

**Camping and Youth Report  
Yellowstone Presbytery  
November 2015**

We had a wonderful camp season. We had 24 campers for Elementary week, 11 campers for Junior High and 15 campers for Senior High camp. We had nine counselors with us for the season. George Goodrich provided leadership for Staff Training, Elementary and Senior High camps and David Andrew led the Junior High camp. We continued to have a multi-generational camp experience. In addition to our campers, we had a number of guests join us at camp. Guests included:

- Brandon, Kristin, Levi, Graham and Micah Willett (Elementary Camp)
- Paul and Joleanna Cannon (Elementary Camp)
- Kara, Eli, Ella, Evelyn and Annelise Todd (All Camps)
- Mara Scott (All camps)
- Mirra Mattheson and Joel Silvinus (Senior High Camp)
- Nathan Heetderks (Senior High Camp)
- Orrin Feddes (Senior High Camp)

A number of Facility related items were addressed this summer. These included:

- Purchase 15 new mattresses and extended 15 bunks to accommodate wider mattresses on lower bunk
- Painted both men's and women's bathroom floors and the women's bathroom walls
- Installed extenders on all outside camp benches to stabilize for safety and painted all campfire benches (13)
- Installed new roofs on half of boys' cabin all of Prouty Hall and all of Bath/Shower Building
- Had oven/grill and refrigerator serviced by Air Controls of Billings
- Purchased two new wagons to transport luggage through camp

Thanks to the donation of two vans from Billings First Presbyterian, we did not have to rent any additional vans for transportation. Also thanks to the Hysham church for donating six two-way radios that were very helpful in providing safety for campers as we were hiking and when we had animals (moose) in the camp area.

Fall Retreat

The Fall Youth Retreat was planned to be held at Rockhaven on the weekend of October 30-November 1. The Fall Retreat was cancelled due to the low number of registrations for this event.

Ski Retreat

Planning is underway for the Youth Ski Retreat. Weather and road conditions are generally better in mid-March and there are fewer conflicts with sports activities, so we are currently looking at March 11-13 as a possible weekend for the Ski Retreat.

Triennium

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium will be held at Purdue University on July 19-23. Pastor David Thompson will provide leadership for the organization of the Triennium trip.

Summer Camp Season 2016

Since this is a Presbyterian Youth Triennium year, changes will be made to the camp schedule for 2016 so senior high youth can participate in camp and also attend Triennium.

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| July 6-9   | Staff Training                                   |
| July 10-15 | Senior High Camp (Students entering grades 9-12) |
| July 17-22 | Junior High Camp (Students entering grades 6-8)  |
| July 24-28 | Elementary Camp (Students entering grades 3-5)   |

-Note that Junior High camp will include students entering grades 6-8 this year. This camp has traditionally only included student entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.