

## Presbytery Report November 2017

### Westminster Spires Schedule for 2017

Revamp the Camp	June 2-4
Kotar Wedding	June 10-11
Bridger Ski Foundation	June 20-26
Tadon Family Reunion	June 30-July 5
Staff Training	July 6-8
Elementary Camp	July 9-13
Junior High Camp	July 16-21
Senior High Camp	July 23-28
Nathan Family Reunion	August 6-10
Eisen Wedding	August 25-27
Murphy-Prouty Reunion	August 30- September 2
Highland Holy Days	September 8-10

### Schedule for 2018

Winter Youth Retreat	February 23-25, 2018
-Bozeman First Presbytery Church	
-Ski at Bridger Bowl on February 24	
Westminster Spires Summer 2018	
-Staff Training	July 5-7
-Elementary Camp	July 8-12
-Junior High Camp	July 15-20
-Senior High Camp	July 22-27

This was the busiest summer we have had in many years. The setting of Westminster Spires works very well for weddings and family reunions. Several of the families that gathered this summer have been with us in the past. The Murphy- Prouty family reunion over Labor Day weekend included relatives of the Prouty family for whom Prouty Hall is named. Our deepest thanks to the vision of the Prouty family that had the vision to begin a camp at the Westminster Spires site 80 years ago. Our most recent renewal of the Special Use Permit with the Forest Service will expire in 20 years at the centennial year of the camp!

### Summer Camp Program

George Goodrich provided leadership for Staff Training, Elementary Camp and Junior High Camp and stayed as a guest for Senior High Camp. Katie Emery and Will Johnson led Senior High Camp. The four interns from Whitworth participated in Staff Training; two interns joined the staff for Junior High Camp and all four helped out with Senior High Camp. We had nine campers for Elementary Camp, seventeen for Junior High Camp and thirteen for Senior High Camp. Campers joined us from Alexandria, Virginia, Lynwood, Washington, Butte, Manhattan, Billings, Hysham, Dillon and Bozeman.

### Multi-generational camp experience

I have noted this many times in the past, but it is worth a reminder. We provide a unique camp experience at Westminster Spires. We are able to bring together a wonderful blend of campers with a relatively large staff of high school and college age counselors, other adult staff and guests along with "wanna-be" campers (younger than camping age children with their families), and for the past two years we had the Whitworth interns with us.

### Presbytery and Church Scholarships and Other Support

We are grateful for the generous gifts that provided \$2,421 in scholarships from churches and \$2,090 in scholarships from Yellowstone Presbytery enabling many youth to participate in camp. Special thanks to Billings First Presbyterian Church for letting us use their two 15 passenger vans for camp! This is a huge help with our budget and enables us to provide transportation for swimming, hiking, trips to the Beartooth Pass, rafting, mission activities in Red Lodge and getting campers home at the end of camp.

### Revamp the Camp and Facilities

Our four year project of replacing the shingles on all buildings at camp has been completed! Two of the smaller cabins and one outhouse were covered this summer. Many thanks to Lori Schweigert from Advanced Employment Services in Billings for once again providing a crew of roofers to help complete this project! A new laminate floor was installed in the kitchen and it looks great! Thanks to Don and Loren Johnson and Jeff Kessler for their work in upgrading the kitchen. Our 1950's era refrigerator needed to have the compressor replaced. We are so glad we can keep this antique running since the kitchen was built around the refrigerator. We could not move the existing unit out of the kitchen without a significant model! The annual St. Andrew Highland Holy Days will focus on mission work at Westminster Spires to include painting of several of the buildings. Thanks once again to Sandy Welch and Jim Tarr from St. Andrew for their leadership in organizing work on the camp facilities!

### THANKS!

Deepest thanks to everyone for your prayers and support for this outdoor ministry at Westminster Spires. The opportunity to live together in God's Presence in this beautiful place is truly a blessing, now and forever more....