# **Camping and Youth Report**

May 2025

## **Westminster Spires 2025**

We are gearing up for an amazing summer! The rental calendar is completely full and Presbytery run camp is filling up too. We are taking 2025 as a "reset" year & creatively approaching camp with some new ideas. These ideas are meant to create room for growth and engage people of all generations in the camping experience while discipling, building relationship, and exploring God's creation.

#### Schedule

THIS WEEKEND! May 30 – June 1 (Fri – Sun): Revamp the Camp July 9-12 (Wed-Sat) - Staff Training

Led by George Goodrich & Sarah Tunall

July 13-18 (Sun-Fri) - Adventure Camp (7-10<sup>th</sup>)

This camp will provide discipleship & recreation opportunities for entering 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Campers will be in small groups based on grade for reflection and discipleship opportunities. Unique opportunities for campers at Adventure Camp may include:

- White water rafting, hike in the Bear Tooth Mountains, swimming in Red Lodge, campfires, camp games and more!
- Opportunities to grow and serve others

July 20-24 (Sun-Thurs) - Explorer Camp (3-6<sup>th</sup>)

This camp will provide discipleship & recreation opportunities for entering 3rd to 6th graders. Campers will be in small groups based on grade for reflection and discipleship opportunities. Unique opportunities for campers at Explorer Camp may include:

- Scavenger Hunt and swimming in Red Lodge, hikes and adventures near camp, campfires, camp games and more!
- Opportunities to grow and serve others

July 24-27 (Thurs-Sun) - Limitless Retreat (16 +)

This weekend retreat is a new concept as we look to provide opportunities for discipleship & recreation for students entering junior year in high school and older and adults seeking deeper relationships with others and Jesus. "Limitless" will focus on intentional connection between young adults & adults, offering space for relationship to begin forming that hopefully will keep young adults connected to the church past graduation/after college.

#### Staffing:

We currently have four counselors fully "hired" (3 female, 1 male) and are in the process of interviewing multiple others. Our goal is to have 6 staff counselors for the extent of the Presbytery run season.

We are SEEKING VOLUNTEERS for the second week of camp: Explorer Camp. Please speak to Sarah if you're interested.

Camp Director -- Sarah Tunall

Program Directors -- Nichole Bodalski & Hunter Skov

Camp Grandpa – George Goodrich Camp Cook - Russ Klein

### **How Can We Help?**

As we get very close to camping season, here's how pastors, elders, and church members can help (& pray):

- 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.
- 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!
- Attend Limitless, grow in your faith, and invest in the future of our young adults.

To follow up on any or all of the above, please email Sarah Tunall at sarah.tunall@gmail.com.