



# TOUCHSTONE

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

October 2006

## Visit us at Convocation

Camp Stoney will have a booth at convocation and we would love to see you. We will be selling 2006 tee shirts for \$5, and Daniel & Jane Cave plus some of the summer counselors will be there to reminisce about last summer and eagerly anticipate summer 2007. Come by and visit.

## Positive Feedback from Women's Retreat

The women's retreat held at Camp Stoney August 11-13 and hosted by Debbie Steenson boasted about 55 attendees and we received some wonderful feedback about how we can make Camp Stoney more comfortable for grown up guests.

One of the suggestions to make the cabins more comfortable involves adding chairs, small bedside tables and lamps to the furnishings to allow guests to relax and read before retiring. If you have any of these items to donate to the Camp, we are accepting donations of these and other items.

We were able to offer less primitive accommodations to twenty guests who would have found it impossible to stay in cabins.

## Scholarship Funds

One need that the women at the Women's Retreat responded to with generosity was the need for scholarship funds for next summer. Many of the children who attend summer camp do so with the help of scholarship funds provided by their local parishes and the M'Lisa Bale fund.

However, we received regular phone calls from families who had either missed deadlines or don't attend any church. It is part of our mission to reach children and youth not members of any church. For this reason, we are offering a challenge to our faithful supporters. If you pledge to give \$25 per month for the next twelve months, you can send one child or youth to camp in the summer 2007. For many of us, this is a realistic goal; please prayerfully consider giving to this worthy cause.

## NEWS AT A GLANCE

- The northern Cursillo community will hold a Cursillo weekend at Camp Stoney the first weekend in October. Your prayers for the weekend are welcome.
- We have sent rectors and vicars a mailing inviting all youth groups in the diocese to come to Camp Stoney in 2007 at a special bed & breakfast rate of \$20 per night.
- We are looking to acquire a golf cart for use around camp this summer. The cart will be used to deliver water and other supplies needed during the day's activities, and will save gas because we won't have to use the truck.
- We are pleased to be hosting three Peer Leadership training sessions during October and November. This is training offered by a non-profit group in Santa Fe to high school students who are in leadership positions in their schools.

## Family Reunions Welcome

We are now able accommodate up to 110 guests, and would welcome family reunions, vestry retreats, and other groups who could benefit from the time away in the tranquil Sangre de Cristo Mountains north of Santa Fe.

The six cabins sleeps up to fourteen each, Cheryl's Cottage sleeps four to six guests, and the retreat house can accommodate eight to twelve comfortably. In addition, there are two rooms in the lodge that sleeps a total of four, and a cabin lovingly referred to as "purgatory" that sleeps two to three. Special rates are available to diocesan and non-profit groups.

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