Camping and Youth Committee Report
Submitted to Presbytery's March 13-14, 2026 meeting in Forsyth, MT

Our committee has met monthly since the November presbytery meeting. Our focus has been on these 5 items:

1) transitioning between moderators & the finances involved
2) choosing a new camp director
3) setting camp dates
4) planning & implementing the Youth Winter Retreat
5) setting up an endowment for Camping and Youth

Pastor Sarah Tunall moderated the November meeting then was helpful in guiding our committee as Nancy Pehl took on the job of moderator at the December meeting. From November through February documents pertaining to camp and the winter retreat were transferred to Nancy. In the middle of February Nichole Bodalski, Hunter Skov, Russ Kline and Nancy met with Ric Tieman. Ric gave some good insights on finances and then set us up with RAMP credit cards. Nancy's is virtual and will be used for online purchases such as the zoom account and camp website fee. The other three are the usual type of card to be used especially for camp needs such as food, craft supplies and white water rafting costs.

The committee chose Nichole and Hunter to be co-directors for our 2026 camping season. Since being approved by the Leadership Cabinet in February they have been working hard on determining who will be responsible for what part(s) of camp and which responsibility will be shared. Curt will lend his expertise with this task. Nichole created excellent flyers to get the word out on advertising camp dates & registration, revamp the camp and also hiring temporary employees. These flyers are available on email now, the printed copies in another week.

Sunday July 12 - Thursday July 16; students entering grades 3-5, cost $325
Sunday July 19 - Friday July 24; students entering grades 6-8, cost $375
Sunday July 26 - Friday July 31; students entering grades 9-12, cost $375

The Winter Retreat was held in Bozeman, February 27-March 1 at First Presbyterian Church. Russ was a fantastic cook, Dave Thompson & Danny Pratt led our Bible study on John chapter 4, Dave and Jim Lovell led worship. Hunter was the general MC and organized our service project with LoveInc of Gallatin Valley. Nancy was the overall organizer and appreciated Nichole filling in wherever needed. For recreation some skied and some enjoyed the trampoline park. We welcomed 31 students and appreciated many chaperones.

At their March meeting the Leadership Cabinet approved setting up an endowment for Camping and Youth. They asked that Curt Kochner, Russ Kline and Ric Teiman be the initial organizers. They will seek the help of the Presbyterian Foundation. Curt agreed to be the chairman.

Respectively Submitted, Nancy Pehl
Camp and Youth Committee Moderator