

Camp Wyoming Chronicle

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Saturday, May 2, 2009

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~ FREE T-Shirt Deadline ~

Register by April 30, 2009 and receive a
FREE Camp Wyoming T-Shirt!
Send your completed registration form along
with your \$100 deposit to the Camp office by
April 30th to reserve your Summer Camp
experience. Online registrations also qualify
for the FREE T-Shirt! (\$12.00 Value)

ENJOY A STAYCATION THIS YEAR. SEND YOUR CHILD TO SUMMER CAMP!

Summer is a time of joy, excitement, and peaceful relaxation. In tough economic times such as this current recession, a sense of anticipation can turn into anxiety from the pressure families feel as they decide the most cost effective options for their summer plans. Many families are considering the idea of a "staycation" where parents remain home during their time off from work and attend local festivals, parks, museums, and other events with their family. It's a cost effective way for parents to provide a fun and memorable experience for their families. What are other options for families to consider when making their summer plans? How about sending their kids to summer camp? Going to summer camp can be a positive and enriching experience for kids while offering a break for parents so they can enjoy an evening out or a quiet night home alone.

Summer Camp brings many sounds and images to mind. Kids laughing while they splash each other in the pool; a group of children and young adults sitting around the campfire singing songs, telling stories, and enjoying the innocent fun that is the summer camp experience. Most of us, adults, remember these times. It seemed much simpler then. We cherish these memories because they remind us of how we used to see the world as a child, full of wonder and amazement. Some of us have the opportunity to re-live this experience vicariously through our children or grandchildren who tell stories of their exciting time at Camp.

Camps today are more important than they have ever been. Kids have so many things going on in their lives that they rarely get a chance to slow down, enjoy some of the simpler aspects of life, and "just be a kid." At Camp, kids learn how to make ice cream or popcorn from scratch. That's right. They use a hand-powered ice cream churner to make homemade ice cream. They make popcorn in a kettle over an open fire. Youth can sit under the stars and chat face to face with their new "camp" friends, without a cell phone or keyboard. These small but simple things not only help create valuable memories, but teach kids to appreciate the important ingredients in our life like family, community, and God. Chatting with new "camp" friends also broadens their knowledge about the differences in each of us. We all look at things differently and camp provides a positive environment to explore and strengthen our voice, opinion, and beliefs.

Camp is a place where young people can be outdoors and enjoy a healthy lifestyle. They can participate in outdoor recreational activities that you don't get a chance to do at home. Activities such as kayaking, climbing on a high ropes course or climbing wall, caving, archery, swimming, creek stumping, or going down a mudslide are a genuine part of the summer camp experience. Kids can run and play without the pressure of grades or meeting any specific expectations. They're not trying these activities to become the next Michael Jordan, Peyton Manning, Tiger Woods, Serena Williams, or Albert Pujols. They just get the chance to be a kid, make new friends, have fun, and learn something new.

As emerging churches have changed their approach from membership support to disciple-making ministries, camps serve as a symbol and resource for churches in this transition. Church camps offer a different setting for youth to see that serving the mission of the church can be accomplished both inside and outside the physical church. Camp provides a community where youth can see and feel what it means to live a life of faith; a place where one will build relationships through the camp experience with Christ as its focus. Emerging churches integrate camp as a part of the spiritual training of their youth and include scholarships in their church's budget to ensure that every child has the opportunity to be a part of Christ's family at Camp.

We encourage you to make summer camp a part of your
summer, your life, and your church's mission!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS TRANSITION

Dave Marshall and Heather Woodin recently completed their service on the Camp Board. We want to express our appreciation and gratitude for their time, effort, and wisdom in helping to bring youth closer to Jesus Christ. Thank you!

Camp is excited to announce new folks who have recently joined the Camp Wyoming Board of Directors:

Shannon Appleby from Anamosa, Iowa. Shannon works at J & P Cycles in their Video Marketing Department.

Rev. Heather Hayes from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Heather serves as the Associate Pastor for First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids.

Matt LeClere from Galesburg, Illinois. Matt is an Elementary School Principal who grew up in Monticello, Iowa and went to Camp Wyoming as a camper and summer staff member.

Karen Sindelar from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Karen is a professor at Coe College. She worked at Camp Wyoming as a counselor and Program Director.

Rev. Troy Winder from Bettendorf, Iowa. Troy serves as the Pastor for the Bettendorf Presbyterian Church.



Confirmation Retreat RECAP

God graced Camp with warm weather and energetic youth for this year's Confirmation Retreat. Confirmands from Presbyterian churches in Aledo (IL), Shellsburg, Atkins, Marion, Jesup, Lone Tree, Muscatine, Ainsworth, and Waukon participated in the Camp Wyoming Confirmation Retreat. They had the opportunity to participate in small group bible studies, a footwashing ceremony, and fun outdoor activities. The focus of this year's Confirmation Retreat was Communion. We explored the symbols and meaning of Communion as well as the gift of Grace in its relation to Communion. We finished by having Communion at one BIG table portraying the scene of the Last Supper. We were blessed by Rev. Julie Anderson Schuett of Marion, Rev. David Ivie of Muscatine, Rev. Mike Andrew of Atkins, and Rev. Kristy Parker of Jesup who led the specific sessions. We express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for their involvement in the Retreat.

~~~FAMILY CAMP~~~

Come and enjoy one of the three Family Camp Holiday Weekends this summer at Camp Wyoming. Each weekend will be filled with outdoor activities for all ages such as canoeing, kayaking, nature hikes, ball games, and swimming. There will also more than enough opportunity for you to sit back, relax, and enjoy the beauty of God's world. Bring out your family to camp in your tent, RV, or one of Camp Wyoming's rustic facilities.

Check out the Camp website for information and to make your reservations.

www.campwyoming.net



~ Volunteer Counselor Alert ~

We are looking for individuals who love working with children and adults in a camp setting. Who wouldn't want to spend a week at Camp Wyoming with us enjoying this amazing community and environment?

Volunteering during the summer is a wonderful way to find out more about our program, hang out with the staff and campers, and participate in many different fun activities.





Board Spotlight ~ Shannon Appleby

Camp Wyoming welcomes Shannon B. Appleby of Anamosa, Iowa to the Camp Wyoming Board of Directors. Shannon has been in the Marketing/Advertising/Television production for 15 years. He was previous the Director/Editor of Autumn Quest Productions before joining J & P Cycles in the Marketing Department. Shannon serves as the Video Producer for J & P Cycles as well as the "on the road" Photographer in the Special Projects department. He also owns an independent video production named My Boyz Productions. He's involved in projects for The Sportsman Channel, Outdoor Channel and Mediacom cable just to name a few.

Shannon and his wife Stacy live in Anamosa and have two wonderful sons, Tyler age 12 and Cain age 5. The Appleby family is active in Anamosa's Boy Scout Troop 67. Shannon loves the outdoors as his favorite leisure activities are camping, fishing, hunting, gardening and off-road trucking. Shannon states, "Doing anything with my boys is a great time!" The last movie Shannon saw was Marley & Me and he admits he couldn't watch the end. His favorite meal is his wife's Sheppard's Pie cooked in a cast iron pan over the fire, with walleye cooked on the shore a close second.

Shannon grew up in rural Anamosa. His mother purchased an acre of ground when he was 11 years old and he spent the rest of his childhood and teen years running around the timber and taking care of his rabbits and chickens. He went to school in Anamosa and then transferred to Metro High School in Cedar Rapids. He received his GED at Job Corps in Denison Iowa with the highest score in record time in over 13 years of campus history. He then attended Western Iowa Tech Community College getting his Associates degree in Business Management in one year. This meant doubling up his class schedule while working two jobs at the same time to pay his way through school.

Shannon first found out about Camp Wyoming in 2008 from a co-worker. Then his son Tyler was the recipient of the Mike's Kids program in Anamosa that sends children to events that they wouldn't normally be able to afford to attend. After Tyler's experience at Camp Wyoming and seeing how Camp changed his life, Shannon knew they would continue to be involved with Camp Wyoming. In the fall of 2008 Shannon brought his Boy Scout troop to Camp Wyoming for a weekend of camping in the treehouses. Shannon was then invited to be a member of the Camp Wyoming Board of Directors and assist with the marketing efforts. He happily agreed.

Shannon is now working with other board members to expand the Camp Wyoming community and increase the overall awareness of Camp Wyoming. Thank you Shannon for sharing your talents and your family with Camp Wyoming.

LINK With Us ~ If your church has a website and currently does not have a link to Camp Wyoming's site, encourage them to LINK up with us.
www.campwyoming.net

Your Friend is Worth \$20

Ok, we know you can't put a price on friendship, but at Camp Wyoming that friend can be worth a cool \$20 off your summer camp fee. Bring two friends, you've got yourself \$40 off your camp fee. Excellent!
So call your buddies and pals and bring them to Camp Wyoming with you this summer!

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Friends of Camp Wyoming Club

Camp Wyoming has an opportunity for individuals, couples, families, and organizations to support the camp through an annual giving club. This club allows us to improve and expand the Camp Wyoming program and facilities. Your annual tax deductible gift will go a long way to help spread the Good News of God's love to many deserving youth, adults, and families. Members of the Club receive a beautiful framed bird print to represent the level at which they join.

Goldfinch Level: \$125-\$249
Bluebird Level: \$250-\$499
Cardinal Level: \$500-\$999
Horned Owl Level: Over \$1,000
Bald Eagle Level: Over \$5,000

Horned Owl Over \$1,000

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Mary Klotzbach
Greg & Sharon Larrison
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Pauline Orris
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Thelma Wagner
Robert & Ruth Zirkelbach

BirthDay Blast

Happy Birthday to the following
Camp Wyoming Supporters!

May

2- Chris Widmer
2-Susanne Snead
5-Erik Liljegren
10-Audrey Giese
14-Julie Anderson-Schuett

20-AJ Plummer
21-Harriet Kopp
22-Nancy Baldwin
24-Phil Gilkerson
25 - Claire Miller

June

4-Audrey Noring
8-Karen Guetzko
10-Jonathan Hatz
10-Jenny Erbes
11-Dana Clark
17-Jay Miller
22-Roger Benedict
24-Jerry McGrane
28-Arlene Simons
29-Jim Egger

30-Mary Jane Scott

July

1-Helen Thorne
3-Judy Glass
11-Tom Parker
12-Natasha Risner
14-Wayne Noring
16-Jason Pittman
16-Don Keller
17-Arden Woodrum
24-Duane Trimble
24 - Janelle Turner
29-Marta Petermann

August

1-LeAnn Keller
3 - Gary Webb
5 - Mischa Olson
6-Megan DeMeulenaere
7 - Jenessa Roose
10-Alex Cullum
10-Rachel Olson
11-Megan Stanek
12 - Robert Shell
13-Darby Eiben-Prokop
14-Gavin Finefiled
15-Judy McLaskey
19-Edwin Hancock
21-Bev Crandall
22-Jasper Scott
24-Chad Gammon
26-Jon Joslyn
26 - Shirley McCracken

If you would like to be added
to the BirthDay Blast List,
please email your name and
birthday to the Camp office.

Camp Wyoming Donors

February 7 - April 3, 2009

Gifts Given in Memory

Andresen, Jerry & Betty
IMO Cliff Dirks
Ar dovino, Luanne
IMO Cliff Dirks
Benedict, Roger & Anita
IMO Al Lubben
Benedict, Roger & Anita
IMO V.J. Stadtmueller
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Cox, Donald & Jane
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IMO John Holmes
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Eggert, Jeff & Dawn
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IMO Cliff Dirks
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IMO Cliff Dirks
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IMO Jo Webb
Nowachek, Robert & Algean
IMO Ann Luke
Nowachek, Ron & Carmie
IMO Cliff Dirks
IMO Alta Brinkman
Orris, Jeff & Aimee
IMO Cliff Dirks
Pace, Richard & Virginia
IMO Ann Luke
IMO Betty Marcucci
Paulsen, Darrell & Lois
IMO John Holmes
IMO Lavern Tjaden
Persels, Dwaine & Hazel
IMO Cliff Dirks

Paulsen, Neal & JoAnn
IMO Edwin Hosch
IMO Al Lubben
IMO Lavern Tjaden
Paulsen, Ronald & Mary Ann
IMO Al Lubben
IMO Lavern Tjaden
Snyder, Wayne & Barbara
IMO Cliff Dirks
Snyder, Royal
IMO Cliff Dirks
Spahr, Joe & Sandra
IMO Al Lubben
IMO Carl Webber
Storm, Albert, Margaret & Family
IMO Betty Marcucci
Thomas, Mark & Ginger
IMO Cliff Dirks
Waggoner, Paul & Lucille
IMO Betty Marcucci
Whitacre, L.
IMO Jo Webb
Whiton, Kurt & Kelly
IMO Cliff Dirks
Wirth, Gerald & Barbara
IMO Fern Dernyck
IMO Alta Brinkman
IMO Kim Gomez
Wirth, Gerald & Barbara
IMO Lorama Carter
IMO Phyllis Sterk
IMO Camilla Bock
Wynkoop, Leonard & Jane
IMO Cliff Dirks
IMO Roger Untiedt
IMO Loyd Shaffer
IMO Jr. DeMoss
IMO Betty Marcucci
IMO Lois Badtram
Zimmerman, Grace
IMO Cliff Dirks
Zirkelbach, Robert & Ruth
IMO Al Lubben

Gifts Given in Honor

Zirkelbach, Robert & Ruth
IHO Joe & Sandra Spahr's
50th Wedding Anniversary

Individual - Group Gifts

Beatty, Donald
Claassen, Bill
Denler, Bruce & Vaughn
Glass, Allen & Becky
Holland, Philip & Marilyn
Johnston, Marilyn
King, Lucille
McLaskey, Francis & Judy
Miller, Terry
Osborn-Daniels, Duane & Joy
Rich, Suzanne
Seeger, Ellen
Weets, Michael & Bonnie

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www.campwyoming.net

.....NEEDS LIST.....

In an effort to get more 'bang for your buck,' we are separating a list of items from our needs list that may currently be on clearance racks at your local stores. We will always have a use for these items and want to highlight them in case you would like to make a donation to camp in this fashion.

Reynolds Wrap * Markers * Pipe Cleaners * Cotton Balls
Popsicle Craft Sticks * Balloons * Tissue Paper - Colored * Windex

Antibiotic Cream	Balls-Playground any size	Band-Aids
Basketballs	Beads	Binder Clips-all sizes
Bleach	Board Gamestons	Casey's Store Gas Cards
CD-RW-new	Clear Packing Tape	Clown Make-up
Coffee Makers - 30 cup	Coffee Filters	Cortisone Cream
Craft Feathers	Crayons	Curling Ribbon
Dish Soap	Dish Towels-Dark Blue	Dry Erase Markers
Gloves-Latex Medical	Hand Sanitizer	Hand Towels-Dark Blue
Kleenex	Laundry Soap-Liquid	Legal Pads 8 1/2 x 11
Light Bulbs-Outside Flood	Masking Tape	Paint - Acrylic
Paint Brushes - any sizes	Paint-Tempera	Paper-White Copy
Paper-Pink Copy	Paper - Yellow Copy	Paper - Green Copy
Paper - Blue Copy	Peroxide	Post-It Notes
Rubbing Alcohol	Printer Ink HP#56	Printer Ink HP #95
Printer Ink HP #98	Q-Tips	Scissors
Soccer Balls	Stickers	Toilet Paper
Tractor Tire Tubes	Volleyballs	Wal-Mart Gift Cards
Washcloths- Dark Blue		

We thank you in advance for your willingness to support the Camp Wyoming ministry in every means possible.

Staff Spotlight~Mischa Olson

Mischa Olson grew up in Iowa City and served as an Elder at the First Presbyterian Church. Her mom, Sue, works as a nurse at the University of Iowa Hospital while her dad, Gary, serves as the Help Desk Manager for the Eastern Iowa Community College. She has an older sister, Anessa, who is currently attending the University of Iowa and pursuing a degree in Spanish.



Mischa is a Freshman at Iowa State University where she is pursuing degrees in Biology and Spanish. She hopes to attain her Masters degree in Biology so she can travel and research plant biology. Mischa enjoys to canoe, watch movies, visit with friends & family, read classic literature, play French horn, and participate in such organizations as Habitat for Humanity and the ACLU. Her favorite food is Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Ice Cream and her favorite movie is "Amelie."

Mischa has been coming to Camp Wyoming since the 6th grade. She's participated in camps such as Cave & Paddle, Settlers, Water Adventures, Seniors, and the Leaders-in-Training (L.I.T.) camp. Mischa worked on staff last summer and enjoyed the opportunity to lead a variety of the camps. "I love the open community at Camp where people can be themselves, meet new people, have fun, and explore who they are." Mischa is excited about returning to serve on staff this summer because she'll "learn the stories and interests of the new kids and staff she meets."

We are happy that Mischa is returning to the ministry at Camp Wyoming. She is a bright, energetic young woman who serves as a positive Christian role model for the kids who attend camp. Sign up for summer camp so you'll have the opportunity to meet and learn more about Mischa during your time here at Camp!

Volunteer Spotlight -

Aaron Considine



Aaron Considine lives in Baraboo, Wisconsin and has served as a Volunteer Huddle Leader for the Summer Games camp program for the last seven years. Aaron has two brothers, Jake and Sam, and two sisters, Peggy and Jenny. Jake is finishing up Nursing School while Sam is in his Senior year at the University of Wisconsin in LaCrosse. Peggy works in sales for a computer company located in Appleton, Wisconsin. Jenny is a professor of Communications at the University of Wisconsin in Osh Kosh. Aaron's father, David, works in the local middle school and his mother, Gretchen, works as a Physician's Assistant. Growing up in a big family was a fun experience for Aaron.

Aaron owns Titan Construction where he does residential carpentry as well as provide technical direction for a theater company. He enjoys hiking, reading, cooking, spending time with his girlfriend, Kim, working on and riding his motorcycle, and serving as a youth group leader for the First Presbyterian Church in Baraboo. Aaron is also learning how to build furniture. His favorite movie is "Beckett" and his favorite food is calzone.

Aaron "loves the mission of the Camp! I enjoy working with kids and showing them the light of Christ. I love that our kids from youth group return from Camp excited about the right things; loving God and each other." He also appreciates the simple things that Camp provides. "In this materialistic culture, it's nice that you can come to a place where you don't need to have money to have a good time. You can slow down and build relationships with the people in your camp community." Aaron sees camp as a leadership outlet for kids in his youth group which is the main reason for encouraging kids from his church to return every year to Camp.

We are happy to have a lifelong committed person like Aaron volunteer his time, energy, and talent to bring kids closer in their relationship to Christ. Thank you, Aaron!

CELEBRATING OUR 50TH YEAR!!!

In 2010, Camp Wyoming will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary. We are excited about the prospect of bringing generations of folks together in honoring the history of Camp Wyoming and re-connecting people with one of the foundational places in their faith journey. Camp is in the midst of assembling a Celebration Committee with members of each generation of campers and staff to ensure a wonderful and vibrant event.

The Camp has chosen two energetic and committed individuals to serve as the Co-Chairs for the 50th Anniversary, Erin Parker Landsee and Sheila Samuelson. Both Erin and Sheila grew up coming to Camp Wyoming as campers and Leaders-in-Training (L.I.T.). They both later served on staff for multiple summers. The Camp is excited about their vision and trust their leadership to make the 50th anniversary a memorable experience.

Please keep a lookout for upcoming news on the 50th Anniversary. We look forward to celebrating the 50 years of ministry at Camp Wyoming with you in 2010!

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April 2009

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May 2009

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22-25 **Memorial Day Family Camp**

July 2009

3-5 **4th of July Family Camp**

September 2009

4-7 **Labor Day Family Camp**

December 2009

5 **Wyoming Christmas City**
28-30 **Wintertainment Retreat**

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OWL'S NEST OPEN FOR SUMMER RENTAL

The Owl's Nest is open for any type of getaway you have in mind! The building has recently gone through a much needed face lift. Floor coverings have been replaced with modern carpet and tile. Bedrooms have been furnished with new mattresses, pillows, linens and window treatments. The central air conditioned building will be perfect for your next family reunion or weekend away. The Owl's Nest will sleep up to 30 people for \$28 per person per night.

The building can also be rented by the day (\$75) for any event such as a wedding shower, baby shower, club meeting or birthday party.

Let the tranquility of Camp Wyoming be the setting for your next event.

