

Regional Board Report

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Report on the 2011 Camping Season – The 2011 Camping Season at Craig Springs Camp & Retreat Center was splendid. 352 Campers and 219 Outdoor Ministry Leaders came to God’s Mountain to share in faith, fellowship, fun, and learning. Two new additions came to Craig Springs this summer that are extremely helpful to the program that we offer at Craig Springs. First Christian Church, Lynchburg, has sponsored a Labyrinth at the back of the Ball field. Every camper this past summer was given the opportunity to walk the Labyrinth and I know that it is an asset to our camp that will be used for years to come. Also, with the help of an anonymous donor, we were able to purchase a wonderful sound system to be used around camp (mostly in the Glass House). It has a sound board that up to 12 microphones and musical instruments can be plugged in to to assist our entire camp program, but especially GAP and AMPDD, who focus heavily on music. It is also a wonderful piece of equipment that we will have for many years and will benefit our camping program in immeasurable ways.

Report on 2011-2012 Youth Ministry Program – This year is going to be a great year for the Youth Ministry Commission. We have a strong group of youth, who are ready to do good ministry throughout the region. This academic year, the YMC will sponsor 4 events – Winter Lock In (Feb. 3-4), Spring Retreat (April 20-22), a Mission Trip (Place TBD, June 24-29), and Nature Camp (June 17-22). There are lots of good plans happening (including creating events that Middle Schoolers can attend to introduce YMC at an earlier age) and I look forward to a great year together.

Report on the 2012 Camping Program – There are lots of things in the works for this summer. We almost have all our directors in place and look forward to having a good group of wonderful directors to put together a meaningful Camping Program. Our theme is “Secrets of the Kingdom” and it will explore some of the parables of Jesus. The curriculum once again looks fantastic and I cannot wait for everyone to use it! The main change to our program is that we are having the Presbytery of the Peaks use Craig Springs for a camp the week of June 24-29 (the week of our YMC Mission Trip). The hope is that they will fall in love with Craig Springs the way we have and will utilize the camp again in 2013 during the week of General Assembly so that we do not have to schedule a camp that week, but still have the camp utilized to help with our bottom line.

If you have any questions, please let me know and I will be glad to help.

Peace & Love,

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