



prairieriver
camp



MAY NEWSLETTER 2024
SUMMER CAMP EDITION

South Central MN YFC | Prairie River Camp | 52792 80th Street
Bricelyn MN 56014 | 507.653.4700 | www.PrairieRiverCamp.org

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEAR PRC PARTNERS,

Thank you for your partnership with us. We have been very busy, as is most of the world around us. We are preparing for Summer Camp in June. There is a lot to be done. We value your prayers and support. **If you have anytime to volunteer please give us a call.**

There are so many conversations that happen at Camp about Jesus. Which is awesome because that is why we are there. Here are some more from last year. This is a conversation that happened with our nurse last summer. *"This morning a couple of boys from Albert Lea came and sat with me at about 7:30 in the morning. They asked me if I was a Christian. I said, "Yes, I accepted Jesus when I was 13 at a YFC Rally." I asked them if they were Christians. They said they didn't think so. We talked about it a bit and I asked if they wanted to now? They responded, "Well, not quite yet." I gave them the verse, "Today is the day of salvation." They asked what baptism was all about. They were very open."*

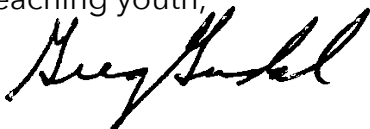
"A Cabin Leader shared, "There is a kid in our cabin that on day one said loudly in front of everyone else in the cabin that he was an atheist and does not go to church. But over time he slowly began joining in on worship and other activities and started listening very closely at Club."

"Another cabin leader said, "It is great to see how open the campers are to sharing their past with us in the cabin so we can talk through it.""

"As I was driving back from the Bricelyn Pool with youth last summer, three of the boys in my van were talking about Camp. One of the boys said, "Let's have Camp for a month next year." I said, "Well, that would be pretty long but we could sure do a lot." Then, one of the other boys chimed in and said, "Well, could we have Camp for at least two weeks?"

The youth were having a great time. We have another Middle School Camp coming this June, the 24th through the 28th. Which I'm glad! **Thank you for your support and prayers. We have met the matching funds of \$10,000! Praise God!!! Thank you!**

Reaching youth,



Greg Gudal
Executive Director
of South Central MN Youth For Christ





\$385

Scholarship Price \$192

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP!

Current 6th-8th Grade Students

JUNE 24 - 28

HIGH SCHOOL CAMPING TRIP

Wisconsin Dells!

Current 8th-12th Grade Students

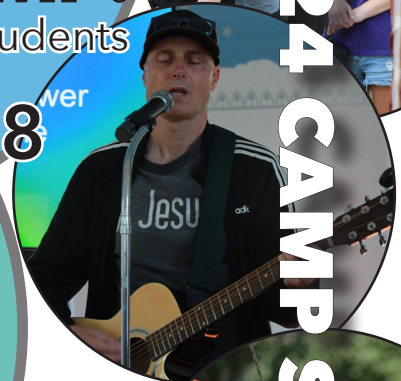
JULY 16 - 19



\$375

Scholarship Price \$187

2024 CAMP SCHEDULE



Scholarships are available!

If you sign up for scholarship price, please volunteer three hours for a nonprofit, someone in need, etc. Email Becky@scmyfc.org for more information. Register Now at PrairieRiverCamp.org

A PLACE FOR ALL

Prairie River Camp has a BIG need for volunteers to help with our events.

From Kitchen Staff, to Cabin Counselors, and even help with our Maintenance Team there are SO many opportunities for people of all ages to help. So, whether you're right out of High School, or right into retirement, we'd love to have you volunteer! During our summer season, we also have a variety of paid positions as well!

Need for a person able to be in "Nurse" for Middle School Camp! You do not need to be licensed, just capable and willing!

If interested, please inquire by emailing Becky@scmyfc.org.

prairieriver
camp

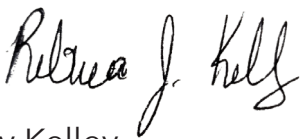
MINISTRY DIRECTOR

PRC Supporters,

There's a song lyric we worship to at church that says, "Jesus be the center of it all. Jesus be the center of my life. Jesus be the center of Your Church." Then I find myself in Mark's gospel when Jesus is making His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Mark 11:9 says, "*Jesus was in the center of the procession.*" Jesus was in the center. He is in the center. The question is, will He continue to be in the center of everything?

As we prepare to have around 80 middle school students at Camp this summer, in addition to various church retreats, is Jesus in the center of everything we are doing? As we work this summer to put in some much-needed repairs to the Ropes Course, is Jesus in the center of that? I believe He can be. We are called to seek the Lord wholeheartedly. We are also called to serve Him wholeheartedly. Which means giving our best and letting God handle the rest. Last year, our focus was making improvements to the Dining Hall. This year, it's making improvements to the Ropes Course. Far beyond that, it's loving students to Jesus. No matter what improvements might need to be made in any given summer, it's always about loving students and pouring Jesus into them.

Blessings,



Becky Kelley
Retreat Groups; Ministry Director
Prairie River Camp



What is your favorite Bible Verse?

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalm 73:26

Why do you desire to work with youth?

"God has given me a passion to show the youth they are precious to Him no matter what the culture says."

My prayer for the youth is that they will seek God for themselves and for the courage to share their faith boldly in the community.

PRC TEAM

WELCOME PATRIANNA SCALES



Thrivent policy holders may qualify to apply for one or more \$250.00 Action Team Projects each year.

What is a Thrivent Action Team?

Thrivent Action Teams are designed to help Thrivent Financial members strengthen communities. Their purpose is to help others be wise with money and live generously.*

(*From Thrivent Website)

If you are a Thrivent member with Action Teams and you are looking for a place to use them, we would love to host your Action Team at Prairie River Camp. We have volunteers who are ready to donate their time and talents to build bunkbeds, benches, picnic tables, retaining walls, stain cabins, roof cabins, and several more projects. **Your \$250.00 Action Team Project** can lock arms with these volunteers by providing the needed materials to complete projects and help to positively affect the lives of students!

For the past several years we have stewarded many Action Teams to the benefit of area youth. Join with us and clear a way to the cross through your Action Team!

**Please reach out to us at:
Greg@scmyfc.org or call 507.383.1782.**



WAYS TO FUND THE PRC MISSION

Your faithful support is vital to the ministry of Prairie River Camp. In addition to regular giving, there are several unique options available. Below is a list of ways that others have helped and may be a good fit for you. It is because of your prayers and support that we have been able to reach young people in Southern Minnesota and beyond.

1

Become a Team PRC Member:

Team PRC Members make a 3-year commitment to monthly gifts (i.e. \$25, \$100, \$500, etc) or annual gifts (i.e. \$1,000, \$10,000, \$25,000, etc). Commitments can be made online at **PrairieRiverCamp.org** or by mail. Checks should be pay to the order of: **Prairie River Camp**, and mailed to: **SCMYFC, 116 W Clark St. Albert Lea, MN 56007**



2

Real Estate Donation:

The value of real estate can often greatly increase the size of your estate. A real estate donation entitles you to a significant current tax deduction and can reduce the value of your estate, which can save or eliminate estate taxes. It can also provide a lifetime monthly income.



3

Donation of Stocks & Mutual Funds:

Donating appreciated stocks or mutual funds can be a great benefit to both the donor and Prairie River Camp. As a donor of an appreciated stock or mutual fund, you are able to avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation of the asset. Also, as the donor of that security, you get to deduct the full fair market value of the security at the time of the gift, if you have held the security for longer than 12 months.



4

Wills & Trust Bequests:

A bequest through a will or trust is the most popular form of planned giving. By remembering Prairie River Camp in a will or trust, you are looking past your own lifetime to further the work of the Kingdom through the Prairie River Camp Endowment Fund. These gifts ensure that Prairie River Camp will always be ready to reach out to young people.



5

Charitable Gift Annuities:

You make an irrevocable gift, generally using cash, maturing CD's, or securities in exchange for lifetime guaranteed payments, the amount of which is based on the value of your gift and the age(s) of the payment recipients. In addition, the donor receives an immediate income tax deduction, and a portion of each payment is income tax free!



MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory Of:

Aaron Johnson
Marilee Majerus
Patricia "Patty" Bauman
Rosemary Schoolcraft

Given By:

Greg and Robin Gudal
Carolyn Weller
Robert & Julie Aamodt
Robert & Julie Aamodt

Every effort has been made to ensure this list is accurate and complete. If we have inadvertently omitted, misspelled, or otherwise improperly reported your name, please accept our apologies and contact us at 507.653.4700.



LEAVE A LEGACY

MEMORIAL PLAQUES AVAILABLE ON OUR PRC MEMORIAL TREE

Two plaque options available:

- Option 1: \$125 Gold Plaque
- Option 2: \$500 Larger Plaque

**For inquiries, or
to purchase a
memorial plaque
please call 507.653.4700**

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for God's will in filling open positions at Camp.
- Pray for open hearts to the messages during Camps.
- Pray for High Schoolers and College-age folks to volunteer for Retreats and Camps.
- Pray that our Retreat Group numbers continue to increase in order to help increase funding for Camp.

PRAISES

- Praise God, for the youth who are registered to attend Camp this summer, that the message of Jesus love would be responded to!
- Praise God for the grants and special donations that have been given in order to upkeep facilities!

South Central MN Youth For Christ
prairieriver camp 116 West Clark Street
Albert Lea, MN 56007

Non-Profit Orgn.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 343
Albert Lea, MN



BRING YOUR CHURCH GROUP TO PRAIRIE RIVER CAMP!

Our facilities are perfect for
making memories!

Call 507.653.4700 for details!

*Names and identifying details have been changed to protect the privacy of youth involved.
South Central Minnesota Youth For Christ is a qualified 501(C)(3) organization,
and all donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/prairierivercamp

www.prairierivercamp.org