

Monthly Newsletter

RIPPLING WATERS CAMPGROUND

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Rippling Waters Campground

a home away from home

PHOTO OF THE HOME PAGE OF
OUR NEW WEBSITE

We have a new website!

Hello Campers!

It's with great joy that we announce the launch of our newly update and (fabulous, if we dare say) website!

Web addresses ripplingwaterscamp.com and ripplingwaterscampground.com will take you to the online place where you'll be able to view photos of all of our amenities. From RV spots, to our larger venues such as the conference center, banner house and lodges.

We are still working on finding the perfect online booking for our guests.

Our search comes down to which platform is the most affordable, and will provide the best experience for both our guests and for us on the housekeeping and managing side of things.

Until we find the best fit, keep calling us to make your bookings!

We are also working tirelessly on upgrades, renovations and to acquire funding that will help us make our campground a positive experience for you.

We appreciate all the support and patience you have extended to us during the last year!

*Rippling Waters
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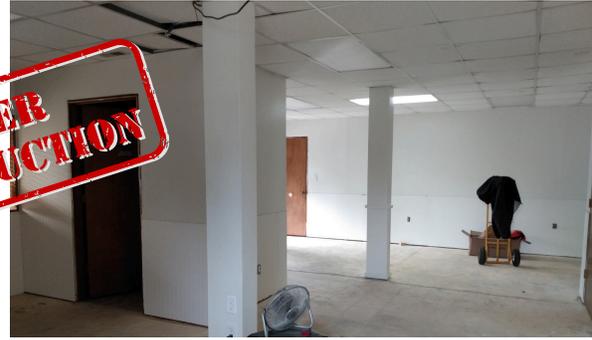
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Repairs to our gift shop continue in March. Photos La Shawn Pagán

Campground News

Renovations to our gift shop are well underway!

One of the many upgrades that we've made to our campground was turning the former office and gift shop combo, to a gift shop and coffee bar! With the management office now located on the second floor of the building.

Gift shop repairs include: gutting the entire shop, leveling the floors with concrete, and replacing the base boards. Next, we will paint and lay down some new tile to give it a much needed breath of fresh air.

Once we finish laying down the flooring, we will partially reopen the gift shop, to make it easier for guests to check in. And they can buy coffee, cold drinks, and ice cream and other

quick snacks. This will take a few more weeks. And we're working on setting up a propane sale and exchange station for our guests' convenience.

We are hoping to fully reopen the gift shop within the next month or so. But before we do so, we'd like to stock up, so we're also looking into adding local vendors that would like to add to our stock.

If you sell baked goods, stickers, jewelry, art such as paintings, photographs, etc., please reach out to us, we'd love to have your products in our store and support our local vendors!

Donation Spotlight

As you all know, we are a 501(c)3 non-profit faith-based organization under the umbrella of the West Virginia Ministries of the Church of God. And all of our donations are tax-deductible.

We currently rely on donations and grants for the upkeep, maintenance, and upgrades to our wonderful campground.

If you'd like to make a donation to us, you can do so by filling out the donation form on our website, or you can mail us a check or money order or via PayPal!.

If you'd like the donation to go to something specific also let us know and we'll ensure that it happens and we'll send you a photo and a thank you letter once the repair or installation is done!

DONATE ❤️

We thank you all for your continued support and can't wait to show you the projects we have planned for our campground!

We cannot thank you enough for your continued support throughout the years and look forward to seeing you at our campground this season!



A photo of our only playground. We are working on adding more to the campground. Photo La Shawn Pagán

Playground, outdoor gym, and multi-sport field projects

As we continue to make changes and upgrades to our campground, we thought it was best to make our place safer and more fun for the children whose families come to stay with us.

Currently, we have a single playground on our property, and it's located near the conference center. And we know that's not enough. So, we reached out to a few organizations, and we found one that will, not only, help us design some amazing and unique playgrounds for our guests and their families, but also help in presenting these ideas to the public for financing the playground.

Sparks at play, has designed a number of playgrounds across West Virginia, and they work with the incredibly qualified and incredibly passionate occupational therapist, Ingrid Kanics -- who helped design the Splash Pad in Parkersburg -- who will also help design not only our playgrounds, but our very own Splash Pad! We've also been paired up with Justin Wilson, with Play Space Creative.

Our designs will be unique to Rippling Waters and will have a focus on learning while playing. The goal is to have two large playgrounds, with smaller ones peppered throughout the campground, that way we can have safe places for children to play, while their parents are relaxing in front their campers, doing laundry, or anything else.

But it's not just playgrounds that we're looking to bring to Rippling Waters. We are also thinking about our working guests who like to stay healthy or lead an active lifestyle. So, we're also aiming for an outdoor gym for adults and teens to "play" in, before or after work. Or just during their time at the campground.

And we're also looking into the possibility of installing a multi-sport field or two, so we can host games for our campers and neighbors in Jackson and Kanawha Counties.

This very ambitious passion project stemmed from wanting to provide a better campground for our campers and neighboring communities. We believe that by providing more amenities for people to enjoy will be a great thing.

But to make these projects a reality, we need funding. And though we're applying for grants and preparing business proposals to present these plans those who can help at a larger financial scope, any amount of money toward that goal is welcomed.

We've made it easy to donate by adding a form on our new website. In it, you can specify where your donation should go, and we've also added a way for you to select the amount you'd like to donate. All of the donations are tax-deductible, and we will make sure that you have a letter for your donation.



We also have two sand bottom volleyball courts, but those also need upgrading. Photo La Shawn Pagán

**Rippling Waters Campground
is offering a one of a kind**

Membership

Deal

Rippling Waters Campground is offering a Gold status membership to the first 200 people who contact us!

WHAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ENJOY

Day passes to the campgrounds **Perks that only
our campers enjoy!**

- Fishing (catch and release)
- Picnic on the grounds
- Hiking

Access to:

- Swimming pool

As well as to the upcoming:

- Putt-Putt or Mini-Golf
- Disc-Golf
- Field Archery
- Shooting range
- Pickleball, horseshoe, and cornhole;
- Kayaking, canoeing, paddle boating, and stand-up paddle boarding

Members will also:

- **Receive a 10% discount from selected local eateries!**
- Be notified first of any upcoming public event at the campground!

Contact us for pricing and more information

on how to become a member!

Tel. 304-988-2607

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visit our website for information on local restaurants partnered with us



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Notes to Remember

We are working on upgrading our campground, with that comes a lot of changes that some may find a bit uncomfortable. Like a price increase for overnight, weekly and monthly stays. But, have no fear, we still continue to strive toward our mission and goal, which is provide a safe environment to our campers.

Our aging buildings and our campground are in dire need of upgrades. And as we work with contractors and designers to update and upgrade the structures of our campground, we are trying our best to be as financially conservative as possible. But we aren't always able to.

We also are trying to ensure that we are respecting our surrounding nature as much as possible. Making sure our ponds, creeks and woods are healthy for our resident wildlife. It has always been important to us to conserve the environment that we have, healthy natural springs, creeks, and mountains, make for a healthy and happy wild life.

All of those important aspects remain a priority as we plan on bringing more dynamic elements to the campground for our guests to enjoy.

We hope that you can see our vision and support the plans that we have for the campground and its future.

Despite the changes we are making, one thing will never change, and that is that Rippling Waters Campground will always strive to provide a safe place for road workers, nurses, contractors, and all types of campers who come to West Virginia and stay with us.

We will also continue to strive for transparency and keep our community, supporters and donors informed of what we're doing, how long projects are taking and what comes next. And we hope that our recent efforts have proven just that.

Thank you for reading!

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