

**Camping and Youth Report
Council Meeting
July 19, 2012**

Westminster Spires Camps

Elementary Camp: July 8-12 11 campers
Junior High Camp: July 15-20 12 campers
Senior High Camp: July 22-27 24 campers

Staff: Curt Kochner, Registrar, Camp Manager, All camps
George Goodrich, Director- Training, Elementary Camp and Senior High Camp
David Andrew IV, Director- Junior High Camp

Counselors: Kristin Kochner (St. Andrew)
Dani Repka, Payton Wulff, Ruth Letson, Shawn Pattee (Billings First)
CITs: Taylor Cashmore (Dillon)
Heather O'Brien (Miles City)
Stephanann Costello, Tanner Robison, Rebecca Jones (Butte)

Cooks: Bill Scott with Belinda Scott and Mara

Scholarships: Thanks to donations from several individuals, \$500 from Billings First and the offering taken at the May Presbytery meeting, Yellowstone Presbytery had approximately \$2,200 to help provide scholarships for campers at the beginning of the camp season. As of this date, we have awarded \$1,630 in Yellowstone Presbytery scholarships. Many churches have been very generous in providing additional scholarships for campers. A more detailed report will be submitted after the camp season is completed. I would note that the Hysham Church once again offered scholarships in the amount of \$1,443 to help young people from their community attend camp.

Curriculum: We are using the camp curriculum from Chalice Press in developing the program for camp. This is titled Secrets of the Kingdom: The Parables of Jesus.

Westminster Facilities

The well was connected to the water supply system in June and final approvals for water quality were confirmed on June 15.

Our caretaker Simon Hill is planning to connect a line from the old spring well to provide a source to water the upper meadow. This will not be potable water, but is an opportunity to use a resource to keep the upper meadow watered in dry weather.

Simon has provided outstanding service as caretaker for the camp. His skills in wood cutting have been used to cut down many trees that were killed by spruce beetles. The Forest Service has gone through the forest and identified trees that are hazards or trees that have been infected. All hazard trees have been removed either by the Forest Service or by Simon. We are paying Simon additional compensation for his work lumberjack duties. Approximately 20 cords of wood have been removed. Slash piles have been created and these will be burned in the winter when snow is on the ground.

REVAMP THE CAMP: Approximately 35 people helped with Revamp the Camp on June 15-17. Sandy Welch and Jim Tarr provided the leadership for the work crews. Sandy Welch recruited the folks at Advanced Professional Services of Billings and they brought up a crew of 25 people that worked on Saturday. Much work was accomplished including cleaning of all cabins and the dining hall, painting, replacing the roof on the Cook's Cabin, and replacing the deck and steps on the north side of the Craft Cabin.

Calendar of Events 2012

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| Revamp the Camp: | June 15-17 |
| Ski Camp | June 20-24 |
| Staff Training | July 5-7 |
| Elementary Camp | July 8-12 |
| Junior High Camp | July 15-20 |
| Senior High Camp | July 22-27 |
| College Weekend | July 27-29 |
| Blaylock Wedding | August 18-19 |
| Rocky Cross Country | August 31-September 3 |
| Highland Holy Days | September 7-9 |
| Hartman Wedding | September 14-15 |
| MSU Billings Student Senate | September 21-23 |