

Camping and Youth Report  
Leadership Cabinet  
September 26, 2013

Westminster Spires Summer Camp Season:

- Staff Training- July 5-6
- Senior High Camp- July 7-12 (21 campers)
- Junior High Camp- July 14-19 (10 campers)
- Elementary Camp- July 21-25 (12 campers)

Staffing for camp included:

Curt Kochner	Registrar and logistics
George Goodrich	Staff Training, Senior High and Elementary Camp Leader
David Andrew	Junior High Camp Leader
Bill Scott	Cook (Accompanied by Belinda Scott and granddaughter Mara)
Cynthia Kessler	Crafts and Medical
Dani Repka	Counselor
Kristin Kochner	Counselor
Ruth Letson	Counselor
Heather O'Brien	Counselor
Taylor Cashmore	Counselor
Rebecca Jones	Counselor
Hailey Muller	Counselor
Tanner Robison	CIT
Stephanann Costello	CIT

Although we maintain a fairly large staff for the number of campers served, the camper/counselor ratio has worked out very well, and it provides an excellent opportunity to continue leadership development of young people in the Presbytery. Our strong connection with camp staff has an impact on leadership available for fall and winter youth retreats and it has helped enhance the collegiate ministry program, particularly in Bozeman.

Scholarship Support: Many thanks to churches for providing \$2,318 in scholarships to help campers cover camp fees. We were also able to provide \$1,435 in Yellowstone Presbytery Camp Scholarships. The Yellowstone Presbytery Camp Scholarship Fund has been supplemented with funds from the Presbytery offering collected at the meeting in Dillon and private donations.

Facilities:

- The new well has been a great asset. At the request of the DEQ, we purchased a digital water testing unit to provide more accurate testing of our chlorination system. Our caretaker Simon Hill works closely with the DEQ to maintain ongoing water safety certifications.
- Through a separate contract with Simon, we have made vast improvements to the health and safety of the forest. The \$3,100 additional cost for timber removal was covered by a private donation. Many dead and diseased trees have been removed, slash piles are ready to be burned this winter, and the grounds and buildings are more defensible from fire. Note of interest: The recent "Rock Creek Fire" burned across the creek and highway approximately two miles north of the camp- between camp and Red Lodge.
- Things you probably don't want to know about- we are having all our septic units cleaned out this fall. This includes the primary system and the two outhouses.
- We anticipate that the next major expenses at the camp will be the replacement of roofs on three of the cabins.

Fall Retreat

Fall Retreat will be held at Rockhaven on October 17-19. Brochures are available.