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Road Treasures

We had an incredible "Road Trip" as we journeyed through the 2007 summer! One of the best parts of a road trip, and I have been on many...is going home. I know you are thinking how can the good part be coming home. But you see, by the time I arrive home not only is my heart full of new sweet memories, but the floor of my car also contains an array of memories... a stale french fry, a movie stub, a to-go menu from a hole-in-the-wall restaurant, a tourist map, a tacky souvenir(or two) that I just had to have! These become road "treasures" for me as I get back to everyday life because they are little reminders of a special time.

So as we have all parted ways for the summer, I pray that your heart is still full of all the good from camp...from friends and fun activities....to campfire messages and devotions. Keep before you all that you learned so that God can continue to teach you and grow you. And you've probably got all the "treasures" as daily reminders of fun too...finish the extra pages in your morning watch book (believe it or not you don't have to be sitting on the hill!), recite some of the verses you memorized, put on that Camp Cherith shirt, get excited for next summer and get new friends excited about camp too! My prayer for each of you is that God is just as close to you now, even closer, than you felt him at camp! Live out what you learned at camp at home. Your friends and family might think you are a little crazy if you start dinner with the Superman song and end it with the Beaver song...but they will notice the love and light shining from you as you live your life...Christ in every phase!

Enjoying the journey,
Sarah Mallett "Mooch"
Girl's Director

Crazy Antics

It was another fabulous boys week! This summer was full of crazy antics. Darth Vader was destroyed by water balloons during our popular all camp activity, plenty of fish were caught out on the pontoon; kids got up on water-skis for the first time, the dining hall was full of song and great food...the list goes on.



As much as I enjoy all the great, fun activities we do all week seeing you campers grow in your personal walk with Jesus is what it is really all about for me. It motivates and energizes me to make the next year even better. I look forward to planning the next fabulous Boys Week!

See you June 24th 2008! Bring a friend!
Rob Scott
Boy's Director

New and improved website
under construction
and coming soon!
Stay tuned to
www.camp-cherith.com
for details.

The Phonathon is Coming!!!! November 12 - 16th

"When I go to
camp ... I feel safe
and like I've come
home." - Asha

It's not just the campers who are impacted by what happens at Camp Cherith. For the last two years I have experienced an incredible walk of faith serving on the Board of North Central Camp Cherith. God continually amazes me by showing up and encouraging me to press on for His glory at camp. Here is just one example of dozens of stories I have.

After camp season this year we began meeting to plan the new shower house. (Yeah! That's a great God story in itself – God provided the money for a new shower house!) We were having a hard time finding contractors to bid on it and we really wanted to have more than one bid. During this time, there was a huge storm in our neighborhood and my house suffered quite a bit of damage. I grumbled having no power, water, and tons of work to do. Sarah Mallett, our Girls Director, had spent the night, and I had her picking up branches also. (What a kind house guest she is.) At one point in our clean up I remember walking out into the front yard saying: "We need to rejoice in this, look how it's brought us all together with the neighbors." There ended up being more rejoicing than that. We hired a contractor for repairs and guess what?! He was interested in bidding on camp's shower project. Better yet, he had a cabin in Perham and had just seen the Camp Cherith sign a week before. He had lots of ideas and was able to help us in some of the planning and design. We went through quite a bit of due diligence with the different bids and I am pleased to report that Wright Construction has been hired and is currently working on the shower house.

It keeps happening. I get discouraged and then God hits me in the head, with a storm, that ends up being just what was needed to move forward with His plans for camp. My faith can't help but be tested and continually strengthened by my work with camp. It is truly a blessing and I encourage you to join me.

Debbie Nauman, Board President



New and improved in 2007—

- New sign at the gate
- New covered hitching rail area for the horses
- New metal tuck shop roof
- New Nature Hut building-done in a little over 24 hours by Nelson Construction volunteer crew.
- Flushies finished off ceiling, glass block windows and wonderful painting/decorating
- Painting/decorating projects-Craft house/white house/infirmary
- New Camp Bus purchased Week 4

2007 - 505 Campers! (up 22% from 2006) Also 104 staff members!

Graduating Cilts (Campers in Leadership Training)

Shannon Grimmer "Bam Bam"
 Heather Towner "Pebbles"
 Erika Schmit "Dora"
 Michelle Manship "Olive"
 Julia Reinisch "Stix"
 Hannah Osborne "2π"



1st year Cilts — 4

Graduating Builts (Boys Under Intense Leadership Training)

Freddy Lewis
 Andre Blaine

1st year Builts - 2

Connections

- Ryan Marks (Built 2005) just left for Iraq. Pray for safety and adjustment to life there.
- Ashley "Smashley" Ewing (Cilt 2002) married Lawrence "Larry Boy" Michaelson (Staff 2004) June 29, 2007
- Katy Shug-Frey (Cilt 1992) and husband, Lance, added Hayley to their family Sept. 19th.
- Cheryl "Dolby" Arendts (Cilt 1998) married Libby Alexandr in September, 2007
- Lauren "Cheech" Topel (Cilt 1998) and Mark Skildum tied the knot on August 11, 2007
- Kerry "Kuby" Gustafson (staff 2006-7) is engaged to be married in May, 2008!
- Jodi "Yoda" (Cilt 1995) and Ben Clair (staff 2001) are the proud parents of Harper Vivian on Sept. 10th.

Memorials

- Lynda Orkiszewski in honor of Erika and Ron's marriage
- Fred, Jan, and Lisa Naaktgeboren in memory of Robert Scott
- Many gifts were received from friends and relatives of Doug and Charlotte Gullifer who went to be with the Lord this year.

"A Staff 2007 Cherith Story"

When I was in the third grade, many, many years ago, I couldn't wait to go to Camp Cherith. So my mom registered me and off I went. It was a long ride to wherever it was that we were going. My dad told me it was near Hinkley, MN. Never having been to Camp Cherith before, I was not sure what to expect. My friend and I got out of the car, luggage and sleeping bag in tow, and stood in the long registration line. I had \$2.75 to spend in the tuck shop for the week! That was considered an adequate amount back in 1962. They told us where our cabin was, and we went a running! Our counselor "Junco" was sitting on her bed waiting to greet us. We were so excited to meet all the other girls that were to be in our cabin. What a week we had!!! There was swimming, crafts, morning watch, Bible Exploration, fun songs, campfires, cookouts, skits, dressing up, cabin clean-up, skills classes, lots of laughs, cinnamon rolls on Saturday morning, and more things than I have room to write.

Well, guess what? Last Summer I went to Camp Cherith again! (I drove this time) up to Frazee, MN. I went to work in the kitchen. I got to work with fun people like Hoot, Pooskster, Bam-Bam, Puffin, and Giggles! What a treat to serve God in this way. Just as I had as a third grader, I enjoyed the songs, skits, morning watch and again more than I have room to write, only this time, I experienced it through the eyes of a mom. Two of my daughters were able to be campers that week. What a joy to see how the same fundamental elements of growing in love with God have remained at Camp Cherith through the test of time.



Margaret "Holler" Lindborg, - Assistant Cook Week 3

"Winning Weather, Wonderful Weekend"

Fall Mother-Daughter Weekend

Camp Cherith provided a "postcard perfect" backdrop for our ever-fun-and-relaxing Mother/Daughter Weekend in September. Sunshine and temps in the 70's inspired an abundance of outdoor activities, including canoeing, hiking, archery, riflery, pontoon boat rides, campfires, and even a few quick dips in Lake Six – very quick. With God's creativity on full display in nature, participants expressed their own creativity by making scrapbooks, bead pins, and decorative stepping stones.

This year's theme, Journeys: Traveling along God's Chosen Path, was expressed through singing, group Bible Exploration, Morning Watch, and an outdoor chapel service overlooking the radiant scenery surrounding Schram Lake.

The weekend provided a great opportunity for moms, daughters, grandmas, and granddaughters to spend quality time together away from the bustle of everyday life. Several moms and daughters were at Camp Cherith for the first time and we hope to see them back for camp next summer (remember, parent volunteers are always welcome)!

Wish List



Power washer
Park benches
Mini Van
Golf cart
Masking tape/scotch tape/duct tape

Free time items –
Self directed outside activities like:
Stilts
Sling catch type games
Juggling rings
Luna stix
Diabolos, etc.

Nature Hut items –
Binoculars
Lots of field nets & water nets to catch fun stuff
Skins/furs/hoofs/antlers/mounts of animals
Posters
Rhythm instruments –
Bongo & djembe drums
Tambourines
Maracas
Egg shakers

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