

Camping and Youth Team Report Yellowstone Presbytery, November 2014

-Overview of 2014 Westminster Spires Camp Season

-Camp Registrations:

-Elementary Camp- 15 campers

-Senior High- 14 campers

-Junior High- 16 campers

We had 10 first time elementary campers, 5 first time junior high campers and 2 new senior high campers.

Since the summer of 2010, we have had 210 different young people participate in a youth activity sponsored by Yellowstone Presbytery (summer camp/fall or winter retreat/triennium).

-Total Camp Numbers:

-Elementary- 15 campers/ 12 staff/ 4 cooks/ 5 guests- Kara, Evelyn and Annelise Todd- Paul and Danny Cannon

-Senior- 14 campers/ 10 staff/ 3 cooks/ 7 guests- Todd Family (5)- Susie Ennis- Traci Ruschetti

-Junior High- 16 campers/ 12 staff/ 3 cooks/ 6 guests- Todd Family- Jed Cauffman

-It was a great benefit to have so many pastors and other guests join us to enjoy part of the camp experience.

Pastors that spent time at camp included George Goodrich, David Andrew, Paul Cannon, Jed Cauffman, Susie Ennis and Susan Barnes, along with youth leaders Orrin Feddes and Traci Ruschetti.

-Former camp counselor Kara Todd and her four children were guests at camp for the entire season.

-Bill and Belinda Scott and granddaughter Mara served as cooks for their sixth season.

-Nine of the twelve leaders and counselors were returning for at least their third year in a leadership position. The continuity of leadership in all positions has provided stability and familiarity for campers.

-Westminster Spires Facilities

-Roof Replacement: One side of the boys' cabin roof was replaced during Revamp the Camp. Materials to reroof three additional buildings have been purchased. \$9,065 was donated by individuals and churches to support the roofing project and to cover other facility upgrades at Westminster Spires. Thanks to all who contributed to this project!

-Other Camp Rentals:

-Revamp the Camp- June 6-8

-Bridger Ski Foundation Camp- June 19-25 (\$3,000)

-Family Reunion- July 3-6 (Cox Family- repeat guests- \$4,200)

-Camp Season- July 10-August 1

-Family Reunion- August 4-7 (Nathan Family- repeat guests- \$450)

-Highland Holy Days- September 5-7 (\$200)

-Additional Financial Support

-\$9,065 was collected to support the roof project and facilities improvements

-\$4,028.48 donation to support general camp expenses

-\$250 donation toward camp scholarships (Individual Donor)

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-\$320 Yellowstone Presbytery offering from Butte meeting for camp scholarships

-Camp Fee Income

-\$1,400 (Presbytery scholarships)

-\$2,808 (Church scholarships)

-\$5,107 (Campers)

\$ 9,315 Total camp registration income

-Yellowstone Presbytery Fall Youth Retreat

-October 16-18, 2014 at Rockhaven Camp and Conference Center

-16 junior high and 17 senior high youth attended along with seven adult leaders (6 first-time attendees).

-Many thanks to Pam Jackson for the outstanding food! Talks presented by Traci Ruschetti, George Goodrich, Orrin Feddes.

We had a very successful summer camp season, and rental income was strong this year. The facilities and grounds are looking good, and we expect to continue to bring back repeat guests and add additional programs and outside guests. The Winter Ski Retreat and Fall Retreat brought together 40 or more youth and leaders. Many thanks to Yellowstone Presbytery and all the churches that supported the program with prayers, financial support or by allowing their pastor or a member of their staff to participate as a leader for these youth events!