



PRAIRIE RIVER CAMP
YOUTH FOR CHRIST - SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2018

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEAR PRAIRIE RIVER CAMP PARTNERS,

Summer Camps! God's love!
The message of reconciliation! Young
people coming to Jesus! Changed lives
forever! Hope for the hopeless!

So far this summer twenty-seven youth
have trusted Jesus as Savior!

From a cabin leader this summer:

*"During one of the evenings, the speaker
spoke about how God has shown himself
to him. Cabin leaders were asked to share
how God has shown himself to us.
So I shared.*

*The next morning, one of our campers
shared how he had a dream. In his dream
Jesus was walking around his father's
eighteen wheeler truck. His father drives
truck. The camper was assured that Jesus
is watching out for his father. The camper
had received Jesus during winter camp,
putting his trust in Jesus. Romans 10:9,
"because, if you confess with your mouth
that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead, you will
be saved", was key to him.*

*He then shared Romans 10:9 with his
father, who gave his life to Jesus! The
camper also used Romans 10:9 as his
confirmation verse.*

What a great story; these kind of stories
are just so awesome to hear! Thank you for
your support and prayers to bring
salvation to the lost! The High School
Camp is next on the schedule, the 16th
through the 23rd of July. Please be in
prayer. Thank you.

It has been a blessing to have the Shelter level
in the new building available for use this year,
especially with all the rain! We plan to start
work on the building again this fall when all the
summer camps are done. God bless you all.

Reaching the lost,



Greg Gudal

Executive Director

South Central MN Youth For Christ
& Prairie River Camp





CAMP DIRECTOR

Summer is here (and almost half way over!). This is the time of year that we spend so much time planning, preparing for, and praying about. This is the time of year where we see the full potential of camp ministry on full display, and we are excited to see the unique ways that God accomplishes his saving work in the midst of the fun, adventure, and craziness of summer camp.

In the month of June, we hosted three camps - the largest being Middle School Camp - which 86 campers grades 5-8 attended. It was a crazy week of weather during this camp with a total of 7 inches of rain falling while camp was in session. Lakes appeared at camp that are not normally present, and the Blue Earth River flooded its banks, totally

submerging two of our paintball courses. Mud was a constant friend during this camp, and dry shoes were a rarity. But despite the challenges, it was an awesome week of camp. Our program team did an excellent job of adjusting programming due to the weather and did a fantastic job of keeping an upbeat and exciting atmosphere. The new dining hall building was a great blessing in all the wet weather. The completed lower level was used as a game room and large indoor space for campers to escape the wet weather. Most importantly, powerful ministry took place, with 25 students indicating that they placed their faith and trust in Jesus Christ as their savior for the first time. Below is one example of the ministry that took place as shared by one of our cabin leaders:

"I had a girl who was pretty quiet through most of the cabin times. She just didn't want to open up and share anything. I felt like she wasn't really getting much in the spiritual aspect. On the last night, during the time when the kids when off and prayed on their own, she came up to me and asked how she could accept Jesus into her life. This was so exciting as I realized she wasn't just being quiet, but instead had been thinking and observing all along."

A busy summer is still ahead as we have two more programmed camps, and are hosting multiple retreats and guest groups! We are especially excited about our upcoming High School Camp! We are expecting between 50 to 60 students and are looking forward to adventuring with them all over southern Minnesota. Please pray for safety, positive and growing relationships, and the truth of the gospel to change lives.

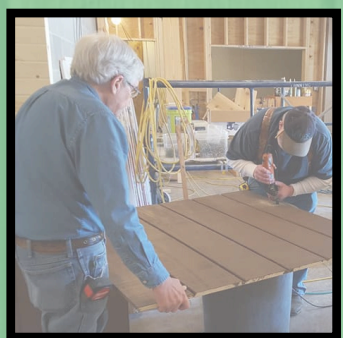
Jonathan Walberg | Camp Director



BUILDING HOPE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

FOCUSING ON FINISHING THE SHELTER/DINING HALL BUILDING

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>PROGRESS</u>
Shelter Operational	\$25,000	Goal reached
Shelter Completed	\$18,800	Not met
Dining Hall Operational	\$105,000	Not met
Dining Hall Completed	\$47,000	Not met



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE, PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK TO:

Prairie River Camp, 116 West Clark St, Albert Lea MN 56007

with BUILDING HOPE CAMPAIGN
in the memo line.



THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Each Thrivent policy holder may qualify to apply for one or more \$250 Action Team projects each year. If you would like to know how these can help YFC please contact Greg today at 507.383.1782.

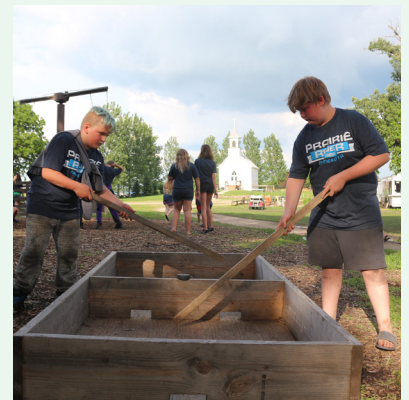
SUMMER CAMPS 2018



**PROGRAMMED
CAMPS: 3 SO FAR
(2 MORE SCHEDULED)**



**CAMPERS:
111**



**NUMBER OF CAMPERS
WHO TRUSTED JESUS
AS SAVIOR FOR THE
FIRST TIME: 27**

**NUMBER OF CAMPERS WHO
RECOMMITTED THEIR LIVES
TO JESUS: 55**



**AT PRAIRIE
RIVER CAMP**

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS | April 17, 2018 - July 12, 2018



In memory of

Lester Egeness
Tessa Jacobs
Cleo Quday
Myrna A Oudekerk

Given by

Andy & Shirley Gudal
Greg & Robin Gudal
William Anderson
Ag Advantage Systems, Inc

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.

FINANCIAL

\$10,000 needed each month in donations

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Help with Dining Hall project, splitting wood, trail cleaning, and cutting up dead trees.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- + Safety for all who come to camp
- + More monthly donors
- + More groups to come and spend time at camp
- + Continued construction of Storm Shelter/Dining Building to go well
- + More volunteers to assist in projects

NEEDS LIST

- + 30 hp, all wheel drive, hydrostatic tractor - donated!
- + Snow plow
- + 4-wheel drive pickup truck
- + 2" bar stock x 24"
- + Ice machine - donated!
- + Skid loader
- + Paddle boards

If you have any of these items, or would like to underwrite the cost of purchasing please contact Jonathan at 507.653.4700 or jonathan@prairierivercamp.org

PRAIRIE RIVER CAMP FACILITY NEEDS

1. Storm Shelter to be completed
2. Dining Hall to be completed
3. Lodging/cabins with more beds for campers
We have 100; we need 180





Ways to FUND THE 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 Albert Lea area.



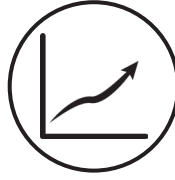
Become a Team PRC Member

Become a Team PRC Member by making a three-year monthly pledge of \$25, \$100, \$500 or different amount, or making a three-year annual pledge of \$1,000, \$10,000, \$25,000 or a different amount.



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



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.



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.



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!

STAY AT PRC!

LODGE & CABIN RATES:

Families - Adults: \$19 per person - Children ages (5-17): \$10 per person

Adult & Youth Groups: \$19 per person - Large Cabin Minimum: \$45

Prayer Cabin Minimum: \$19

Exclusive upstairs use of The River Lodge: \$285 minimum (June - August)

Offseason minimum: \$190 (September - May)

Ester Brook Room: \$47 (Queen bed/handicap accessible)

**Cups of Faith (kitchen access): \$50 per day for exclusive use for overnight guests
\$100 per day for exclusive use for day use groups**

To make reservations please call 507.383.9989



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