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Huge Improvements At Camp This Summer

What's nicer than walking into a beautiful new shower house on a cool spring morning and feeling a warm floor under your feet? Having 10 new individual showers with changing areas and lots of warm water! God was so great and provided us not only money to pay for the shower house but abundant friends to help build benches, form concrete, and build flower beds to make the place look gorgeous.

The Camp Cherith Waterfront took on a whole new look after a nearby oak tree flattened the old storage shed. Not to be discouraged by the local County variance board denial of our first shed proposal, the board redesigned the waterfront set up and proposed moving the shed to the other side. We were approved and with wonderful last minute help from a local builder, James Huff and his father, directing some great volunteers, the waterfront shed was built the weekend boys week started. It has more than twice the room and features of our last shed! Not to mention the great Adirondack chairs and sandy area by the kayak and canoe racks. God's timing is perfect, we know!

Mother/Daughter Weekend – September 19-21

Mothers and daughters join us for a fun weekend get away and bonding time.

See enclosed brochure for details and we'll see you there!

AUGUST 2008

21, 497, 169, 0, 79, 25, 10, 1

What do these numbers all have in common?

Together they spell....Give God some praise it was an amazing summer!!

21 - God handpicked 21 all-summer staff members to serve at Cherith this summer. Combined with all the extra 1-2 week staff members we were not short staffed the entire summer providing camp with lots of hands to serve and lots of God's love to disperse!

497 - The number of campers we had all summer, all of which heard a message of God's love and his redemptive plan for their life.

169 - The number of campers who experienced Camp Cherith for the first time!

0 - Equals the number of trips made to the emergency room or ambulance visits made this summer. God's hand was definitely protecting our camp every step of the way!

79 - The average daily temperature!! We had spectacular weather all summer long. The few times it did rain were either at night while we were sleeping or during mealtimes. Twice the rain promptly stopped as soon as dinner was finished, once revealing a beautiful rainbow over Schramm's lake...a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness!

25 - The average number of calories burned/person every time we sang and danced to our theme song.
*"Jesus we're living for your name-We'll never be ashamed of you-Whoh-oh-oh-
Our praise and all we are today- Take, take, take, it all.
Take, take, take it all."*

I can barely type the words without singing out loud...and I'll leave you guessing as to whether or not I just stood up in the middle of the office to do the actions!

10 - Brand new shower stalls used all summer long by some very happy campers! Praise the Lord for our beautiful new shower house.

1 - The big God that we serve, to you our faithful Lord and Savior we give all the praise, honor, and glory for all you did at Camp Cherith this summer!! We love you big time!

Giving him all the praise and glory,
Sarah Ann "Mooch"
Girl's Director

Give The Gift of Camp

According to the *Youth Development Outcomes of the Camp Experience research project (2005)* 96 percent of campers surveyed reported that camps helped them make new friends, 92 percent said that camps helped them feel better about themselves, and 74 percent admitted that they did things they were afraid to do at first. At Camp Cherith our campers do all that while being introduced to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and learning how to apply Christian principles to daily living. That is why we as an organization are passionate about getting kids to camp.

There is a difference between our camp fees and what it actually costs to have a child at camp for a week. Administrative and maintenance costs are not covered through camp fees. Each year, people like you, donate money to Camp Cherith to assist with our operational costs and allow us to offer an excellent camp program at a reasonable cost.

The time to give is now. Here's what your dollars do for Camp Cherith:

- \$3,000 provides all programming materials for one week of camp
- \$1,500 provides one month of administrative expenses
- \$750 provides one month of utility expenses
- \$500 provides food for one day at camp
- \$100 provides gas for one day of water activities on Lake Six
- \$50 provides craft or woodworking materials for five campers

Soon many of you will be receiving a letter with information on how you can help us continue providing the camp experience that is so beneficial to our youth. We pray that you will consider the opportunities and growth Camp Cherith provides its campers and donate to Camp Cherith part of what the Lord has provided you.

Smaller 2008 improvements-

- Benches all over including surrounding the Nature Hut deck
- Nite O Rest staff house paneling was removed and brightened up with sheetrock
- Tuck Shop walls were sandblasted/sealed and painted along with epoxy floor applied (look for continued redesign next summer!)
- Staff House and NOR exterior consumed gallons and gallons of paint

Well Built, Still Building

Once again God showed His faithfulness to Camp Cherith at our Annual Fellowship Dinner, April 19th. Friends of Camp Cherith were able to share time together and express gratitude for all that has happened over the last year. Major highlights include: New shower house near completion, new curriculum development for Bible Exploration, and a work week-end with 100 volunteers!

Generous donations were received to complete several building projects: patio in front of flushies and shower house, a larger waterfront shed, tuck shop remodeling and we were blessed with a donor who came forward to sponsor a new costume shop to be completed Spring 2009.

The event highlighted campers glorifying God through song and the special worship dance presented by Trinity Lutheran Pioneer Club in Hudson, WI.

Plan on joining us next April to share in the plans and excitement of Camp Cherith.

Wish List

3M employees – we could really use lots of masking, & duct tape. Band-aids come in handy too



Mini Van
Golf Cart
Weedwacker
Electric power washer
Newer TV with AV outputs
Large area rugs
Clear bins (all sizes larger than shoe boxes)

Free time items –

Fun self-directed activities for outside like:
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

Wanted for Tuck Shop –

New or gently used CD's of Contemporary Christian Artists to give or sell for a minimal amount to campers.

If you can help out with any of these items, contact Becky Nelson @ 952-884-1451 or bonccc@aol.com

Easy fundraising

- Don't forget you can help raise funds for Camp Cherith by using www.goodsearch.com as your search engine. Just indicate North Central Camp Cherith as your charity. NCCC received over \$150 for your searching/surfing last fall.
- Shop online at www.schoolpop.com by registering using 130529 and a percentage will be donated to North Central Camp Cherith.
- Matching gifts—Check with your employer and see if your donation can be doubled with a matching gift. Many employers just have a form that you can send us to fill out and increase your donation power.
- Thanks to those of you who are already donating through the United Way!
- Next time the United Way campaign rolls around at work in your community, just write North Central Camp Cherith as your choice on the list.

Memorials

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

- Mel Mattson by Multiple donors
- Douglas & Charlotte Gullifer by Margaret & John Lindborg
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