

Camping and Youth Committee - Presbytery Report

It is with great joy and anticipation that we'll be back at Westminster Spires this summer! And in addition, we're delighted to share that long time camp veteran, ambassador of fun, and Curt Kochner's daughter, Kara Todd, will be joining us for the duration of the camping season. Given her camping experience, history at Westminster Spires, and her love and faith in Christ, Kara will no doubt be an incredible gift to our team and to every camper we serve.

Here are the key dates for camp this summer at Westminster Spires:

Westminster Spires Camp 2024

Elementary Camp (incoming 3rd-5th graders) (Sunday July 14th – Thurs July 18th)

Family Camp (Thurs July 18th - Sunday July 21st)

Middle School Camp (incoming 6th-8th graders) (Sunday July 21st - Friday July 26th)

High School Camp (incoming 9-12th graders) (Sunday July 28th – Friday August 2nd)

As many may notice, after a couple summers away from camp, we thought it best to go back to our normal camping schedule (three, age-specific week long camps), with one special addition: For the first time ever, a Family Camp! With so many families, either picking up their kids from Elementary Camp or dropping off their kids for Middle Camp, we thought we'd try the idea of families either staying late or coming early to enjoy a long camping weekend so that the entire family can share the camping experience together.

As we get further into the spring season, here's how you all as pastors, elders, and church members can help (& pray):

- Recruit and invite college age students and older to serve as counselors and recruit and invite high school students (entering 11th-12th graders) to serve as CIT's. Modest stipends for both positions will be available.
- Spread the word and share camp dates with your churches, youth groups, families, relatives, neighborhoods, towns and beyond and invite them to join us this summer.
- Join us for Revamp the Camp (May 31-June 1) to help us get camp ready for the summer season

- Contribute towards our scholarship fund (offering for camp scholarships will take place this weekend)
- Provide rides for campers and to and from camp as needed
- Consider volunteering for a week of camp yourself in a variety of roles

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts and lives of campers and families everywhere to help get as many students to camp as we possibly can
- Pray that with Christ at work within us, that our God would do more than we could ask or imagine and that through camp all campers would come to a deeper love and knowledge of Jesus!

Registration will officially open online in mid-March and partial and full scholarships will be available.

To follow up on any or all of the above, please email Daniel Triller at daniel@fpcdillon.org

Finally, a Presbytery Wide Ski Retreat is in the works and will be held at FPC Bozeman, March 15-16 (Fri-Sat). To learn more, contact FPC Billings Youth Pastor Nichole Bodalski at nbodalski@gmail.com

In Christ,

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