

Camp Wyoming Chronicle



Wintertainment
Wednesday, December 27th to
Friday, December 29th
1:00 PM—1:00 PM
\$75.00/camper
3rd to 12th Grade

Come join us at Camp Wyoming this
Winter For Fun,.....*Crazy Fun!*

Enjoy Camp Jam, Bible Studies, Campfires,
Morning Worships, Cross Country Skiing,
Tubing, Broom Ball, and Camp Wyoming's
Famous Winter Olympics.

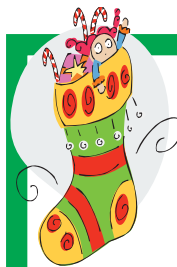
Register: www.campwyoming.net



2007 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE!!!

You can register now for your 2007 summer camp experience. Our list and schedule of camps are available on our website. Check them out at www.campwyoming.net

Our curriculum for 2007 will be "On our way" which will focus on our faith journey. Whether walking, wandering, or traveling along the way, the characters in the biblical stories are involved in a journey. The journey is an image more of process than destination. That makes it an apt description for our life of faith as well. Our faith journey may have a beginning point but it has no end point, no culmination to say "I'm finished." Rather, our journey of faith is ongoing, changing direction and focus as we continually strive to grow more fully into God's intention for humanity. During the summer, campers will explore this rich image as their journey of faith continues at Camp.



Give the Gift that Keeps
Giving

Camp Wyoming for
Christmas!

Are you wondering what to get a relative or a friend for Christmas? This is an opportunity to give to the Camp Wyoming Ministry and let your friends and family know how much you appreciate them.

There are several ways to let the tidings flow.

1. Purchase Camp Wyoming Gift Certificates in \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100 amounts. The gift certificates can be used towards any 2007 summer session held at Camp Wyoming. We'll gift box and mail the certificates to your favorite camper.
2. Purchase Camp Wyoming Gift Tags in \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100 amounts. Send your monetary gift to Camp Wyoming in honor of that special someone. We will send that special someone a Camp Wyoming Gift Tag to hang on their tree. This is a great way to show your appreciation.
3. Purchase apparel from the Camp Wyoming Trading Post. We have many items at discounted prices. Email or phone in your order and we'll gladly gift wrap and send your package to the recipient, just in the nick of time!

~Seasons Greetings



As we visit with individuals, clubs, churches, and organizations, it is clear that over the camp's history, people have been touched by God during their time at Camp. We have met with people who tell stories of how Camp started and the challenges they faced then. Others have relayed how they grew as a person and a Christian during their time at Camp and now have the joy of seeing their own children participate in this ministry. It has been a fascinating journey as we see people committed to Camp Wyoming and its future as an effective resource for the Church and its youth.

I think it is important to relay that there are numerous ways for people to support the Campaign for Camp Wyoming during this 3 year fulfillment period. A cash contribution has been the most common vehicle many have chosen. However, every person's financial position is different. Here are some alternatives of planned gifts that could be used in funding a significant gift in our campaign:

- **Bequest-** A bequest is a sum of money or other specially described property given to an organization through a provision in the donor's will or trust. It is always advisable to consult with your lawyer to ensure your charitable wishes are clearly documented.
- **Charitable Gift Annuities-** This is a legal contract between an administrator and a donor whereby the administrator agrees to pay the donor a lifetime annuity in return for a gift of cash/stock/other property. The annuity may be a single life or joint with spouse.
- **Charitable Lead Trust-** This is an irrevocable trust whereby the current income (also known as the lead interest) is paid to the charitable organization, and the "remainder" interest is given typically back to the donor or his/her heirs. The "lead" interest paid to the charity is generally expressed as a fixed sum or a percentage of trust assets as valued annually.
- **Charitable Remainder Trust-** A charitable remainder trust is a separately administered irrevocable trust established by the donor. The trust provides for payments to the donor/beneficiaries either for life or a term of years up to 20, at which time the "remainder" interest goes to the charitable organization. The trust generally pays a fixed percentage of the original fair market value of the assets, typically in the range of 6-8%.
- **Life Insurance-** Life insurance may be contributed to the charitable organization by various methods. You can assign irrevocably a paid-up policy to the charitable organization; assign irrevocably a life insurance policy on which premiums remain to be paid as long as the charitable organization is owner and beneficiary; name the charitable organization as the primary or successor beneficiary of the life insurance proceeds; Or establish a new life insurance policy with the charitable organization as the owner/beneficiary and premiums to be paid by the donor
- **Real Estate-** Charitable organizations can accept the following types of real estate: farmland, residences, undeveloped land, vacation homes, or commercial property.
- **Stocks-** Donor may make gifts of stocks via a gift, bequest or through a charitable remainder trust.

If you are interested in discussing one of these options further with Kevin Cullum, Camp Director, please contact him at the Camp Office at (563) 488-3893.

SAVE THE TREES



In an effort to reduce our impact on the environment, we will make our quarterly newsletter available to download on our website in February 2007. www.campwyoming.net

In turn, we will have to print less paper copies of our newsletter and thus conserve our trees.

If you are interested in receiving notification of our quarterly newsletter via email, please forward your email address to campwyo@netins.net

HEY! WHERE ARE OUR '06 COUNSELORS??

AJ Plummer – 2nd year at University Northern Iowa
 Alicia Maxwell – Completing Senior year of High School
 Ben Snyder – 1st year at Northern Arizona University
 Blake Severson – Completing last year of Seminary School
 Darby Eiben-Prokop – 2nd year at Kirkwood Community College
 Duane Trimble – 2nd year at Wartburg College
 Eileen Leahy – Working at home in New Zealand
 Emily Dennis – At home in the UK attending college
 Jay Miller – 4th year at Buena Vista College
 Jenny Erbes – Completing Senior year of High School
 Jon Hatz – 3rd year at University of Dubuque
 Kelli Eggert – 1st year transfer to Mount Mercy College
 Lisa Bindi – 2nd year at Kirkwood Community College
 Lucy Stark - Working at home in Australia
 Megan Stanek – Completing Senior year of High School
 Phil Gilkerson – 3rd year at University of Northern Iowa
 Rachel Olson – 1st year at Clinton Community College
 Sara Parker – 3rd year at University of Iowa

Camp Wyoming 2007 Confirmation Retreat

Confirmation students and their Pastors or leaders are invited to join us for a weekend of creative teaching and learning. Youth will explore the sacrament of Communion while experiencing the beauty of God's World. This weekend will provide a great opportunity for everyone to grow in their faith.

February 23-25, 2007

Friday 7:30 PM—Sunday 1:00 PM

\$75 per student / Adult Chaperones are FREE

Register: www.campwyoming.net

Birthday Blast ~ Happy Birthday to the following Camp Wyoming Supporters!

November

- 6-Jenny Sewell
- 14-Florence Bates
- 24-Erin Parker
- 28-Sara McCaw

December

- 3-Don Sanders
- 5-Ben Landsee
- 12-Barb Bjork
- 15-Georgia Kost
- 21-Bill Crandall
- 21-John White

January

- 5-Emmie Hix
- 6-Everett Russell
- 8-Ginger Thomas
- 10-Paul Scott
- 12-Jerry Akers
- 19-Deb Egger
- 22-Robert Kopp
- 26-Wilma Sanders
- 27-Richard Jones

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

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

Goldfinch Level \$125-\$249

- Roger & Anita Benedict
- Sara Bennett
- Tom & Mary Pat Brooke
- David & Linda Burrichter
- Kim & Jerry Carson
- Bill & Bev Crandall
- Jim & Deb Egger
- Ed Hancock
- Kathy Karsten
- Don & LeAnn Keller
- Robert & Harriet Kopp
- Robert & Bonnie Lyon
- Sara McCaw
- Francis & Judy McLaskey
- Jim & Jane Mylrea
- Duane & Joy Osborn-Daniels
- Thelma Wagner
- Robert & Ruth Zirkelbach

Bald Eagle—Over \$5,000

- Wayne & Audrey Noring

Horned Owl Over \$1,000

- Tom & Kristy Parker
- Lois Schermerhorn

Cardinal Level \$500-\$999

- Gary & Karen Guetzko
- Georgia Kost
- Duane Rutenbeck
- Herbert Townsend
- Arden & Elaine Woodrum

Bluebird Level \$250-\$499

- Steve & Julie Anderson Schuett
- Ron & Nancy Baldwin
- Florence Bates
- Kevin & Shelley Cullum
- Chad & Lisa Gammon
- Marilyn Johnson
- Mary Klotzbach
- Greg & Sharon Larrison
- Yasyn Lee & Mark Niemer
- Everett & Dorothy Russell
- Don & Wilma Sanders
- Gary & Linda Sewell
- John & Helen Thorne
- George & Marian Tjaden
- Bill & Eleanor Walters
- Karolee Wirt & Richard Jones



Staff Spotlight ~ Sara Parker

Sara Parker has been a camp counselor for the past three summers at Camp Wyoming. She has been coming to Camp Wyoming since she was in Kindergarten when she attended the You & Me Camp with both of her parents. Sara was born in Davenport, Iowa. Her family lived in North Carolina for two years and then moved back to Dubuque where she has lived for most of her life. She grew up in the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dubuque. She has an older sister, Erin, who is an Elementary School Teacher and an older brother, Andy, who runs a futon store. Both Andy and Erin live in Dubuque.



Sara enjoys hiking, camping, painting, drawing, exercising, and taking afternoon naps. Her favorite food is bread. Her favorite movie is the Wedding Singer. Sara currently attends the University of Iowa where she is pursuing degrees in Art and Elementary Education. She would like to teach in a typical elementary classroom as well as an art classroom.

Sara has always enjoyed her time at Camp Wyoming and loves the strong, embracing community. Sara feels that "God's love is demonstrated through the people at Camp." Sara is excited about the new wave of counselors who will eventually be working at Camp. She sees the potential in some of her former campers to come back as staff. She knows that they will pass along the same feelings of community that she enjoyed as a camper and a staff member. Sara still remembers her time as a camper where she looked up to her former counselors, Kim Bjork and Caryn Kelly. They had quite an impact on her spiritual and personal growth.

We hope everyone will get a chance to meet Sara or continue to build their relationship with her at our upcoming youth retreat, Wintertainment.

Caring & Committed Donors
August 11, 2006 -
October 25, 2006

Individuals ~ Families
Group Gifts

Aitchison, Ione
 Anderson-Schueett, Steve & Julie
 Akers, Betty
 Behen, Jeff & Jodi
 Blakesley, Robert & Phyllis
 Blin, Randy & Debbie
 Boyle, Marjorie
 Brooks, Stewart & Kathy
 Central Iowa Power
 Church, Byron
 Conklin, Charles & Audrey
 Coppenhaver, Steve & Amy
 Denler, Bruce & Vaughn
 Dodge, Bernice
 Dubuque TTT Chapter DI
 Dubuque TTT Chapter GD
 Duritsa, Ruth
 Fiester, Lynda
 Garber, Susan
 Graham, Judy
 Hamilton, Ruth
 Handy, Charles
 Hanna, Robert
 House, Ernest & Roberta
 Johnson, Christine
 Johnson, Larry & Kelly
 Kaiser, Douglas & Audra
 Klotzbach, Mary
 Liscum, Ruth
 Macomber, Nancy
 Malek, Dorothy
 Malek, Melody
 Maquoketa Valley Electric
 Maynard, Maxine
 Mumm, Don & Carole
 Niemer, Liz
 Niemer, Matt
 Nolte, Kathleen
 Oline, Marilyn
 Paisley, Mary
 Petersen, Shirley
 Phelps, Dean & Marianne
 Risk, Kate
 Robinson, Gorman & Fay
 Rozendaal, Jim & Shirley
 Sauer, Frank & Sandy
 Scott, Paul & Mary Jane
 Sundquist, Dorothea
 Thedens, John & Lisa Ross
 White, John & Shirley
 Williams, Bill
 Winter, Edward
 Wyoming Mutual Telephone
 Zirkelbach, Robert & Ruth

Gifts Given in Honor

Griffith, Scott & Mary
 IHO Jill Hook's Birthday
 Osborn-Daniels, Duane & Joy
 IHO Jill Hook's Birthday

Church Mission Support

Cedar Rapids, IA
 Hus Memorial Presbyterian
 Cedar Rapids, IA
 Kenwood Park Presbyterian
 Coggon, IA
 Zion Pres Adult Sunday School
 Columbus Junction, IA
 United Presbyterian
 Iowa City, IA
 St. Andrew Presbyterian
 Independence, IA
 First Presbyterian Women
 Lost Nation, IA
 Union Presbyterian
 Marengo, IA
 First Presbyterian Women
 Mechanisville, IA
 First Presbyterian
 Scotch Grove, IA
 Scotch Grove Pres Women
 Winona, MN
 Grace Presbyterian

Gifts Given in Memory

Andresen, Jerry & Betty
 IMO Larry Doden
 Bender, Naomi
 IMO Ernest Benedict
 Benhart, Frieda
 IMO Roy Tompkins
 Carstensen, Denny & Bev
 IMO Roy Tompkins
 IMO Jean Cox
 Dickman, Dan & Pat
 IMO Marvin Burmeister
 IMO Steve Colton
 IMO Verlyn Rutenbeck
 Eggert, Jeff & Dawn
 IMO Roy Tompkins
 Eggert, Jerry & Kathy
 IMO Edward R. Reasoner
 Eichhorn, Luella
 IMO Roy Tompkins
 Ever Ready Club
 IMO Helen Nielsen
 Jeffery, Ken & Mona Kay
 IMO Roy Tompkins
 Ketelsen, Don & Marilyn
 IMO Ruth Ann Glenn
 Lehrman, Maryln & Julie
 IMO Norma Hugh
 IMO Roy Tompkins
 Siglin, Richard & Carol
 IMO Margaret Behan
 Snyder, Royal
 IMO Verlyn Rutenbeck
 Waggoner, Paul & Lucille
 IMO Joan Jacobs
 IMO Jean Jacobs
 IMO Byron Thomas
 IMO Roy Tompkins
 Wynkoop, Leonard & Jane
 IMO Connie Brodersen
 IMO Roy Tompkins




 Visit our booth at the....
Wyoming Christmas City Celebration

 Saturday, December 2, 2006
 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 Enjoy horse drawn sleigh tours of the City Lights,
 Bingo, Craft Sale, Bake Sale, Calkins Square,
 Soup Supper, Chili Cook-off, Kid's
 Games and Santa!

Do you ever find yourself tied down with the hustle and bustle of work and the demands of the daily routine? Do you feel like you never have time to enjoy the important things in your life? Do you want to inspire your group in a new and refreshing environment? If so, then consider using **Camp Wyoming** as the location for your next retreat.

Camp Wyoming has numerous facilities that can accommodate groups in size from 6 to 200. Camp has recently updated their site and facilities to enhance the experience for all retreat participants. Our food service personnel are also available if you want to relieve yourself of the hassle of preparing, cooking, and cleaning up after each meal. Please feel free to check out Camp Wyoming's website at www.campwyoming.net to learn about their rates and various accommodations.

We have also made available a newly updated facility for small rental groups. This 2 bedroom house can accommodate up to 7 people and has an eat-in kitchen, dishwasher, pull-out sofa, and a gas grill. The cost per night is \$25/person or \$50/family.

We hope you choose Camp Wyoming to provide your group with a retreat experience that will refresh your spirit and renew your soul.

NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT CAMP WYOMING

New legislation allows distributions (in 2006 and 2007) of those who have reached age 70 ½ or older to be made from IRAs directly to charities as part of satisfying their annual minimum distribution requirement, up to \$100,000 per year. The distribution must be made directly to the charity. The donor will not have to report this distribution as taxable income, but may not take a charitable gift deduction for the distribution to the charity.

Important Points

- Distribution is up to \$100,000 per year
- The distribution period is only good for 2006 and 2007
- The IRA distribution must be made directly to the charity, not through a check written by the donor
- Donors must be at least 70 ½ or older to be eligible for this rollover provision

Who benefits

- Those who do not itemize their deductions
- Donors who lose tax deductions as adjusted gross income increases
- Donors who are subject to the 50% charitable deduction limitation

If you are eligible, please consider directing your support to Camp Wyoming through this new opportunity. Contact Kevin Cullum, Camp Director, at the office at (563) 488-3893 with any questions.

~Gift Certificate for 5,000 Pennies~ YIKES~

Jennifer Sweeney and Star Partee are the recent winners of \$50 Gift Certificates towards 2007 Summer Camp. The girls evaluations were randomly drawn from the stack of completed '06 Evaluations.

Jennifer Sweeney, of Madison Wisconsin attended Night Owl's camp and said she learned to help others and listen when needed. As part of the Night Owl experiences she enjoyed staying up late and eating hobo pies.

Star Partee, of Cedar Rapids Iowa attended Discovery camp and learned that people really trust Jesus. She enjoyed meeting Christians, the Screaming Game, volleyball and swimming.

Board Spotlight ~ Mark Niemer



Dr. Mark Niemer is a member of the Camp Wyoming Board of Directors and serves on its Buildings and Grounds Committee. Mark was born in Covington, Kentucky and grew up in Middletown, Ohio. Mark went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for his undergraduate degree and later graduated from Ohio State University College of Medicine. He met his wife,

Yasyn Lee, while they were classmates in medical school. They moved to Minneapolis where Yasyn was a psychiatry resident at the University of Minnesota. Mark was an internal medicine resident and a rheumatology fellow at Hennepin County Medical Center. In 1992, he moved to Dubuque, Iowa where he practices arthritis care.

Mark and Yasyn have two children, Liz (15) and Matthew (11). Both kids have been coming to Camp Wyoming since they were eligible as Kindergarteners. Mark enjoys reading, playing the piano, biking, listening to music, and attending live theater. He and Yasyn enjoy the time they get to attend the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis. Mark's favorite movie is Cool Hand Luke. His favorite food is sushi.

Mark is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dubuque where he has served on numerous committees, most notably Youth & Christian Education, Mission, Personnel, Pastoral Nominating, and the Session. He loves Camp Wyoming because "it is a place where kids can experience Christ in nature and grow spiritually in a setting different than the formal church." He is excited about the continued growth of Camp Wyoming and the success of the Campaign.



Volunteer Spotlight ~ Shirley Parker

During the first two weeks of summer camp, if you see a lady smiling from ear to ear, you can almost bet it's Shirley Parker of Marion, Iowa. Shirley has volunteered at Camp Wyoming during T.T.T. sessions in many capacities, as a cabin chaperone, an Arts & Crafts leader and most recently as a member of the Tuesday Carnival Crew.

Forty-nine years ago Shirley married Bob Parker. Throughout the years Shirley has been a bookkeeper, newcomer hostess, daycare/preschool provider and a 4-H leader.

Shirley grew up on a farm near Springville, attending school in Viola and Springville until graduating from Springville High School in 1957. She enjoys spending time with her husband and their friends, traveling, and seeing her four grandchildren's sports and musical events. Her hobbies are quilting, babysitting, playing bridge and dominoes. The last movie she saw was *The Illusionist*, and her favorite meal is shrimp, salad and soup.

Bringing joy to her life, Shirley enjoys being with her friends and family. She never thought she'd see the day when her and Bob could winter in the warmer climates during the cold Iowa winter months.

Shirley first became familiar with Camp Wyoming when her sons, Ron and Gordon attended camp in the early 70's. An active member of the Marion Presbyterian Church, Shirley is involved in the Martha Circle and the Funeral Luncheon Committee.

Thank you Shirley for your continued dedication to T.T.T. and the Camp Wyoming programs.



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~Merry Christmas~

November 2006

23 Happy Thanksgiving!

December 2006

2 Christmas City Celebration
25 Merry Christmas!
27-29 Wintertainment
29-30 Staff Reunion

January 2007

1 Happy New Year!
12-14 Huddle Leader Retreat

February 2007

23-25 Confirmation Retreat

May 2007

25-28 Memorial Day Family Camp

A Camp and Conference Center for All Seasons

We invite you to rekindle your spirit, renew your energy, and stretch your soul. Come enjoy the spirit of hospitality in a variety of peaceful and beautiful settings.

Owl's Nest: Sleeps 30, includes meeting space, recreation area, lounge, fireplace, kitchen, outdoor deck, and a fire circle. Linens are provided. \$26.00 per person.

Bird Unit: Sleeps 56 with 4 heated cabins surrounding a central lodge that includes shower & restrooms, meeting area, indoor fireplace, kitchen, and outside fire circle. \$16.00 per person.

Tree Unit: Sleeps 56 with 4 heated cabins surrounding a central lodge that includes shower & restrooms, meeting area, kitchen and outside fire circle. \$16.00 per person.

Rogers Lodge: Individual lodge sleeps 7 with 2 bedrooms and a sleeper sofa. Equipped kitchen, bathroom, study room and living room. Linens are furnished. \$25.00 per person or \$50.00 per family.

Deer Center: Multi-purpose meeting and dining facility that accommodates up to 225.

Family Campground: Twenty RV sites; each with water, electricity, picnic table and fire ring. Tent sites are also available. \$16.00 per night with hook-ups. \$10.00 per tent site.

Rustic Facilities: Tree Houses, Covered Wagons, and Platform Tents; includes fire pit, picnic tables and access to showers/restrooms. \$6.00 per person.

*Food Service is available for any occasion.
Call for reasonable rates, year round!*