



Dear Camp Wyoming Family,

By now, most of you have heard that 2010 marks Camp Wyoming's 50th birthday! The 50th Anniversary Team has been working hard since last June, preparing a weekend of celebration that will make this year memorable for everyone who has ever been involved with Camp Wyoming. As the excitement builds and the summer draws nearer, we want to extend an invitation to you to come back to camp and re-connect.

As a receiver of this newsletter, Camp Wyoming has undoubtedly touched your life in some way. Maybe you're a current volunteer or staff member. Maybe you're a parent, pastor, youth group leader, or camper. Perhaps you remember a time before there was a volleyball court in Deer Meadow. Or maybe you're one of the few who can recall a time before the Arts and Crafts shelter! Maybe you've been coming to camp for as long as you can remember. Or maybe you attended one session or a retreat, or served on staff for a year or two. Whatever the capacity, your involvement is part of Camp Wyoming's story. The theme for this year's celebration is:

Rekindle: Keep the Fire Going

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." -John 1:5

These words from John bring images of Camp Wyoming to mind: stars twinkling over the treetops in the summer night sky, the moon reflected on Frog Pond, candles flickering in the crannies of Horsethief Cave, or the orange glow of a campfire and the faces around it. This verse also poetically states the message so central to our faith: that Jesus came into the world to overcome sin and death so that we can have salvation and eternal life.

The little patch of rural Iowa that has grown into Camp Wyoming over the past 50 years is more than a place for kids to go creek stomping, canoeing, making crafts, or learning to cook over a fire (though these things are all important!). It is a place where people of all ages can ponder this Christian message over and over again; with friends, nature, and with God.

We are certain that the 50th celebration will be one to remember, with traditional camp activities, and some new excitements! But our hope above all else is for everyone from Camp Wyoming's past to rekindle their relationship with Camp Wyoming and the loving community surrounding it. Just as important as our favorite cabins, caves, and hiking trails, the people who come and the spirit they bring are what make our camp "Camp Wyoming." So.....come back! See your old favorite spots (and new additions), play, swim, find your old counselors in a photo album (or maybe even in person!), sing, celebrate, remember, revisit, rejoice, and help us wish Camp Wyoming a very happy birthday!

Celebrating with you,
Sheila Samuelson and Erin Landsee
50th Celebration Team Co-Chairs



Celebrate Camp Wyoming's 50th! Labor Day Weekend September 3-6, 2010



Help Us Capture Camp's History!

As part of the 50th celebration, we are building a Camp Wyoming history museum that will tell camp's story by decade. We need your help in collecting items for the display! We need:

- Pictures (with people and dates identified if possible)
- Artifacts
- Historical facts and information
- Personal stories or memories about camp
- Testimonies about how camp has impacted your life

Please send your things to Camp Wyoming. Make sure everything you send is labeled with your name and contact information. Thanks for your help in making camp's history come alive!

Remembering Camp's History: T-Shirts

Great wines, fine art, classic cars, and Camp Wyoming t-shirts all have one thing in common: they're limited edition classics that are produced in set quantities, and then unavailable forever.

I remember vividly how at the beginning of a camp season freshly stocked t-shirts lined every inch of shelf space in the small Trading Post, creating an even smaller space. The colors of the shirts created a wallpaper pattern effect, almost completely covering the wood panel. Over the course of the summer, as the shirts went home in the suitcases of campers, volunteers and parents, the inventory of shirts was consolidated to fewer and fewer shelves, until only a handful of size and color choices remained. The time had come and gone for these shirts – they were never to be available again...until now!

As part of celebrating half a century of history, worship, and friendships at Camp Wyoming, we're re-releasing some of Camp's most-loved shirts from the past. We're working with graphic designers to reproduce the logos and upload them to a website called CafePress, where camp friends can order shirts that will be produced and shipped on-demand. We're excited about working with this website because it eliminates the need to have an inventory of shirts on hand at Camp, and makes them available on an as-needed basis to everyone, everywhere!

Intrigued? Here are several ways you can get involved with this project:

- Do you have a favorite camp shirt that you'd like to be considered for reproduction? Send a close-up picture of the graphic to campwyo@netins.net, and we'll consider it for reproduction.
- If you have graphic design skills, help us reproduce the most-loved t-shirt vintages.
- If your favorite camp t-shirt is long gone, tattered, or no longer the same size or color it was "back in the day," consider purchasing a brand new one from our website at CafePress! We'll let you know as soon as the shirts are ready for order.



When's the 50th? September 3-6, 2010

Anniversary Profile Edwin (Ed) Hancock



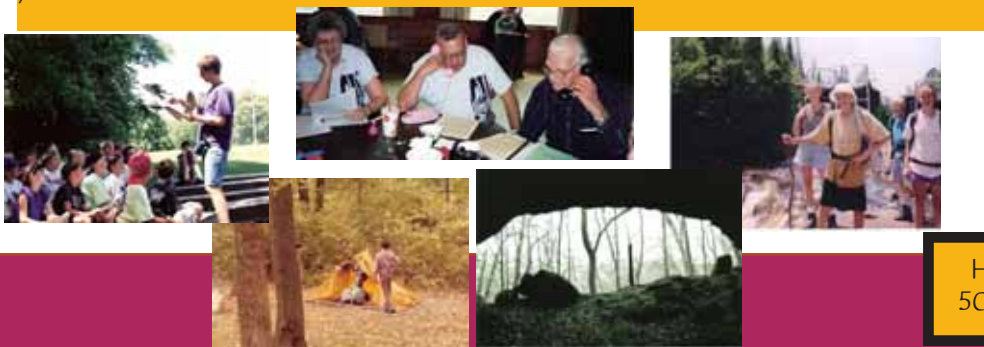
Ed Hancock has been involved with the Camp Wyoming ministry over its entire 50 year history. Ed was a member of the Presbytery Committee that assessed the property in 1957 to identify its ability to facilitate a church camp program. In August 1960, as pastor of the Union Presbyterian Church in Lost Nation, Iowa, he led a youth work camp that built the first facility on the property, the Arts & Crafts Shelter. In fact, Ed's oldest daughter, Susan, was a member of this work camp. The youth and adults of the work camp each signed their name on a beam in the shelter under the quote "We are all here; Because we are not all there!" The quote expressed the work camp's feeling that their life of faith was exhibited in their belief in the future of camp ministry.

Ed grew up in San Juan, Texas. He met his wife, Margaret Theresa Wright, during their time at Park University in Kansas City, Missouri. Margaret was born in Africa while her parents were serving as missionaries. Ed and Margaret had five children: Hugh Hancock, Susan Noth, Sarah Hancock, Eileen Mabee, and Mary Wirch. Each of their children were active participants in the Camp Wyoming ministry.

Ed graduated from the Omaha Theological Seminary in 1937. He served Presbyterian churches in El Paso and Gainesville, Texas before he worked at the Presbyterian Children's Home in Monticello, Arkansas for 8 years. At the conclusion of his time at the Children's Home, Ed and Margaret moved to Lost Nation, Iowa where Ed served the Union Presbyterian Church for 10 years. It was his time at Lost Nation where he helped the ministry at Camp Wyoming become an active resource in the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). "The churches in the Presbytery have always been supportive of the Camp. First Presbyterian Church in Wyoming and Union Presbyterian Church in Lost Nation were very integral in starting the camp and getting the camp program off the ground."

In 1980, the Camp was in transition as its previous Director had moved onto other work. Duane Rutenbeck from Lost Nation was on the Board of Directors at that time and was a member of the Presbyterian Church when Ed was pastor. Duane contacted Ed who was serving in an interim role in Columbia, Missouri to see if he would come to Camp and serve as Interim Director. Ed agreed and served as Camp Director for that summer and subsequently served in numerous terms as a Board member. Ed has remained supportive of Camp by being a member of the Annual Giving Club since its inception in 1998.

Ed will celebrate his 100th birthday on August 19th. 2010 will be a celebratory event for both Ed and Camp. Camp Wyoming has been blessed by Ed's participation and support over its 50 years. "I'm a big believer in the value of Camp. I've enjoyed my time and am excited with what Camp Wyoming has become for the youth of the church." Thank you, Ed!



SUPPORTING CAMP WYOMING IN HONOR OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Camp Wyoming began as a dream, a dream of church members who wanted to connect kids with God, nature, and life. Starting out in 1960 as a camp with just tents, that dream has hosted more than 25,000 kids and adults over 50 years of fun, faith, and fellowship. Camp Wyoming has served as a valuable resource for people of all ages to experience faith in a setting complimentary to the church. The summer camp programming helps develop youth in terms of their spiritual, physical, social and emotional well-being. Together, we know that we can continue to lift up Camp Wyoming as a place where the active pursuit of God's generous gift of salvation is conducted in a healthy and safe year-round Presbyterian spiritual facility.

We are asking you to consider making a gift to support the camp and retreat ministry at Camp Wyoming and honor its 50th year of providing a faith-enriching experience for youth and adults. Please contact the Camp Director, Kevin Cullum at 563-488-3893 with any questions you have about making a tax-deductible donation to the camp or to discuss your desire to give through other investment vehicles.

Camp Wyoming is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Help Celebrate Camp Wyoming's
50th! Labor Day Weekend - 2010

50th Anniversary Celebration Team

We want to extend our appreciation to the 50th Anniversary Celebration Team who are working tirelessly to provide a memorable experience for everyone at the Celebration this Labor Day Weekend. The Team consists of Lisa Bindi, Bill Collett, Audrey Giese, Ed Hancock (Honorary Member), Erin Landsee (Co-Chair), Kim Langley, Matt LeClere, Sara McCaw, Kyle Mohr, Andy Parker, Jennifer Rotole, Dorothy Russell, Sheila Samuelson (Co-Chair), Joyce Sedlacek, and Karen Sindelar. Thank you all so very much!



What are you doing Labor Day Weekend? Come to the 50th Anniversary Celebration September 3-6, 2010

Special Celebration

We will have a special celebration during Lunch (12:30 PM) on Saturday, September 4th to honor Camp's 50th Anniversary. The celebration will include a video showcasing the Camp's history, special recognition ceremony, and a "State of the Camp" message. If you are unable to join us for the entire weekend, we hope you can be with the Camp Wyoming community for this event.

Event Team

Whatever your interests, there's sure to be something for you to enjoy at the 50th Celebration! We'll have a mix of old and new, rowdy and relaxed, serious and silly. Some activities include: live music, hiking, canoeing, swimming, worship, Christwalk, campfire, bounce houses, and much more. Take a tour through camp and see what's new, or go back through the decades in camp's own history museum. Is there something you'd love to see or do at the celebration? Send us your ideas!

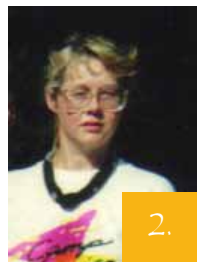
NAME THAT STAFF MEMBER CONTEST

Camp Wyoming has been blessed with fantastic staff over its 50 year history. The staff are the lifeblood of the organization and have served as positive role models to youth in living a life of faith. We are running a contest to add some fun to our anniversary. Provide the names (nicknames will be sufficient) of all five former counselors shown below and win one free registration for our 50th Anniversary Celebration weekend! Call the camp office or email your guess to the camp office at campwyo@netins.net

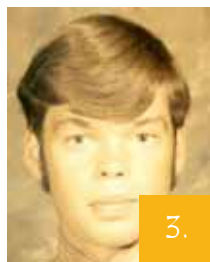
The first person who guesses correctly wins the prize. One entry per person. Good Luck!



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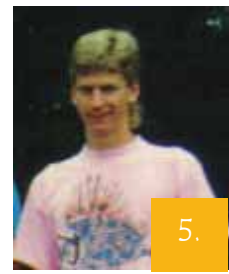
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First Committee for Camp Wyoming - 1959
 Left to Right: Ralph Jordan, John Morris, Vernon Elgin, Edwin Hancock, Carl Orr, Duane Rutenbeck, Everett Meeker, Telford Dindinger.



First Work Camp with Pole Shelter they built - 1960
 Standing L-R: Nancy Krein, Vera Ewoldt, Janice Forbes, Neva Jean Galloway, Susan Hancock, Sandy Atkinson, David Burrichter. Kneeling L-R: Pete Skelley, Joan Webber, Rebecca Tedrick, Kathleen Tenfold



Flag Pole Dedication - July 4, 1976
 In Honor of Harlan & Thelma Johnston in appreciation of their dedicated service February 8, 1965 to November 30, 1975. Erected and presented by Bettendorf Presbyterian Church.



Presbyteries Honor Cliff & Hilda Rogers - 1992
 Presbytery Resolution of Appreciation February 15, 1992 in honor of Cliff & Hilda Rogers 10 years of devoted volunteer service to Camp Wyoming.



Harlan & Thelma Johnston - 1965
 First Camp Director(s)



1960 - 2010
 50 Years of CAMP WYOMING



50th Anniversary Celebration Rates

Camp is offering a discounted rate for its meals and lodging to encourage many folks to return to Camp and stay the weekend to enjoy the full experience of the 50th Anniversary celebration. We are charging 50% off of our normal rate and throwing in Sunday night for free!

The rates below are per person and include lodging, activities, and meals from Friday supper through Monday breakfast of Labor Day Weekend:

Lodging	12+ years old	5-11 years old
Owl's Nest	\$75	\$40
Cabins	\$50	\$25
Out-Camp Area	\$35	\$15

Out-Camp area includes RV & Tent Campground, Treehouses, Covered Wagons, and Platform Tent.

Children 4 and younger are free. Maximum charge per family is \$300. For folks who are unable to stay at Camp during the celebration weekend, we have a *day fee* of \$20/person which includes meals and activities.

Space is limited and is on a first come – first serve basis. You can make your reservation through our online registration service on the camp website at www.campwyoming.net or contact the Camp office at (563) 488-3893. A non-refundable deposit of 50% of the total fee is required when making your reservation.

You're invited to help Camp Wyoming
celebrate 50 Years!
Join us over Labor Day weekend, September 3-5, 2010!



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