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LAST paper copy of the Cherith Chatter

This is our last paper copy of the Cherith Chatter. Our new electronic newsletter will reduce costs for printing and mailing, and will allow us to allocate more of our funds for camper programs. It will enable us to include more color photos and provide links for easy access to our website and other resources. We will also be able to create custom updates for specific members of our Cherith family, i.e. campers, staff, donors. If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact Becky at 952-884-1451 and we will send you one, otherwise it will be sent via e-mail. Didn't give us your e-mail address? Go to our website www.camp-cherith.com and click on "E-News Sign me up" to get on the mailing list.

Thanks for staying connected with North Central Camp Cherith

2010 Dates & Themes— "Can You Hear Me Now?"

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| Girls Week 1: <i>Whodunit?</i> | June 27-July 3 |
| Girls Week 2: <i>Holidazzle</i> | July 4-10 |
| Girls Week 3: <i>Message in a Bottle</i> | July 11-17 |
| Girls Week 4: <i>Space Cowgirls</i> | July 18-24 |
| Girls Week 5: <i>Totally '80s</i> | July 25-31 |
| Boys Week 1: | June 20-26 |
| Boys Week 2: | August 1-7 |

Register for camp—
Go to www.camp-cherith.com to register online/ request a brochure by e-mailing info@camp-cherith.com or by calling Becky at 952-884-1451

Spring Fundraiser Event TESTIFY

"Only eternity will tell the whole tale of the impact Cherith has had." - Kerm Klefsaas

All friends of Cherith welcome to join us as we fellowship together with desserts and a program of song and encouragement of God's work at North Central Camp Cherith.

Saturday, April 10, 2010
7:00 PM
\$15 per person
Roseville Covenant Church

To make your reservation contact:
BETH_BISCHOF_01@juno.com
952-236-9222

Mark your Calendars

Mother/Daughter weekend
Sept. 17 – 19

NEW!
Father/Son weekend Sept. 24 – 26

Prayer & Praise

Will you commit to praying for camp and praising God for what He is doing at camp? Sign up as a prayer partner with Nancy Stahel at ngstahel@yahoo.com and tell her that you'd like to join the Prayer/Care Team.

Summer Staff Opportunities available –

We are currently accepting applications for Summer Staff. These positions can be one week, multiple weeks, all summer, or volunteer basis. We are looking for people with skills in the following areas:

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| Counselors-boys weeks | Maintenance/Cleaning staff | Cooks |
| Office Support | Tuck Shop Managers (Camp Store) | Nurses |

For questions, contact girlsdirector@camp-cherith.com or boysdirector@camp-cherith.com
Go to www.camp-cherith.com to apply online or contact Becky Nelson.

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Girls Weeks 2010

I am writing this entry for the Chatter from Mombasa, Kenya. I have been in Africa for almost 3 weeks, and am currently helping with a conference here for missionaries who are stationed in countries where the gospel of Christ cannot be proclaimed freely. It has been a humbling experience to serve and worship with these men, women, and children. These families sacrifice daily to live out what God has called them to do. A majority of these families have not worshiped in a group setting in over 2 years. When they meet together, they often have to post someone at their door to make sure they are not being watched. Another reminder that we take so much for granted in America.

As I turn my thoughts to the summer, I have been thinking about how blessed we are to have a beautiful camp where we can come and worship the Lord together freely. Where we can read the Word together. Where we can pray for one another. All things that in many countries have to be done with caution.

The other very humbling thing I have observed spending time with these missionaries, is that more than once they have referred to Christians living in America, as the "state-side team". I have reflected on this statement a lot. I've wondered how many Christians view themselves as missionaries in America? Are we concerned and aware that we have opportunities every day, whether at school, in our neighborhoods, or at our place of work, to advance the kingdom of God? I want to challenge myself and each of you, to keep a tender, open heart before God. Let Him lead and guide you daily. Don't miss out on opportunities to share the love of Christ.

I hope to see many of you at Cherith this summer. I also would like to encourage you to pray and ask God if there is anyone who doesn't know Christ that you could invite and/or send to Camp Cherith. Sending a child to Camp Cherith is another way we can be a light and partner with our Creator to advance His kingdom!

Anticipating many wonderful times of worship together this summer,
Sarah Ann (Mooch)

Cherith Connections

Paul Olson (Wren) 1928- Dec. 3, 2009

If you went fishing on the pontoon during boys week, you probably went with Paul Olson, "Wren". If you ever drove into camp on a registration day and Paul was there, you were probably greeted by him and heard him share a joke with you. Longtime friend and supporter of North Central Camp Cherith, Paul Olson passed away on Dec. 3, 2009 from his battle with cancer. He will be missed by wife Carole "Jay", daughters Becky Nelson "BO" Executive Director, Cilt 1975, Beth Beebe Cilt 1977, and Paula Vander Schaaf "Pipit" along with their families who have all had a part at Camp Cherith. Paul's desire was to have his memorials be sent to Camp Cherith for staff housing with a "double bed" for couples. "Wren's Nest" will be a reality soon....thanks to a huge number of people giving to his wishes!

Marilyn Klefsaas, mom of Kim (Sputzy) Westra Cilt '77, director '88-92, Krista Ottoson, Cilt '80, Karin Schulz Cilt '86, and Kermit Klefsaas Staff '07-'08, passed away on February 22, 2010 only days after being diagnosed with cancer. Husband Kerm and Marilyn have always supported NCCC both physically and prayerfully and Marilyn will be missed greatly by all.

Amy "Ammers" and Todd Mattson welcomed 8 month old Mikayla Vernese into their home on Feb. 9th through an adoption from Haiti.

Memorials – In Memory of....

Paul Olson – Over 125+ people giving to "Wren's Nest"
Frank and Dorothy Szmiot by Bob Warner
Marjorie Brichacek by William Brichacek
Melvin Mattson by Merle Mattson
Joseph Pfliegaar by Joan Pfliegaar
Ray Lanners by Jacque Blaine
Carol O'Neil by Jeff Pellersels
Adeline Temte by Carolyn Temte
Viola Braun by George Braun

Boys Weeks 2010

Summer of 2010 will be here before we know it and we are looking forward to two fun-filled weeks for boys at Camp Cherith. The theme for this year is "Can you hear me now?" In the world that we live in there is a lot of pressure to listen to celebrities, politicians, educators and all of the media that we have available to us. While some may deliver truth, we need to be able to discern and know truth. This year the boys will be focusing on hearing God and living our lives according to what God is telling us. Knowing His unchanging Word is essential because God will never tell us to do something that goes against truth that He has declared in His Word. Camp is a great time to put aside the things of this world and focus on Christ and His truth so that we are prepared to be in the world, but not of it, so that we can glorify God with our lives.

We look forward to campers being blessed by what God will teach us through His word and also all of the exciting activities that camp has to offer. For staff, we know that you will be blessed by working with the campers, sharing His love with the campers and also the time of fellowship and reading God's Word with the staff. We encourage you to consider being a part of one or both Camp Cherith Boys' Weeks 2010.

Blessings,
Scott Taylor(Week 2) and Rob Scott(Week 1)

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After 34 Years of Service to North Central Camp Cherith Becky will be resigning

North Central Camp Cherith announces the resignation of Becky (Olson) Nelson, BO. This will be her last summer as Executive Director. Her dedication to Cherith and its mission of serving campers and staff will be greatly missed.

She was a camper for five years, first experiencing Cherith at the old site at Head of the Rapids. She fell totally in love with Cherith in 1972 when she attended the new site in Frazee. The wonderful staff, the rustic simplicity of the camp, and the beautiful nature created by God called it to be her place of growth and service for the next 34 years.

She is a 1975 CILT (Camper in Leadership Training) and has been on summer staff ever since. During those years she has held almost every job at camp, her favorite being Waterfront Director during the late 70's with Lisa Edstrom. She spent four years as the Girls Director, many weeks as the Nurse, and most recently has served as the Site Manager. She has also slept in almost every building at camp, including the old shower house, tiki torch hut, and many trailers. She is most thankful for the new staff housing that has recently been added to the site.

Besides all her work during the summer she dedicated 17 years as the Executive Director, being responsible for ensuring the organization operated according to all camping standards and government regulations, while supporting the directors and board through a home office. She was also active on the Summer Operations team which helps plan camp throughout the year and was Board President for three years.

Her favorite memory of camp is becoming engaged to her husband, Doug Nelson in 1995, at the Cross fire ring area (now under water near the Chapel). They have a daughter, Emily age 10. The entire family has dedicated their summers to opening, closing, and running camp. With Becky's resignation they intend to spend some time traveling during the summer months and coming back to volunteer at camp as a lifeguard, nurse, or even help out in maintenance some weeks.

The Board of Directors wishes the Nelson family rich blessings for their service to His Glory at North Central Camp Cherith.

Job Postings

Administrative Manager

The **Administrative Manager** ensures the effective operation of North Central Camp Cherith. This position coordinates communications, maintains database, assists in finances, and manages insurance, utilities, government agencies, associations.

Must have strong organizational skills and be proficient in Microsoft Office Suite. Must be familiar with databases and Quickbooks. Must be a disciplined self starter.

This is a year round position, averaging 10 flexible hours per week. You must be able to establish a home office environment that will house a small copy machine, fax machine, and some files.

Site Manager

The **Site Manager** is responsible for opening and closing camp, delegating maintenance duties during camp weeks, prepare for and assist with work week-ends, and building projects, serve as on call contact for problem resolution. Must have ability to maintain positive working relationships with volunteers, vendors and suppliers. Must have basic home repair and "fix-it" knowledge as well as ability to take initiative and work with sense of urgency.

The majority of duties for this position take place on weekends: early and late summer, as well as during the eight weeks of camp during the summer.

Visit our website www.camp-cherith.com, for a full job description and application or contact us at info@camp-cherith.com

Lund Scholarship Fund

Camp: Truly Priceless

Each year there are youth who dream of going to camp. They hear about the fun activities, the delicious food, great friends, and about all of the awesome ways to connect with God at camp. However, for some, this dream seems far away.

This year, there will be even more campers who need financial assistance in order to attend camp. With your generous help, Camp Cherith is able to provide scholarships for these campers so that this dream can become a reality. This year, consider giving a gift that is truly priceless. Give the gift of camp.

If you would like to help out the families of these children, you can designate your gift to the Cliff Lund Scholarship Fund. Financial gifts can be sent to: Mike Bischof 17585 Illinois Ct. Lakeville, MN 55044

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Wish List

2 AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator)
Golf cart
Blazer/small SUV vehicle
Sturdy wagons
Park benches
electric power washer
Newer TV with AV outputs
large area rugs
box fans
Batteries--Size AAA, C, and D
Construction paper
Butcher paper for posters
Colored Poster board for song cards
Tempra paint
Clear bins (all sizes larger than shoe boxes)



Nature Hut items

Binoculars
Lots of field nets and water nets to catch fun stuff
Bull or Milk snake to use for the summer

Free time items

fun self-directed activities for outside
like sling catch type games
juggling rings
luna stix
diabolos, etc.

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

Board Members

President--Debbie Nauman, Excelsior, MN

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Summer Operations Team—Andi Anderson, Shoreview, MN

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Executive Director—Becky Nelson, Bloomington, MN

Girls Director—Sarah Mallett, Middletown, OH

Boys Director Week 1—Rob Scott, Arden Hills, MN

Boys Director Week 2—Scott Taylor, New Hope, MN

Financial donations can be sent to Mike Bischof, 17585 Illinois Court, Lakeville, MN 55044

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