

## **Camping and Youth Report June 2016**

### Winter Ski Retreat 2016

The Winter Ski Retreat was held at First Presbyterian Church in Butte on the weekend of February 26-28. The group skied at Discovery on Saturday. Many thanks to the folks in Butte for hosting the Ski Retreat again this year! We had 40 youth and leaders take part in the retreat. We had a wonderful time in study and fellowship and a particularly sacred time as the retreat participants joined the Butte congregation for Sunday morning worship.

### Westminster Spires

Schedule:

-July 6-9	Staff Training
-July 10-15	Senior High Camp
-July 17-22	Junior High Camp
-July 24-28	Elementary Camp

A couple things to note about the summer schedule:

First- We have moved the camps around from previous years so Senior High youth can attend camp and also participate in the Presbyterian Youth Triennium which will be held at Purdue University on July 19-23.

Second- This year Junior High Camp will be for students entering 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. In past years Junior High Camp was for students entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

Registration:

Brochures and Camp Registration forms are available on the Yellowstone Presbytery website and hard copies are available by contacting Curt Kochner.

Staff: George Goodrich will provide leadership for Staff Training and the Senior High and Elementary Camps. Will Johnson from Terry will lead the Junior High camp. Returning camp counselors include Cynthia Kessler, Nichole Ferestad, Jon Dupuis and Jessica Jones. New counselors include Megan Dupuis, Tamara Lucht, Scott Sherman and Cara Vihinen. Bill and Belinda Scott will return once again as our cooks.

Promotion:

We deeply appreciate your help in promoting the Westminster Spires camping program. If you would like brochures and registration materials, please contact Curt Kochner at 406-672-4547. We also have flash drives with copies of the slide shows from all camps for the past five years. Curt will send you materials and information to promote camp among the young people in your church and in your community.

Scholarships:

Many thanks to the churches that provide generous scholarships for young people to attend camp! We also have had gifts to the Presbytery Camp Scholarship fund and it currently has a balance of approximately \$2,000. Contact Curt Kochner if you have campers that may need additional financial assistance to join us at Westminster Spires.

Forests Service Special Use Permit:

All documentation for the renewal of the Special Use Permit with the US Forest Service have been submitted.

### Revamp the Camp:

Friends of Westminster Spires will gather on June 3-5 for Revamp the Camp. This is the opening weekend of camp when we clean all the buildings and get the camp ready for the summer season. Plans are to replace the roofs on both of the girls' cabins.

### Highland Holy Days:

St. Andrew Billings will once again host Highland Holy Days at Westminster Spires on the weekend of September 9-11. This is a great time for study and fellowship and worship. All are welcome to join the folks of St. Andrew for this annual event.

### Fall Retreat 2016

The Fall Youth Retreat will be held on October 20-22, 2016 at Rockhaven. This retreat will be on Thursday-Saturday of the week that Montana schools have PIR Days.