

Camping and Youth Report November 2018

Westminster Spires Camps 2018

Staff

The 2018 staff included seven returning counselors and one first-time counselor.

Jon Dupuis	Cynthia Kessler
Megan Dupuis	Kristin Kochner
Nichole Ferestad	Scott Sherman
Becca Jones	Stephanie Brewster (First time)

Kara Todd returned as Program Director.

Bill Scott returned as Cook.

George Goodrich provided leadership for Staff Training, Elementary Camp and Junior High Camp.

Katie Emery and Will Johnson led Senior High Camp.

The four Whitworth Fellows that were with us in the Presbytery for the summer participated in Staff Training and some of the camps:

Luke Ekstrom	Staff Training/Elementary/Junior High/Senior High
Daniel Roberts	Staff Training/Elementary/Junior High/Senior High
David Hendricks	Staff Training/Senior High
Joel Schroeder	Staff Training/Senior High

The 2018 Westminster Spires season included eight Elementary campers, nineteen Junior High campers and twelve Senior High campers. Campers came from Anaconda, Billings, Butte, Decker, Dillon, Hysham, Manhattan and Terry, Montana along with campers from Alexandria, Virginia and Lynnwood, Washington.

Bill Scott completed his 10th year as Camp Cook, and with regrets he has let us know that he will not return next summer. Bill will be missed by all the staff and campers. Our deepest "THANKS!" to Bill for taking such good care of everyone through his tenure as cook. He provided excellent meals and snacks, and always met the special nutritional needs of campers and staff. So- we will be looking for someone to fill this position for the 2019 camp season.

We have not had Counselors-in-Training for several years due to a large number of returning veteran counselors. One goal for next season will be to recruit a number of CITs as we prepare for the future staffing needs of camp.

Westminster Spires Schedule for 2019 (As of 10/5/18)

Revamp the Camp	May 31-June 2
On3PSki	June 14-16
Bridger Ski Foundation	June 17-22
Family Reunion	July 1-5
Staff Training	July 10-13
Elementary Camp	July 14-18
Junior High Camp	July 21-26
Senior High Camp	July 28-August 2

Promotion

-Individual and group photos from the 2018 season were sent to all campers, staff and guests to provide memories of camp.

-A slide show of the 2018 camp season is available for viewing by any church or youth group. Contact Curt Kochner at 406-672-4547 if you would like a copy of the slide show or if you could like to arrange a presentation on the camping program at Westminster Spires. We would love to share information with parents and young people about this ministry.

-Information about all Camping and Youth events is available on the Yellowstone Presbytery website.

Westminster Spires Facilities

- During Revamp the Camp 2018, the Bath House and the Craft Cabin were painted.
- A new thermostat was installed on our antique refrigerator and it is working great.
- The extra roofing supplies that were left over from the roofing project were sold.
- We had the septic system and one of the outhouses emptied by Cotter's Septic of Laurel.
- The Ips Beetle has arrived in the valley and we have a number of trees showing symptoms of being infected. We will be working with the Forest Service to identify trees that need to be removed. Our caretaker, Simon Hill will be contracted to remove those trees that do not require special equipment.
- Reminder: Westminster Spires operates under a Special Use Permit with the Forest Service. Our current permit is valid through December 31, 2036.

2019 Youth Ski Retreat

Junior and Senior High youth will gather at First Presbyterian Church in Butte for the 2019 Ski Retreat. Many thanks to the folks in Butte for your wonderful hospitality!

Date: February 22-24, 2019
Location: First Presbyterian Church Butte
Arrive: Friday, February 22 after 6:00 p.m.
Ski: Saturday at Discovery Ski Area
Depart: Sunday, February 24 after worship

Brochures and registration forms for the 2019 Youth Ski Retreat will be available in January.

2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University in Indiana

Pastor Dave Thompson from Billings First Presbyterian will once again provide leadership for the Triennium trip.

Depart Billings: Sunday, July 14
Triennium: July 16-20
Return to Billings: Tuesday, July 23

Contact: Pastor Dave Thompson
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2018 Budget Information

Camper Fees Collected	\$6,785
Presbytery Camp Scholarships	2,560
Rental Income from guests	6,450
Donations	4,524

Current Balances Camping and Youth Related Accounts: (Revenue Source)

Camp Scholarships	\$ 993	(Presbytery offering and donations)
Revamp the Camp	1,646	(Donations)
Westminster Spires Upgrades	583	(Donations)
Presbyterian Youth Triennium	8,232	(Annual Budget- \$1,500 per year)