

Presbytery Report for Camping and Youth

November 2023

Looking Back

Summer Camp 2023

This past June 19-23rd, we were back at Hyalite Youth Camp outside of Bozeman for another week of summer camp. 54 students from all over our Presbytery (Anaconda, Butte, Dillon, Manhattan, Ennis, Billings, Hysham) joined us for an all ages camp (3rd-12th grade).

We were delighted to have a 20 person leadership team, including pastors, speakers, program director, cook(s), nurse, counselors, counselors in training, lifeguard, crafts, etc. George Goodrich, Daniel Triller, Freeman McCall, Mary Grace Reynolds provided pastoral leadership on behalf of the Presbytery.

Our camp talk theme was on *The Parable of the Good Samaritan*, as we encouraged each other to Love Our Neighbor, all while pointing them to Jesus, the greatest neighbor and the greatest Samaritan of all :)

Even though we haven't had camp at Westminster Spires for two years now, we feel that we have kept the momentum, both in retaining and building interest and engagement with campers and families as well as in building a volunteer leadership base (senior leaders, counselors, CIT's, volunteers, and more) for the future.

Camp finances look good as we broke even in 2023, in part due to your generous financial support in providing camp scholarships.

To get a glimpse of camp, you can access photos [here](#) and [here](#).

Westminster Spires Bridge Update

The bridge was officially fixed as of June 2023. Even with this repair now finished, very little happened on site this summer. Various people helped maintain the building over the summer, all in an effort to hit the ground running for another year of camp and hosting other groups in 2024.

Looking Ahead

Kathy and George Goodrich and I are in early camp planning and leadership discussions for 2023. Lots to figure out but we are making progress and excited about the future and what God has in store for us in 2024. We have every intention of being back at Westminster Spires for the duration of camp in 2024.

We are pleased to share that there has been a good bit of interest in renting our facility and that we will be hosting a number of outside groups in 2024 (specifically June and August, as July is reserved for camp)

We are also in early discussions about getting a ski retreat on the calendar for Winter 2024. More info to come as we know more.

Thanks,

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Camping and Youth Moderator