

Camping and Youth Report
Yellowstone Presbytery
March 2019

Winter Youth Retreat

Wow! What a wonderful Winter Youth Retreat! We were fortunate to have a bit of a break in the weather so it was not too cold and the roads were not too rugged- a bit dicey for the trip home on Sunday, but all had safe travels. 37 retreat participants enjoyed a lovely day of skiing and snowboarding at Discovery and fun times for those who relaxed and played and enjoyed fellowship in the lodge. Thanks to Dickson and Elise for extra help on the slopes and in the rental shop. Inspirational talks were presented by Missy Turner, Dave Thompson and Kristin Kochner; amazing snacks and meals thanks to the folks in Butte and especially Bill and Jo and Traci; a great band provided music thanks to Jon, Dave, George, Jim and Jessica; wonderful hospitality from Lanny and Missy and the entire Butte congregation.

Yellowstone Presbytery is blessed with so many wonderful young people and leaders who work with youth groups. The Holy Spirit is working in our churches and youth groups and in the lives of our young people with power and grace and love. It is such a blessing to be with young people as they come together in God's presence and deepen their faith as they discover the peace and love and joy of living in Christian community. Thanks be to God!

Revamp the Camp

May 31-June 2- Our major focus this year will be cleaning and painting. Everyone is invited to join us for a few days at camp to help prepare the buildings and grounds for the upcoming camp season. Contact Sandy Welch at 861-1691 if you plan to be with us at Westminster Spires for Revamp the Camp. No experience required! This is a fine time of fellowship, work, service and time to be in God's presence in the mountains.

Westminster Spires Camps 2019

July 10-13- Staff Training
July 14-18- Elementary Camp
July 21-26- Junior High
July 28- Aug. 2- Senior High

Camp brochures and registration forms are available on the Yellowstone Presbytery website.

Bill Scott has been our cook for the past ten years. Our deepest thanks to Bill and Belinda for their loving service and great meals and snacks through the years! Unfortunately, the Scotts will not be returning this summer. We will be looking for a cook to help out with the 2019 Camp Season. Cynthia Kessler has been our crafts leader and first aid consultant for the past six years. Her love of the campers, amazing creativity with crafts, tender care of medical mishaps and steady leadership made her a most valuable member of the staff. We will be looking for a staff person to carry on our great tradition of creative craft time at camp.

Daniel and Callie Triller from Dillon will join us to lead Senior High Camp. George Goodrich will return to provide leadership for Staff Training and two of the camps.

Many of our veteran counselors are moving on with their lives as they graduate from college, so we hope to bring on a number of counselors in training (CITs) to build a foundation for the staff of the future. If you know any young people that might be interested and have the skills to be a part of this ministry, please encourage them to apply. Contact Curt Kochner (406-672-4547) for more information. Staff applications are available on the Presbytery website.

The Camping and Youth Committee will meet at Billings First Presbyterian Church following the Yellowstone Presbytery meeting in Billings on March 30.

2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University in Indiana

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

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