



West Branch Trailblazer

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Project Status

Rasmussen Crossing - on the verge of completing all the requirements for Phase One occupancy of the building. We are now looking to move on the Phase Two to enhance what we already have.

Upcoming Events:

3.18-19 Men on the Move Conference

March-May Christian school Senior Trip Retreats

4.29-30 Youth Retreat

6.3-4 Ladies Summer Getaway

June - July Summer Camps

Visit westbranchAZ.org for more details.

Completing Phase One

We are nearing the end of the Rasmussen Crossing Phase One construction. The goal of this phase is to receive occupancy by the City of Williams for use as an auditorium. Down the road, Phase Four will transition the building to include a kitchen. The City's main requirements for Phase One occupancy are related to fire safety. Our fire suppression contractors are working to hook up the system which includes a sprinkler system operated by the \$75,000 pump we purchased earlier this year. The system also includes a fire alarm system which is mostly installed as well.

The other major aspect to completing this phase is the drywall installation. Over the past few weeks, volunteers have assisted us on a few occasions. Once we finish the dry wall hanging and have the inspection, we will then be able to work on the finish aspects of the process. We still welcome additional volunteers, especially those with some experience, to help us complete the drywall mud-tape-sanding process.

As we complete Phase One, we would like to **roll right into Phase Two** of the project which will help certain aspects have a more finished appearance. The highlights of Phase Two are: interior and exterior paint, permanent lighting, ceiling fans, and trim. We may also address the permanent flooring in Phase Two. We believe that \$60,000 would give us a good start and a shot to get most of the work completed before summer camps.



Drywall installation in the lobby



Drywall installation in auditorium

The completion of Phase One allows us to occupy the building, but Phase Two will allow the auditorium to look nicer and more complete as well as being more comfortable for summer 2022 use.

Special Needs

- New snow plow
- Utility dump trailer
- Newer model pickup truck, 4x4 with towing and hauling capability (e.g. F150-250), probably 2010-newer.
- Compact Utility Tractor (e.g. John Deere, Kubota)

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Additional itineraries, schedules, & reports are online.

Staff Needed

Nothing is more important, humanly speaking, to our ministry than having the right staff. We are very grateful for those that currently serve in a variety of ways around camp. This fall, we were privileged to employ a young lady to help with food service and housekeeping throughout the fall event schedule. She was a temporary team member, and now we are in search of someone to fill the role in 2022.

We are looking for an individual to fill a big need in food service at camp. During the spring and fall retreats, this person would lead the preparation of all meals. During summer camp, when we have more volunteer staff, the individual would continue to cook and direct many of the camp meals. This position would probably be full-time, though there may be some scenarios where a part-time or seasonal situation might be possible.

Since we do not have seasonal retreats every week throughout the year, this position would include other responsibilities such as housekeeping, program support, or light maintenance work depending on the individual's skills.



**Inside our Mobile
Commercial Kitchen**

The main requirement is that the individual be a ministry-minded person, willing to serve. We love serving the Lord through camp, and we would love to expand our team to both lighten the load and also enable us to do more to enhance the atmosphere we seek for the purpose of seeing lives changed through Bible preaching. Contact us for more information or to connect us with someone who may be interested in joining the West Branch team.

Fall Events Review

We thank the Lord for good retreats this fall. Stretching from August through October we held five events including retreats for men, teens, ladies and girls, men and boys, and even one retreat for the family together. We were encouraged to be joined by many regular guests as well as brand new folks attending for the first time. There really is something special about getting away for a couple of days for good fun Christian fellowship as well as practical preaching from the Bible. We were very thankful to see the Lord work in hearts during each event.

We have a bit of a break between now and our next event in March. However, the time will be jam packed with retreat and summer camp planning as well as the continued effort to recruit young people to join our 2022 summer staff. After having made a couple of trips to Bible colleges to meet prospects, we are prayerfully offering contracts for various ones to join our 2022 team. Please pray for us that the Lord will send the right people to fill each needed position for next summer. And please pray for us that we will be led of the Lord in every detail as we plan the upcoming events.