

Camp Wyoming Chronicle

Wintertainment

Friday, December 28, 2007 to
Sunday, December 30, 2007

1:00 PM—1:00 PM

\$75.00/camper 3rd to 12th Grade

Participants will enjoy Winter Olympics, the famous Tubing Hill, morning worship services, evening campfires and much more!

This is a great chance to reunite with friends from the summer and a wonderful opportunity to make new ones.



Registration
Deadline:
Dec. 21, 2007

Register online at:
campwyoming.net

2008 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

You can register NOW for your 2008 summer camp experience. Our list and schedule of camps are available at www.campwyoming.net

New additions to our 2008 summer camping season:

- * We will offer a week-long camp where Senior High youth can take a trip to West Virginia to experience an overnight whitewater rafting journey as well as a rock climbing excursion.
- * Camp Wyoming will also include in their Thrill Seeker II camp the chance to ride go-karts at a nearby race track. This will continue to enliven the Thrill Seeking experience!

Our curriculum for 2008 will be "Handle with Care" where campers will learn to live in loving relationship with God, each other, and with His creation. They will examine what the Bible has to say about their role in God's creation and consider what it means to handle His creation with care.

Campers will learn big and little things they can do to reduce their footprint on God's creation and guarantee that future generations have the same access to the wonders of God's handiwork as we do today. We will encourage campers to renew their spirit, sustain their soul, and inspire them to action as good stewards of God's creation during their time at Camp Wyoming. We look forward to seeing you next summer!



Nieuwsma Eagle Scout Project - Wilderness Way

Jacob Nieuwsma of Troop 555 from Marion, Iowa chose Camp Wyoming's Wilderness Way Trail as his Eagle Scout Project. Jacob is a 16 year Junior at Linn Mar High School in Marion, Iowa.

The process of an Eagle Scout Project is rather lengthy. First Jacob had to find a project and draw up all the details, then have the project approved. Once approved, the project went into full production. Jacob will present his completed project to the Scouts Board of Review in November and then onto the Court of Honor.

Jacob started by performing light clearing of the trail, then measuring and GPS pinpointing the trails distance. New posts with vibrant new signs were erected at both ends of the trail. New distance markers and poles were placed periodically throughout the trail.

Jacob's project was a group effort with over 200 work hours put in by many volunteers: Scouts of Troop 555, Joe Waggoner, David & Elizabeth Nieuwsma, Ron Branson, Harlan & Shirley Nieuwsma, and Paul & Jasper Scott.

Materials were donated by Ogden & Adams Lumber of Cedar Rapids and Harlan & Shirley Nieuwsma of Marion. Mt. Vernon Road True Value Hardware of Cedar Rapids donated use of the post hole digger and Bob Parker of Marion donated use of a router for the signs.

**Our THANKS to Jacob, the Volunteers and Donors
for completing an excellent project.**



ENDOW IOWA - A Tax Credit Program

By Daniel R. Baldwin

President of the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation

Kevin Cullum and the Board of Directors of Camp Wyoming have done a wonderful job of building strong programs. Now there is a tool available to help build an endowment that will generate important annual income, ensuring for years to come the level of quality programs the campers and their families have come to expect from Camp Wyoming

Camp Wyoming was recently the beneficiary of a fund established at The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation. The donor who created this fund was able to participate in the Endow Iowa tax credit program while helping build the Camp's endowment. Because Endow Iowa utilizes Iowa income tax credits, the program can be safely described as the greatest incentive yet for giving to endowed funds.

Here's how Endow Iowa works. If a donor establishes an endowed fund (defined by the Endow Iowa legislation as an invested fund whose annual spending cannot exceed 5% of the corpus) or gives to an existing endowed fund at a qualified community foundation (The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation is a qualified community foundation), they become eligible for an Iowa income tax credit worth 20% of the value of their gift. This is in addition to their state and federal charitable deductions. So a \$50,000 gift brings a \$10,000 Iowa income tax credit. The maximum credit per year for a single taxpayer is \$100,000, meaning endowments gifts as large as \$500,000 can take full advantage of the program. A married couple represents two taxpayers and can each give the maximum.

Other important details:

- Beginning in 2008, \$3 million in credits are available statewide each year.
- If the credits run out for a given year (as they have for 2007), donors are issued credits for the next year
- The credits are first come first served. Donors shouldn't delay.
- The donor has five years to utilize the credits once they are issued.
- Benefiting organizations must be Iowa charities (such as Camp Wyoming).
- Corporations are eligible to participate in Endow Iowa.
- 10% of the credits will be held for gifts under \$30,000.

Endow Iowa creates an incentive for donors to give during their lifetime, to establish endowments that can provide important resources to help sustain organizations like Camp Wyoming. It is difficult to overstate the opportunities created through Endow Iowa. Through The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation alone, several million dollars of endowments have been created for which donors received tax credits. It is very easy, and the GCRCF handles the administration.

If Camp Wyoming is important to you, Endow Iowa may be a program that will allow you to ensure the Camp's future and bring you significant tax benefits. Call me or Kathy Hall, at 319.366.2862 if you have questions, or visit the Cedar Rapids Community Foundation at www.grcf.org

\$50 Gift Certificate Winners!

Matthew Rossler and Kabryn Cook are the recent winners of \$50 Gift Certificates towards 2008 Summer Camp. The evaluations were randomly drawn from the stack of completed 2007 Evaluations.

Matthew Rossler of Newton, Iowa attended Pioneer camp and really liked his counselors, Gary & AJ. He also loved creek stomping and said the food was good. Matthew hopes to experience a lot of caving next summer.

Kabryn Cook of Manchester, Iowa attended Explorer Swim camp during the heat of the summer and liked the fan in his cabin! Spending time in the pool with his counselor Eric and the other campers was great!

See you this summer guys!

New Opportunity to Support Camp Wyoming

New legislation allows distributions (in 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.

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

Wayne & Audrey Noring
 Tom & Kristy Parker
 Lois Schermerhorn

Cardinal Level \$500-\$999

Gary & Karen Guetzko
 Georgia Kost
 Herbert Townsend
 Arden & Elaine Woodrum

Bluebird Level \$250-\$499

Steve & Julie Anderson Schuett
 Kevin & Shelley Cullum
 Chad & Lisa Gammon
 Marilyn Johnson
 Don & LeAnn Keller
 Mary Klotzbach
 Greg & Sharon Larrison
 Sara McCaw
 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

Goldfinch Level \$125-\$249

Ron & Nancy Baldwin
 Roger & Anita Benedict
 Sara Bennett
 Tom & Mary Pat Brooke
 David & Linda Burrichter
 Kim & Jerry Carson
 Bill & Bev Crandall
 Don & Judy Glass
 Ed Hancock
 Robert & Harriet Kopp
 Robert & Bonnie Lyon
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 Jim & Jane Mylrea
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 Duane & Joy Osborn-Daniels
 Thelma Wagner
 Robert & Ruth Zirkelbach
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Visit us
 at the
**Wyoming
 Christmas City
 Celebration**

**Saturday,
 December 1, 2007
 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Enjoy horse drawn
 sleigh tours of the
**City Lights, Kids
 Games, Soup
 Supper Bake
 Sale, Calkins
 Square, Chili
 Cook-off,
 and
 Santa!**

Birthdāy Blast

Happy Birthday to the
 following
 Camp Wyoming
 Supporters!

November

6-Jenny Sewell
 14- Becky Wirth
 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
 5-Francis McLaskey
 6-Everett Russell
 8-Ginger Thomas
 10-Paul Scott
 12-Jerry Akers
 19-Deb Egger
 22-Robert Kopp
 26-Wilma Sanders
 27-Richard Jones



Staff Spotlight ~ Christina Kelly

Christina Kelly grew up in Davenport, Iowa with her 3 brothers and 3 sisters. She is the daughter of Kevin and Carol Kelly as well as the granddaughter of long-time Camp Wyoming supporter, Florence Bates. The Kellys attend the Newcomb Presbyterian Church in Davenport. Christina served as the Assistant Director this past summer. She had a big 'hand' in guiding our Pastor-in-Residence program as well as leading our Morning Worship and Evening Campfire programs. Her prior experience as a Camp Wyoming camper and staff member provided a solid foundation as a leader to the summer staff. Christina grew up coming to Camp Wyoming "as soon as she was able." Each of her siblings started attending Camp as elementary-aged children and thoroughly enjoyed their experience. Her favorite time at Camp was participating in a Cave & Canoe camp. Christina enjoyed coming to Camp because "it was a safe environment that allowed me to explore and strengthen my beliefs. I was surrounded by accepting people with similar feelings but different points of view. The camp setting added a real warmth to the overall experience."

Christina enjoys working with kids, music, theater, swimming, and most outdoor adventure stuff like hiking. She is a Certified American Red Cross Lifeguard. Her favorite food is jelly beans and her favorite movie is "A Christmas Carol." Christina graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in History. She is still discerning her career path but is considering applying to graduate school for Law or Social Work. We know that Christina will be successful in whatever path she chooses. We thank you, Christina, for your energy and commitment to the Camp Wyoming ministry!

Camp Wyoming 2008 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 Baptism while experiencing the beauty of God's World. This weekend will provide a great opportunity for everyone to grow in their faith.

February 22-24, 2008

Friday 7:30 PM—Sunday 1:00 PM

\$75 per student / Adult Chaperones are FREE

Register: www.campwyoming.net by February 14, 2008

Caring & Committed Donors
August 4, 2007 -
October 25, 2007
Individuals ~ Families ~ Groups

Anderson-Schuetz, Steve & Julie
Baitinger, Nina
Busch, Diana
Denler, Bruce & Vaughn
Hall, Leslie & Gilbert
Hancock, Rev. Ed.
Kravet Fabrics
Liscum, Ruth
Maquoketa Valley REC
Millsap, Mikel
Noring, Wayne & Audrey
Olson, Scott
Phelps, Dean & Marianne
Rozendaal, Jim & Shirley
Russell, Everett & Dorothy
Snyder, Royal
Tjaden, George & Marian
Walters, William & Eleanor
Wyoming Telephone Company

Gifts Given in Honor

Dirks, Cliff & Sandy
IHO Jim & Carol Eggert's 40th
Wedding Anniversary
Griffith, Scott & Mary
IHO Jill Hook's Birthday
Oepping, Vern & Marianne
IHO Leonard & Jane Wynkoop's
60th Wedding Anniversary
Osborn-Daniels, Duane & Joy
IHO Jill Hook's Birthday
Schrimper, Darlene
IHO Rev. Jay & Dixie Miller's 50th
Wedding Anniversary
Siglin, Richard & Carol
IHO Louis Temeyer's 75th Birthday
Sullivan, Nancy
IHO Louie & Betty Leibold's 50th
Wedding Anniversary
Wirth, Gerald & Barbara
IHO Don & Betty Hainstock's 60th
Wedding Anniversary
IHO Elmer & Evelyn Peterson's
65th Wedding Anniversary
IHO Edna Leinbaugh's 90th
Birthday
IHO Rev. Edwin Hancock's 97th
Birthday

Gifts Given in Memory

Andresen, Jerry & Betty
IMO Grace Rodman
IMO Dorothy Doden
IMO Albert Oltmanns
Eggert, Jeff & Dawn
IMO Jim Lockwood
Lehrman, Marlyn & Julie
IMO Gene Lloyd
Noring, Wayne & Audrey
IMO John Wright
Paulsen, Ronald & Mary Ann
IMO Louis Morf
IMO Robert Von Spreecken
Sands, Don & Bev
IMO Beverly Murphy
Siglin, Richard & Carol
IMO Lois Smith
Snyder, Royal
IMO Robert Von Spreecken
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IMO Jeannie McElmeel
Sullivan, Nancy
IMO Mrs. McCallum
IMO Allen Gadiant
IMO Mary Mehrl
Thomas, Mark & Ginger
IMO Robert Von Spreecken
IMO Bernice Kiburz
IMO Wanda Dauber
Waggoner, Paul & Lucille
IMO Wanda Dauber
Walters, Rodney & Mary
IMO Robert Von Spreecken
Zirkelbach, Dean & Irene
IMO Robert Von Spreecken

Church Mission Support

Cedar Rapids, IA
Calvin Sinclair Presbyterian
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Olivet Presbyterian
Dubuque, IA
Westminster Presbyterian
Farmington, IA
Sharon Presbyterian
Lost Nation, IA
Union Presbyterian
Springville, IA
Springville Presbyterian
Waukon, IA
First Presbyterian



Rest & Relaxation

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 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.



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 2008 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 Camp Wyoming Trading Post items. T-shirts, sweatshirts, water bottles, dog tags, pens, pencils, etc. 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!

~Merry Christmas~



Board Spotlight Rev. Mike Andrew

Rev. Mike Andrew serves on the Camp Board and its Marketing Committee. He is the pastor for Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church in Atkins, Iowa. Mike grew up near Spokane, Washington where he later went to college at Eastern Washington University. He earned a degree in Business Finance. After college, he worked as an Operations Manager in the television industry,

studying the demographic responses to pilot television shows and commercials. He later moved to the Yellowstone National Park area in Montana where he helped manage a local hotel. In West Yellowstone he became active in the community church where he eventually served as a volunteer leader for Junior High youth. He found church work to be fulfilling and absorbed much practical experience during his time there. Mike discovered his sense of call during his time in Montana, and credits the support of his mentors, Revs. Tom and Rev. Tammy Letts. Both Tom and Tammy were instrumental in teaching the importance of camp ministry for today's youth. Mike later went on to graduate from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, and actually met his wife Rev. Noelle Andrew (who plans to serve as a pediatric chaplain at the University of Iowa Hospitals), when he spilled a pot of coffee at her feet on his first day of seminary classes. Mike enjoys reading, fly fishing, hiking, and backpacking. He has also maintained a lifelong fascination with meteorology. His favorite food is ice cream and his favorite movie is "A River Runs Through It." Mike has a younger sister, Sheri, who works in marketing for a computer chip manufacturer in San Jose, California. His mother was a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and his father was a Research Scientist. Both are retired.

Mike loves how Camp offers "those special moments where youth can have an epiphany and open their spiritual eyes to the new things they have learned. It's amazing how that specific experience impacts a child's life and stays with them forever." He is also inspired by the commitment of the counselors who work with the campers. "The counselors make the camp what it is. I am very impressed with the thought that goes into their Christ Walk character and how their role embodies and encapsulates their beliefs."

We value Mike's involvement with the ministry at Camp Wyoming and appreciate his energy into making it an effective resource for churches.



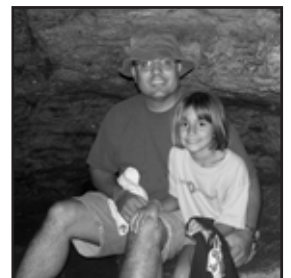
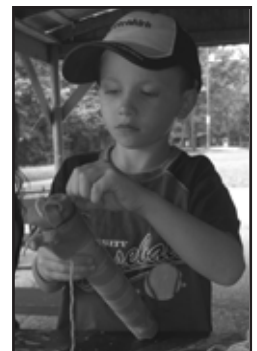
Volunteer Spotlight ~ Tim Dohrmann

If a woodchuck could chuck wood, how much wood would a woodchuck chuck? If the woodchuck is anything like Tim Dohrmann of Cedar Rapids, then that's a lot of wood! Tim has been instrumental in cutting, splitting and stacking wood throughout the Camp property, all with a beaming smile upon his face. Tim first came to Camp Wyoming years ago as part of a couples tent camping group from Christ Presbyterian Church. Through the years his grandchildren have enjoyed Camp Wyoming and Tim continues to volunteer with his wood cutting talents. He's also a supporter of Trees Forever.

Tim grew up in Ida Grove, Iowa and graduated from Newhall High School. Soon thereafter he married his wife Sherri and started working at Midland Forge as a machine operator. Tim and

Sherri have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. After 37 years Tim retired from Midland Forge. He wanted to keep active after retirement so he took on a part-time position at the Meth-Wick Community. In his free time Tim enjoys hunting, fishing and camping. Tim and Sherri have a 5th wheel camper that they enjoy taking to their 80 acres of property near Waukon, Iowa. Next year when Sherri retires from Square D they plan on doing some camping in the southern United States.

Tim is a member and elder of Christ Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. While not currently on session, Tim enjoys singing in the choir, participating in the bell choir and leading an adult Sunday school class. He has also served as Church Treasurer in the past. Tim enjoys reading books written by James Patterson and says the last movie he saw was part of "movie night" at church, entitled Shrek 2. Tim's favorite meal is pot roast with all the fixings. Singing praises to his Lord is Tim's greatest joy. Tim's hope for the future of Camp Wyoming is to see expansion to bring youth in and more involvement by the Presbyterian churches. *~Thanks Tim for always thinking about Camp Wyoming~*



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~Merry Christmas~

November 2007

22 Happy Thanksgiving!

December 2007

1 Christmas City Celebration
25 Merry Christmas!
28-30 Wintertainment
30-31 Staff Reunion

January 2008

1 Happy New Year!
11-13 Huddle Leader Retreat

February 2008

22-24 Confirmation Retreat

May 2008

23-26 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.

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