expanded Chapel space
- Expand bed space by offering individual cabins for small groups of campers
- Provide better separation between campers and back-of-house operations
- Develop dedicated maintenance facilities
- Review programming needs/desires and develop campus facilities that expand our ability to meet and exceed the needs of campers
- Provide private space for campers and individual cabins to experience God’s loving grace
- Provide year-round facilities with a capacity of 200 campers

So, what is next? Once adopted, the board will be working together to determine a development priority list along with a funding strategy as we collectively pursue the many elements captured during this visioning phase. In the months to come, we will be diligently working to evaluate the camp’s most pressing needs in conjunction with this plan- all the while staying true to our mission of “Making Disciples through Bible-based, Christ-centered camping experiences.”

GENERAL NOTES

1. Plan includes 65 dedicated parking stalls
2. Cabin village consists of 20 individual cabins with the option for internal plumbing or community bath house
3. Chapel as shown accommodates a full size gym footprint
4. Site improvements dedicated to grade improvements as well as site drainage are generally not shown but will be incorporated into final site design



PROJECT NUMBER Joshua 1.9		SHEET NUMBER G-1	
DESIGN BY: SBK		SBK	
DRAWN BY: SBK		DATE: 7/10/2021	
APPR. BY: JHJ		DATE: 7/10/2021	
PROJECT NAME Dickey Lake Bible Camp Master Plan		DRAWING NUMBER G-1	
PROJECT LOCATION Trijo		CONCEPT Conceptual Camp Layout	
SCALE 1" = 40'		DATE: #/ #/ #	
NO. DESCRIPTION BY DATE		REVISIONS	
1	Alternate Chapel location and added parking	SBK	Dec 2, 2020
2	Edits to Overall layout from Planning Meeting 2	SBK	Jan 2021
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