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Who can you
tell about the
life-changing
mission at PRC?
Once you have
read this newsletter,
pass it along!



WINTER NEWSLETTER 2023

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Thrivent policy holders may qualify to apply for one or more \$250 Action Team projects each year. If you would like to know how these funds can help Prairie River Camp, please contact Greg at 507.383.1782.

DEAR PRAIRIE RIVER CAMP PARTNERS,

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry! A week of Camp can change a young person's life for eternity. We appreciate your financial and prayer support as we minister to youth and share the Gospel with lost kids. When youth become believers in Jesus they become a new creation. The old has passed away behold the new has come. A lot of times when kids first come to Jesus and they realize how much Jesus loves them, tears flow down their faces as they put their trust in Him as Savior. I have seen a lot of tears from a lot of eyes over the years at Prairie River Camp. God has used Camp in powerful ways. This summer at the High School Camp a number of youth were touched by the Holy Spirit deeply as tears ran down their faces. They came to Jesus! Some of these youth were from Albert Lea and I continue to see the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. **Their time at Camp changed their lives. They have now started a relationship with Jesus.**

Recently I was talking with an eighth grade girl about her experiences at Camp. She had been to four or five Camps in the last few years. She talked about how fun it had been as well as how she was impacted emotionally. She also talked about how nice the facilities were and how nice everyone was. Most importantly she said that when she went to Camp she believed in God, but **now she knows God more deeply, and is much more of a follower of Jesus on a daily basis. Praise Jesus!!**

I want to remind you of our matching funds for Camp. We have \$2,549 toward our \$20,000 matching funds. We appreciate all your prayers as we work to reach lost youth. Thank you for your blessings. God Bless you.

Reaching youth,

Greg Gudal
Executive Director
of South Central MN Youth For Christ

MEMORIALS

In Memory Of:

Emily Otto
Jim Mitthun
Kari Hellie
Ronald Leo Hansen
Ruth Underbakke

Sharon Jensen

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.

Given By:

Carolyn Weller
Robert & Julie Aamodt
Carolyn Weller
Steve & Debra Borge
Robert & Julie Aamodt,
Janet Gaylord
Carolyn Weller



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for open hearts to hear the messages at Camp.
- Pray for God's provision to fill open roles at Camp.

PRAISES

- Praise God for the youth who have attended Camp this year, that the message of Jesus' love was shared and responded to!

CAMP NEEDS

- Wood Chipper for 2.5" or larger branches
- Snowplow/blade for Compact John Deere Tractor (JD 3720)
- PTO Tiller for Compact Tractor (JD 3720)

Support Youth For Christ at Prairie River Camp!

Prairie River Camp has received \$20,000 in year-end matching funds, and we need your help to match it!

Would you consider giving a special year-end gift to help us reach this \$20,000 goal?

Checks should be pay to the order of

"Prairie River Camp"

and mailed to:

SCMYFC, 116 W Clark St.

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Or donate securely online at

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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 the Southern Minnesota area.

1

Become a Team PRC Member:

Team PRC Members make a 3-year commitment to monthly pledges (i.e. \$25, \$100, \$500, etc) or annual pledges (i.e. \$1,000, \$10,000, \$25,000, etc). Pledges can be made online at prairierivercamp.org or by mail. Checks should be pay to the order of: **Prairie River Camp**, and mailed to:
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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!



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 inquires, or to
purchase a memorial
plaque, please email
becky@scmyfc.org**

STAY AT PRC

LODGE, CABIN, RV & SEASONAL TENT CAMPING!

Here at Prairie River Camp, we want to invite you to bring your family or church group to spend quality time at our facilities!

Facilities include: Two Yurt Cabins (sleeps 12 each), Prayer Cabin, Six Year-Round Cabins (sleeps up to 10 people), River Lodge, Cups of Faith (kitchen), The Shelter (Dining Hall), Prayer Chapel, The Church, Amphitheater (summer only), Playgrounds & Firepits.

**For inquires, or to make
reservations, please email
becky@scmyfc.org**

2024

CAMP SCHEDULE

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP!

6th-8th Grade Students

JUNE 24 - 28

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP!

8th-12th Grade Students

TBD

Scholarships are available!
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!
If interested, please inquire by emailing Becky@scmyfc.org.

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PRC IS BLESSED WITH THE BEST VOLUNTEERS... ARE YOU THE NEXT ONE GOD HAS CALLED TO HELP?



Prairie River Camp Supporters,

As we enter the Christmas season, I'm reflecting on the changing seasons I've experienced at Camp. From lightning storms to starry skies, and the leaves changing colors, I'm continuously pursued by God. Retreat groups were in full force this fall, from team building activities on the ropes course to adult groups simply wanting to get away and spend time worshipping Jesus.

My focus turns to next summer's staffing. I will be visiting a couple of colleges in January-February to connect with college-age students about the possibility of joining the Camp Staff. **Please pray that God would prepare the way for those He wants working at Camp next summer. Please pray that God would give us the means to financially support those who choose to serve in Camp ministry next year.**

In Christ,

Rebecca Kelly
Retreat Groups; Ministry Director
Prairie River Camp



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"SO MANY WONDERFUL, CARING MENTORS AND FAMILIES THAT WERE LOVING AND WILLING TO HELP AND POUR INTO MY WIFE AND I AS YOUNG PEOPLE. YOUTH FOR CHRIST ALLOWS THAT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY"

- PAUL SCRABECK, PRAIRIE RIVER CAMP VOLUNTEER

Recently, I was honored with the opportunity to interview a foundational part of the Youth For Christ, Prairie River Camp mission here in South Central MN; a humble man of 96 years named Paul Scrobeck. During the interview I found myself holding back tears at the immense faith and love he shared for the portion of his life he committed to volunteering out at Camp. Paul has been a part of the YFC chapter, "Since the beginning," he said proudly as he went on to describe how the founding members aimed to seek the Lord's will in starting the Youth For Christ Chapter in 1960. He described, with great joy, how God has answered his prayers time and time again in his life, and blessed his family of six children, many grandchildren and great-grand children; smiling as he said, "That means we have many to pray for too." As he praised God for strength of memory, he mentioned many members of his family by name who have entered into ministry careers, and others who have served faithfully in their churches throughout the Mid-West. An encouraging testament of God's faithfulness through the generations, and an obvious nod to why Paul loves the family atmosphere at Camp.

The decades that Paul, and his late-wife, faithfully loaded up their personal mowers, and he maintained the acres of fields at Prairie River Camp, will not soon be forgotten by many who have come through its gates. Staff and campers alike have all been blessed by the care and attention of those, like Mr. Scrobeck, that have kept Prairie River Camp the beautiful facility it is today.

His interview, though, was not without some weighty discussion, "The place has grown so much!" he shared about Camp, with care and concern. "There are many needs with the new facilities that God has provided for out there." He went on to describe the attention that new staff, partners and volunteers must be willing to give in order to take care of this amazing gift God has blessed our community with. "It will cost time and resources, and we must be good stewards of what God gives. The facility needs to be used!"

Prairie River Camp is a gift God has blessed our communities with, and our team needs people to step up and help make sure this gift is taken care of and treasured for many more generations. People, like Paul, are reassurances that hard work and dedication produces God-honoring fruit. We are so grateful for the many years of service from Paul, and the time he gave to sit down with me for this interview. Will you be the next volunteer God calls to help at Prairie River Camp and follow Paul's example in servant leadership at Camp?



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