

CAMPING AND YOUTH REPORT MARCH 2015

Motion from the Camping and Youth Committee

“About 1934 or 1935, Camp Miles (later Camp Spires), on the Cooke City highway about ten miles above Red Lodge, had its beginnings in Yellowstone Presbytery. This was made possible by funds contributed for a conference ground by Elder George M. Miles’ widow in Miles City.” *From Presbyterianism In Montana: Its First Hundred Years*

The current Yellowstone Presbytery Special Use Permit for Westminster Spires will terminate on December 31, 2015. We have been responsible stewards of the grounds, and I do not anticipate any concerns related to the renewal of the permit. In order to maintain our Special-Use Permit for Westminster Spires, the Camping and Youth Committee requests Presbytery approval of a motion to proceed with the submission of an application to renew our Special-Use Permit with the Forest Service.

Winter Retreat Planning

The Winter Ski Retreat will be held at Butte First Presbyterian starting after dinner on Friday, March 13, and ending after lunch on Sunday, March 15.

George Goodrich, Orrin Feddes and Traci Ruschetti will lead talks and discussion groups at the retreat.

We will ski at Ski Discovery on Saturday

Westminster Spires Camps

Summer Camp Season:

- Training, July 8-11
- Elementary Camp, July 12-16
- Junior High Camp, July 19-24
- Senior High Camp, July 26-31
- Adult and Family Camp, August 2-7

-A copy of the All Camp Slide Show has been sent to all 2014 campers along with two brochures for the 2015 camp and a note to “Invite a Friend to Camp”.

-Invitations have been sent to previous summer staff to see who is planning to return this summer. Several of them have indicated they are planning to return, so we should have a strong foundation for staff again this summer.

-Summer Camp brochures and a copy of the slide show are available. Registration materials are also available on the Yellowstone Presbytery website.

-We expect a strong turnout for Elementary and Senior High Camps. We have a large number of students moving from Junior High to Senior High, and not many moving from Elementary to Junior High, so recruitment of Junior High campers will be a priority.

Adult and Family Camp

-We have scheduled the week of August 2-7 to offer an Adult and Family Camp. This is a new program, and it would stretch our personnel resources. We would like input from members of Presbytery on this idea. Is there interest? If we proceed, we will design the program so folks could come for any portion of the week. We recognize that taking a full week may be too long to be away. Please visit with Curt, George, David Andrew, Cynthia Kessler or any other member of the Camping and Youth Committee if you have ideas or suggestions.

Facilities

-Roofing materials have been purchased to reroof most of the buildings at camp. We will need labor to complete the installation. Half of the boys’ cabin was completed at Revamp the Camp last year.

-15 more new mattresses will be purchased this spring thanks to a donation. Bunk extensions will be installed on 15 lower bunks to accommodate 36” mattresses. The wider lower bunks provide better seating (so you don’t hit your head on the upper bunk!), and the wider size is standard so less cost than a special order 30” mattress.

-Special thanks to Sandy Welch and Jim Tarr from St. Andrew for providing leadership for Revamp the Camp and facility improvements.

Budget Overview

-Camp Scholarship Camping and Youth account	\$576.56
-Revamp the Camp account	260.00
-Spires Camp Upgrades Account	3,066.70
-Triennium Account	4,887.07

Total Expenses for Fall Retreat, Winter Retreat, Triennium and Westminster Spires Summer Camps	\$35,803
Total Income from Fall Retreat, Winter Retreat and Summer Camp	\$23,453
Fall and Winter Retreat Income and Expenses are designed to balance. (\$310 excess this year)	
\$2,500 per year goes into the Presbyterian Youth Triennium Account	
Total Yellowstone Presbytery Support for Camping and Youth in 2014	\$12,350

Additional donations from individuals and churches during 2014

Camp Expenses	\$ 4,209
Roofing Project	9,065
Scholarships	<u>700</u>
Total Donations	\$13,974

Budget Specifics

Income

Summer Camp Fees	10,350
Retreat Fees	5,078
Camp Rentals	<u>8,025</u>
Total	23,453

Expenses

Facilities	326
Insurance	4,650
Publicity	13
Caretaker	3,500
Camp Staff	11,282
Food	3,110
Miscellaneous	88
Rafting	770
Supplies/Crafts	253
Transportation	195
Utilities	2,381
Triennium	2,500
Retreat Events/Activities	4,768
Forest Service Fees	1,439
Administrative Travel	<u>528</u>
Total	35,803