



TOUCHSTONE

Providing Christian hospitality, camping, and retreat programs to serve, nurture, and equip the people of God for God's work in the world.

March-April 2007

No Child will be Turned Away

This week, a letter was sent out to all youth ministers and Christian educators in the diocese, asking for their help in getting every child and youth to Camp Stoney this summer. This is a tall order, but it is one that we are entering into by faith.

There are several ways this can be accomplished. First, parents can begin making payments on their child's fees starting now. In reality, none of our camps cost more than \$30 per month, if spread out over 12 months. Get started right away and do what you can.

Secondly, there are scholarships available through the M'Lisa Bale scholarship fund, and many of our parishes have their own scholarship funds. Contact your parish office to get more information. Remember, the deadline for M'Lisa Bale applications is **April 15!**

Finally, Camp Stoney is raising scholarship funds directly, for both Grace camp—a camp for children who have a family member that is incarcerated—and for all of our camps.

A story from last summer that illustrates the point: A parent of a child in Silver City registered his daughter and her friend, let's call her Maria, for camp. When it was time to bring both of them to Santa Fe, there were complications. Maria's paperwork wasn't ready, and she needed some items on the "list." He brought his daughter, but left Maria behind.

When he arrived I asked what happened Maria. He explained the problems, and we worked them out. He didn't have time to make another trip, so I met him and Maria in Socorro.

Maria had a lot of questions as we came up the highway to Albuquerque. "Was that tall building a mall? Did it have an escalator? Oh, you have a Walgreens!" Everything she saw was a source of wonder. By making sure that Maria got to camp last summer, this parent opened a whole new world to a child who had never been further from home than Las Cruces. She experienced the love of Christ through the gift of a scholarship, as well as the love of the counselors and staff at camp.

If you know a child who wants to come, think about sponsoring that child's fees. Contact your priest about how you can support children in your congregation. If you don't know a child, we can make sure your scholarship funds are put to good use. Be an answer to some child's prayer!

Teepee update

We have received money for three teepees, and for part of a fourth. If you have been thinking about making a donation toward this project, please contact us and let us know. We need to order them soon in order to get them in time for summer camp!

Summer at a Glance

May 25-28	Labyrinth Camp*— NEW
June 1-3	Family Camp
June 3-9	Sr. High Adventure
June 4-8	Day Camp
June 10-16	Narnia Camp
June 17-23	Outdoor Adventure Camp— NEW
June 24-30	Summer Fun Camp
July 1-7	Jr. High Adventure
July 1-7	Harry Potter Camp
July 7-10	Alumni Family Camp— NEW
July 15-22	Lord of the Rings Camp— NEW
July 22-28	Puppet Ministry Camp— NEW
July 23-28	Grace Camp
August 10-12	Women's Retreat
August 17-19	Celtic Christian Retreat*— NEW

*indicates adult offering

Registration: Forms are available online at www.campstoney.org or at your local Episcopal Church office. A non-refundable registration fee of \$75 must be submitted for every camp attended. Each camp has limited space and we advise submitting your registration early. All campers must return a medical form and a general consent form to the camp office prior to arrival. Adventure campers need additional forms for rafting and rock climbing.

Prayer Items:

- Recruiting counselors & staff for the summer
- Recruiting Deans for each week
- Volunteers working on curricula
- Scholarships for every camper who needs it
- For the Narnia day camp road team

NEW: Labyrinth Camp registration is now online!

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