

Camping and Youth Report  
Yellowstone Presbytery  
Leadership Cabinet  
January 31, 2014

### Fall Retreat 2013

The Yellowstone Presbytery Fall Youth Retreat was held at Rockhaven Camp on October 17-19. We had 44 participants including 12 junior high youth, 17 high school students, 5 college students and 9 adult leaders. Talks were presented by Orrin Feddes (Billings 1<sup>st</sup>), Kathy Goodrich (Co-Presbyter), George Goodrich (Co-Presbyter) and Traci Ruschetti (Butte). Six small groups met following the talks to provide time for further discussion. Pam Jackson from White Sulphur Springs provided outstanding meals and snacks with Debbie Funke serving as assistant chef and kitchen manager. Recreational highlights included hiking and the zip line. Many thanks to all the churches and volunteers that provide support to make our retreats happen!

### Winter Retreat 2014

The Winter Ski Retreat will be held at Mizpah Christian Retreat Center north of White Sulphur Springs on February 7-9. The group will have talks Friday evening, Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Skiing at Showdown will take place on Saturday. This is a bit of a change in schedule since we usually have skied on Sunday of the retreat weekend. We expect a group of around 40 for this retreat.

### Westminster Spires

As we have reported in the past, we have made a number of significant upgrades to camp over the past several years. We are still very thankful for the installation of the new well and we are in good standing with the State DEQ with compliance on water testing. Due to excellent work by Simon Hill, our caretaker, the forest has been cleared of many dead or dangerous trees that were hazards to the buildings. Making the buildings and grounds more defensible from fires was a major goal. The large fire that hit the valley last summer within a couple miles of camp made us very thankful that we had taken efforts to make the camp accessible to fire-fighting efforts. Our lease for the grounds will need to be renewed in 2015. Our next significant facility project will be to begin replacing the roofing on the three large sleeping cabins.

### Camp Season

Revamp the Camp will take place on June 6-8.

St. Andrew will host Highland Holy Days on September 5-7.

We will begin the camp season a little later this summer due to July 4 falling on the first weekend of the month.

Staff Training	July 9-12
Elementary Camp	July 13-17
Senior High Camp	July 20-25
Junior High Camp	July 27- August 1

We have three additional groups scheduled to use the camp this summer:

Cox Family Reunion	July 3-6
Nathan Family Reunion	August 4-7
MSU Billings Housing Staff	August 19-21