

PDRR Update

April-June 2024

Apr 12 – Ron Adlesic, Steve Steffel and Chad Hetrick deliver materials to camp.

Apr 13 – Work day – Many projects completed by Trent Wickard, Ron Adlesic, Chris Perez, Henry Eberly, Darryl Eberly, Andy Baker, JJ Wickard, Cord Hetrick, Jeff Albert, Joe Brockmeyer, Kenny Carfagone, Fred Moyer, Mike Warner, Roger - , Wyatt Heller, Brent Heller, George Pentz, Steve Steffel

April 19-21 – FCF Spring Trace

April 23 – Ron Adlesic and Steve Steffel search for a missing vent pipe, cast one of the 3 sink countertops out of concrete

May 3-4 – World Class Outpost training at Christian Life Assembly, Camp Hill, PA

May 6-8 – PennDel Ministry Network Summit – “NGAG” (Engage)

May 11 – District Leaders Conference at PDRR Camp Berry (sorry no pics)

May 19 – Recognizing Ron Kroptavich for 51 years of service in Royal Rangers

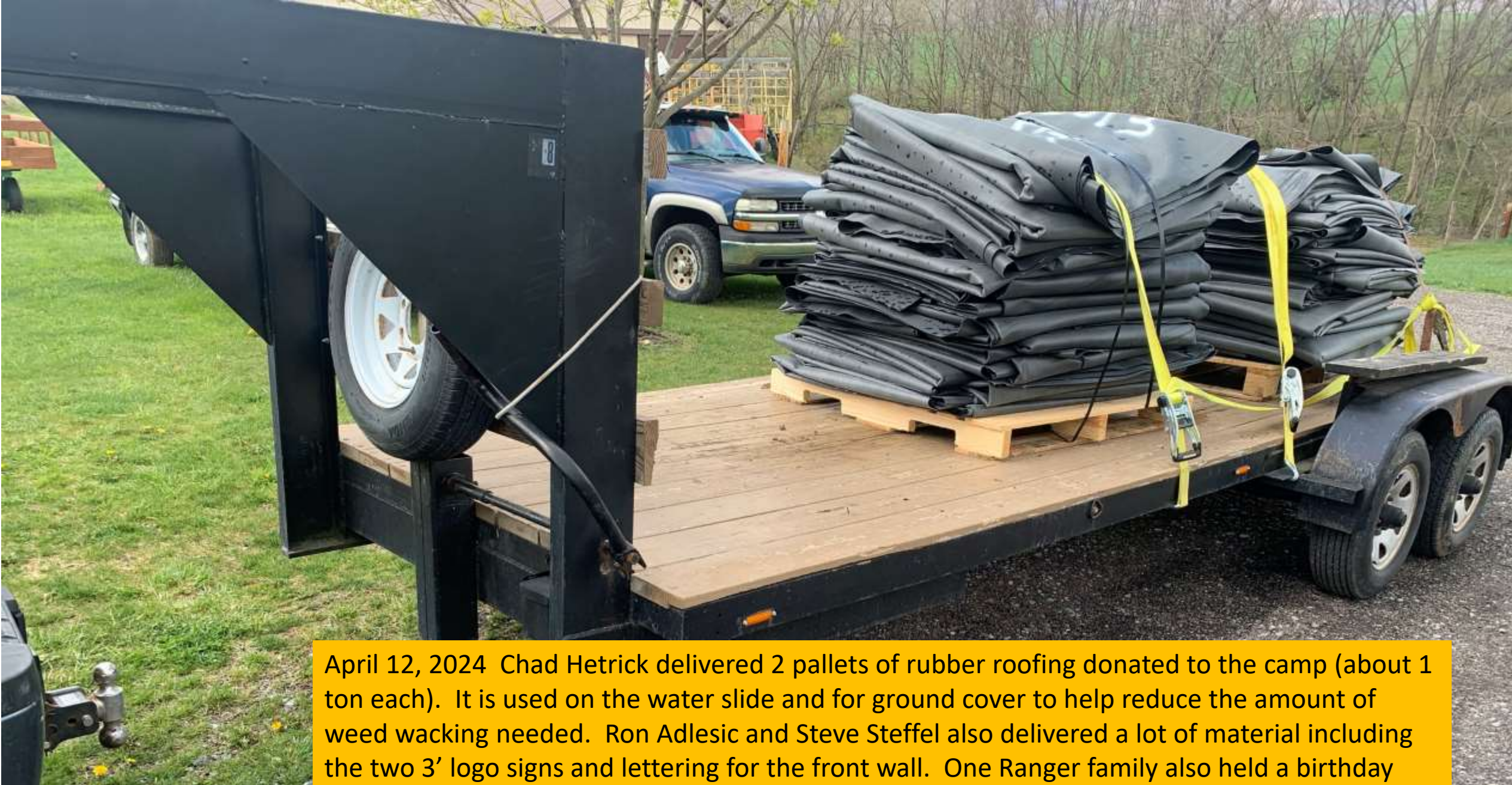
May 24 - -Ron Adlesic and Steve Steffel completing work on front wall, forms around shower house, and cleaning a new stove ready for the kitchen

June 1st – Ron Adlesic, Steve Steffel and Andy Baker put in down spout drain pipes for shower house, do grading for the front entrance wall

June 8th workday – Getting ready for Adventure Weekend – Fred Moyer, Darryl Eberly, Chad Hetrick, Cord Hetrick, Rich Morrow, Jonathon Wickard and George Pentz – weed wack, clean up trees, work on wet areas, replace a GFI, organize main pavilion, etc.

June 13th – Mike Ardeno and Ralph Messmer adjust toilet drains in floor, Andy Baker and Steve Steffel work on underground spouting for shower house and Ron Adlesic finishes up concrete forms. Andy, Ron and Steve work on grading and putting top soil near entrance walls and Chad and Cord Hetrick work on hydraulic oil leak on tractor then spread stone on driveway.

June 28-30 – Adventure Weekend (new name replacing “PowWow”). 273 attended, 22 Ranger Kids, 66 Discovery Rangers, 52 Adventure Rangers and 19 Expedition Rangers. The DR and AR groups increased significantly. Many responded to Pastor Jeremiah’s messages but we didn’t get a count.



April 12, 2024 Chad Hetrick delivered 2 pallets of rubber roofing donated to the camp (about 1 ton each). It is used on the water slide and for ground cover to help reduce the amount of weed wacking needed. Ron Adlesic and Steve Steffel also delivered a lot of material including the two 3' logo signs and lettering for the front wall. One Ranger family also held a birthday party for their boy and friends and brought up 4 wheelers and dirt bikes - -and they found plenty of mud during this wet season.



Apr 14, 2024 – Ron Adlesic and Trent Wickard acid washing the brick entrance wall and putting up the RR logo.

Darryl Eberly in the store getting a pizza oven assembled.



Andy Baker and Cord Hetrick getting ready to extend the retaining wall and then Cord and Andy install 2" pipe that will take liquids to the septic field up the hill.



After finding the ground too wet to extend the retaining wall, preparation was made to prepare for the 5' concrete side walk around the shower house and a ~20 x 30 pad next to the handicap bathrooms. Chris Perez is working the skid steer and Andy is laying out the pad with the laser. Wyatt Heller and Jeff Albert ran the compactor.





The electrical team accomplished a lot. Mike Warner tied the front wall circuit to a photocontrol and then into the breaker box in the barn basement. Inside the shower house, Kenny Carfagno, Joe Brockmeyer, Brent Heller, and Mike Warner worked to get runs of MC Cable out to the 4 main bathrooms. Henry Eberly created a mouse to suck thru the 4" pipe from the Central Distribution Center to the Shower House mechanical room - sucessfully. While waiting for the excavators to arrive, JJ Wickard and Cord Hetrick put up the PennDel logo. Fred Moyer also joined in the work. Roger – mowed all the grass with the 72" Zero Turn mower while George Pentz worked on getting the Kubota tractor with the 8' mower deck running. Steve Steffel worked to make sure all teams had the tools and direction needed. This was a very productive work day - -thanks to all who came and worked hard.



Apr 19-21 FCF Spring Trace. Throwing an "Atlatl", Jeremy Shuey working on Certificates, Mark "Broken Lance", FCF President, in front of shelters, worship time.





FCF Spring Trace – New members (Frontiersmen) – 10, 2 advanced to Buckskin, and 4 advanced to Wilderness. Total attendance: 86

Service recognizing new members, advancements and devotion. Henry Eberly tending his cooking and the new members with FCF President and Scribe.





April 23, 2024 Ron Adlesic and Steve Steffel add forms for concrete and pour a concrete countertop for one of four – 3 sink units.





World Class Outpost Training Class, May 3-4,
Christian Life Assembly, Camp Hill, PA

64 leaders in attendance, with 50+ from
PennDel

Chris Vincent, Shannon Merrill, Steve Steffel
instructors



Special thanks to our host Pastor Dave Richards of Christian Life Assembly.

This is CLA's kids church meeting room.





PennDel Ministry Network Summit – “NGAG” (Engage), May 6-8, 2024. Ed Kohl and Steve Steffel represented the Royal Rangers – many good contacts and churches expressing interest. We were given a few minutes to present PennDel Royal Rangers from the stage and give handouts to all pastors at the business meeting.

Host church Erie First Assembly, had a Royal Ranger outpost of 200 boys at one time. Ed has been encouraging them and we are hoping they will re-launch, but with training to help ensure success.





5/19/2024 – Recognizing Ron Kroptavich for 51 years of ministry with Royal Rangers

5/24/2024 – Ron Adlesic and Steve Steffel finishing the front wall, removing the mold from concrete countertop, cleaning an oven and measuring for concrete





Hard to miss the entrance to the camp at night - - even the bugs like the lights.

Most of this entrance wall and columns were created with donated bricks or ones we got for a few cents each.

It was a challenge doing this with the slope from left to right, but Ron Adlesic figured it out very nicely. Final grading and white rails yet to be completed.

The community only knew this as Camp Berry – now Royal Rangers and its emblem are very visible.





June 13, 2024 Mike Ardeno and Ralph Messmer adjust toilet drains, Andy Baker and Steve Steffel install spouting for future rain gutters, Ron Adlesic and Andy work on putting top soil around the entrance wall and Chad and Cord Hetrick work on fixing a hydraulic leak and then put some fresh stone on the driveways.





Adventure Weekend – June 28-30. George and Christine Pentz preparing the Ranger Kid area, Jason Loffredo preparing the pageant area, and Rob McCoy charging air tanks for paint ball. Camp being set up and the beginning of an evening service.



Chad and Cord Hetrick preparing the go karts – a new hit at Adventure Weekend.





Gathering for the evening service – council fire and the theme – Limitless. Pastor Jeremiah Gruber spoke on God’s limitless Power, Love and Purpose for our lives.





Ken Black cooking waffles – something new, a big hit so we have more makers for next year. Mike Ardeno, Gordon Edwards and John Plummer oversaw the kitchen and we had plenty to eat. Engaging activities – top large squirt gun competition, middle – remote controlled car challenge and bottom was go karts.





Ranger Kids enjoying the water slide, Outpost 83 camp set up, Rowland Troutman explaining BB Gun safety and competition. Shot gun range overseen by Rich Paine, .22 by Greg Bahleda and others.





Shawn Jones designed an obstacle course in the woods, Jim Wilson and others ran the Zip line, Tim White ran Archery and Jonathan Wickard had a fun Nerf War activity for the boys. Above the boys came to do Human Foosball in their free time.





Uniform inspection of Outpost 242 by Rob McCoy, Morning devotion and awards ceremony in main pavilion.



Other activities not pictured: Physical fitness competition overseen by Max Schrom, Paint Ball overseen by Kenny Carfagno and Wyatt Garrett, Climbing Wall run by Abraham Smith, Nathan Buckman and team, Ranger Knowledge challenge overseen by Ed Kohl and Hawk Throw overseen by Rich Morrow.

Attendance increased over last year - - had a total of 273 this year with a new outpost from Shippensburg. Great ministry by Pastor Jeremiah Gruber and worship led by Pastor Thomas Manning.