

CAMP SUMATANGA ACTION TEAM: Assess the mission of the Camp and address pertinent governance issues, evaluate current leadership and staffing model, and examine the Camp's relationship to the North Alabama Conference and Conference Trustees with maximum authority to act in the Camp's best interest.

Members: Rev. Dr. Andy Wolfe, Convener, ex-officio; Neeysa Biddle, Sandy Wright Brown, Rev. Dr. Bill Brunson, Mike Byrne, Tiphonie Gatgens, Terry McElheny, Harlan Prater, Allan Robertson, ex-officio, Daphne Orr, Interim Executive Director and camp consultant, Rev. Mark Johnston, previously Executive Dir, Camp McDowell.



SUMATANGA ACTION TEAM COMMUNIQUE

January 20, 2020

A NEW YEAR - Isaiah 43:18-19 ESV "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

We continue to offer thanks to all of you who prayerfully and financially supported Sumatanga in 2019. An additional thank you to the Sumatanga Champions and their networks plus additional contributions from churches and individuals generating approximately \$250,000 in the fourth quarter. We are able to pay for the Water Tank Refurbishing (completed on time and slightly under budget!) and stay current on our operating expenses.

WELCOME LESLIE McCLENDON, RECEPTIONIST & ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Leslie McClendon is a new face in the Sumatanga office but not new to Sumatanga. Three generations of Leslie's family have attended Sumatanga Summer Camps. Due to her close proximity to Sumatanga, she and her family have walked the grounds often. She has also been on campus for an Emmaus Walk. We are pleased Leslie has joined the team!

SCHEDULING SUMATANGA FOR RETREATS, MEETING, CAMPING: Leslie McClendon will be your contact for scheduling your activities at Sumatanga through October. Sumatanga will hibernate in November, December and January however, we may host large daytime or overnight retreats depending on their needs.

As a reminder, the following areas/buildings are reservable: Campgrounds, Pool Camp, Retreat Centers, McKinney-Atkins, Hutto Auditorium, Log Cabin and Hillcrest. In order to block your dates, we will secure a contract which guarantees the dates and the minimum number of rooms and meals along with a deposit/processing fee.

SUMATANGA SUMMER CAMP PREPARATION: Sumatanga Summer Camp preparations for the 2020 season have been underway for a number of months. In lieu of hiring a Director of Summer Camp Ministries at this time, we have assembled a **Sumatanga Camp Leadership Team** for 2020. **Laura Sisson will be the 2020 Camp Captain** leading this Team comprised of ministry professionals, leader of camp counselors, leader of the outdoor activity team, leader of publicity & church communications team as well as the leader of on-line registration for all campers, counselor staff, activity staff and volunteers.

Members of the ministry professional team will oversee the curriculum and the implementation of the faith-formation experiences. A Ministry Team member will be on site for one or more of the Camp sessions. We will post the roster of the ministry professionals and the other members of the Sumatanga Summer Camp Leadership Team as soon as it is final.

SUMMER CAMP ON-LINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN: The on-line Summer Camp 2020 Registration Site is ready. Log into: <http://www.sumatanga.org/summer-camp.html>

Day Campers

Elementary Campers – 3 sessions

Mid-High Campers – 2 sessions

Senior High Campers – 2 sessions

Staff & Volunteers

Counselor Staff – all sessions

Outdoor Activity Staff – all sessions

Musicians/Worship Team – all sessions

ALL Volunteers – for ANY area

SPECIAL ATTENTION: To meet regulatory guidelines and our own Safe Sanctuary policy, ALL workers, paid or volunteer, must be registered whether in attendance all summer, one camp session or one song. ***We appreciate your cooperation!***

If you have any questions or need assistance inputting registration information, please call Leslie McClendon at the Sumatanga main office.

HIRING FOOD SERVICE MANAGER: We are looking for an experienced Food Service Manager who will lead a productive and positive work environment for the kitchen personnel as well as our guests, event coordinators and other staff members. The Manager is responsible for food quality, timely preparation and detailed reporting to meet industry standards within a cost-effective kitchen operation. We are looking for experience in institutional kitchens such as schools, hospitals and/or churches - camp kitchen familiarity is preferable. Details are posted on our website. If you have additional questions or recommendations, please call Daphne Orr.

LARGE AND SMALL EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR PROJECTS TO BE SCHEDULED: The large projects include grading for improved water runoff, finish renovation of the Pool Camp Nurse's cabin, feasibility of Pool Camp kitchen renovation, replacement windows for Pool Camp buildings and HVAC maintenance for the Main Office. If you or your church can provide expertise, people-power and/or funding, please contact Daphne Orr.

Two school holidays offering long weekends are upcoming in February and again in March around Spring Break. We have indoor projects that can get started or fully accomplished in a weekend including:

- paint rooms and cabins;
- clean up and set up of Little Brown and Craft Hut;
- sort, inventory and store equipment.

These are just a few of the tasks that individuals, families, church groups, school teams/clubs and Scouts can do on-site. Please contact Daphne Orr and Rev J. Mark "Bruno" Hughes via Volunteer@Sumatanga.org to schedule your time so we can ensure all the materials are ready when you arrive.

EQUIPMENT AND SUMMER CAMP MATERIALS NEEDED: *Did you know, Amazon hosts a Wishlist for Sumatanga?* Enter this Amazon website address - <http://a.co/5YuwA03>. DON'T enter your password, yet. Under the YOUR FRIENDS tab, you will see pictures and descriptions of each item including a short explanation of where it is most needed. You will find wishes for sturdy DeWalt tools and for AA/AAA batteries. For Retreats and upcoming Summer Camp, wishes include Easels, Blu-Ray Player, Hammocks, Cornhole Set, Compasses for Elementary Summer Camp and more! Once you choose the items, proceed to checkout where your password will be required to continue the purchase. BE SURE to choose the Sumatanga Delivery address. It's that easy to grant Sumatanga wishes!!!

Thank you for your prayers and continued support!

Andy Wolfe, Convener

Daphne Orr, Interim Executive Director