



TOUCHSTONE

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

July 2007

Junior High Adventure Camp Full

We are happy to announce that the Jr. High Adventure Camp is full. Plans to add another session next summer are already in the works. We have openings in all other camps, so it is not too late to sign up!

Celtic Retreat has National Appeal

I have had several calls about the retreat leader for the Celtic Retreat, so I want to bring you up to date about the retreats and registrations.

Fr. Ray Simpson is the Guardian of the Community of Aidan and Hilda, an international, cross-denominational community of Christians to follow a Celtic way of life. I met Ray Simpson on a trip to Scotland when we visited Lindisfarne, or Holy Island, off the coast of northern England. At that time we purchased his book, *Exploring Celtic Spirituality: Historic Roots for our Future*. I wanted to learn more about the Community of Aidan and Hilda, and so make contact with the U.S. branch whose leadership resides in Colorado.

After a visit to Denver, I became an Explorer in the Community, and when I heard about Ray Simpson leading a retreat in Ottawa, we drove there to participate in that amazing adventure. At that time, he expressed his interest in seeing the mysterious land of New Mexico, and we began to dream about his leading a retreat in our diocese.

At the community conference held in Denver in 2005, I took my vows as a Voyager in the Community, and when I started working as interim director at Camp Stoney, it seemed a natural thing to host a retreat in Santa Fe.

Registrations are coming from New York to Oregon, so I encourage you to register early. We are offering accommodations at the camp, and we also have a commuter rate, should you prefer to stay somewhere in town. Information is available on our web site, including online registration, or by calling 505-795-3400.

--EMNagiel

Summer at a Glance

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

What we still need...

We need a volunteer nurse for the weeks Summer Fund Camp (June 24-30) and Grace Camp & Puppet Ministry Camp (July 22-28). If this is a ministry that God has laid on your heart, please call us or go online and get a volunteer staff application.

Scholarship Moneys still needed

So far in 2007, we have raised over \$2000 in Camp Stoney scholarship funds that have assisted ten campers. Thank you to the Friends of Camp Stoney who have helped us this season.

But we could do so much more. Please consider becoming a Friend of Camp Stoney, and pledging a monthly donation to our scholarship fund. Our fundraising for the 2008 summer will begin on August 1, and \$30 per month will send one child to camp in the 2008 season.

Scholarship applications are available on our website.