

Camping and Youth Report March 2016

Fall Retreat 2015

We did not hold a Fall Retreat in 2015. Scheduling conflicts and other activities of our very busy young people led to a very small number of registrations, and the retreat was cancelled.

Winter Ski Retreat 2016

The Winter Ski Retreat will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Butte on the weekend of February 26-28. The group will ski at Discovery on Saturday. Many thanks to the folks in Butte for hosting the Ski Retreat again this year! We are expecting about 35 youth and leaders to take part in the retreat this year.

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. Pastor David Thompson will be the contact person organizing the Triennium Trip.

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

Registration:

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

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. At least one more building will get a new shingles this year during the Revamp weekend.

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.

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 for the commitment of those churches that provide scholarships for young people to attend camp. Last year, churches provided \$1,794 in scholarships for campers. Thanks to donations and special offerings, Yellowstone Presbytery provided \$2,035 in camp scholarships in 2015.

Staff:

We are currently recruiting our staff for the 2016 season.