

Camping and Youth Report
Yellowstone Presbytery
February 21-22, 2014

Fall Retreat 2013

The Yellowstone Presbytery Fall Youth Retreat was held at Rockhaven Camp on October 17-19. We had 44 participants including 12 junior high youth, 17 high school students, 5 college students and 9 adult leaders. Talks were presented by Orrin Feddes (Billings 1st), Kathy Goodrich (Co-Presbyter), George Goodrich (Co-Presbyter) and Traci Ruschetti (Butte). Six small groups met following the talks to provide time for further discussion. Pam Jackson from White Sulphur Springs provided outstanding meals and snacks with Debbie Funke serving as assistant chef and kitchen manager. Recreational highlights included hiking and the zip line. Many thanks to all the churches and volunteers that provide support to make our retreats happen!

Winter Retreat 2014

The Winter Ski Retreat was held at Mizpah Christian Retreat Center north of White Sulphur Springs on February 7-9. We had a total of 50 people participate in the retreat. This included 21 Senior High, 15 Junior High, 4 College students, and 10 other adult leaders. 29 people skied at Showdown on Saturday, and talks were presented by Traci Ruschetti, Orrin Feddes and George Goodrich. Small group discussion was vibrant, fellowship warmed the heart and the group sang together like a choir of angels! Thanks to Pam Jackson and the folks from White Sulphur Springs for all the wonderful snacks and lunch on Sunday!

Westminster Spires

As we have reported in the past, we have made a number of significant upgrades to camp over the past several years. We are still very thankful for the installation of the new well and we are in good standing with the State DEQ with compliance on water testing. Due to excellent work by Simon Hill, our caretaker, the forest has been cleared of many dead or dangerous trees that were hazards to the buildings. Making the buildings and grounds more defendable from fires was a major goal. The large fire that hit the valley last summer within a couple miles of camp made us very thankful that we had taken efforts to make the camp accessible to fire-fighting efforts. Our lease for the grounds will need to be renewed in 2015. Our next significant facility project will be to begin replacing the roofing on the three large sleeping cabins.

Camp Season

Revamp the Camp will take place on June 6-8.

St. Andrew will host Highland Holy Days on September 5-7.

We will begin the camp season a little later this summer due to July 4 falling on the first weekend of the month.

Staff Training	July 9-12
Elementary Camp	July 13-17
Senior High Camp	July 20-25
Junior High Camp	July 27- August 1

We have three additional groups scheduled to use the camp this summer:

Family Reunion	July 3-6
Family Reunion	August 4-7
MSU Billings Housing Staff	August 19-21