



# The Park River Bible Camp Proclaimer

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## Summer Season Quickly Approaching

Summer is quickly approaching, so don't forget to register your kids for camp. This is sure to be a great summer at

PRBC. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will enjoy one of our Day Camps, a fun-filled day of games, crafts, singing, Bible study, water games, and swimming.

3<sup>rd</sup> graders will have the excitement of staying overnight for the first time as they spend two nights at camp and experience fun campfires.

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders will attend week long camps. In addition to things like Bible study, great songs, and the waterslide, campers will take in the summer drama, play fun all-camp games like Outpost and Extreme Capture the Flag, participate in our crazy carnival, and have exciting afternoon options like canoeing, fishing, archery, crafts, tie-dye, and dozens of other activities.

There are separate camps for Jr. High and Sr. High campers. Some special activities for both age groups will include using our new climbing tower, participating as

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[www.ParkRiverBibleCamp.org](http://www.ParkRiverBibleCamp.org)**

## Volunteers Show Up In Numbers

Praise God for volunteers! We have put the word out that we need volunteers to help us complete the chapel project, and the response has been remarkable! Since September 27, fifty-one people have volunteered, totaling 558 hours of labor.

The recent response has been especially wonderful, as 257.5 of those hours have come in the last month.



One of the best days was Saturday, February 28. Twenty-nine volunteers showed up to pitch in. It was a great turnout and much work was accomplished. Volunteers put in a full day of work insulating and hanging sheetrock. Significant progress was made in the Fire-

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The volunteers take a break for a picture in the new Fireside Room. Thanks Everyone!

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## Summer Staff Search

As spring arrives, we know that summer is just around the corner. Once again this summer, children and youth will be having a great time while hearing the Word of God at PRBC and camp-led Vacation Bible Schools around the area.

Right now we are busy hiring the people who are going to help make that happen. Are you interested in being on staff? Or do you know someone who is? Call and talk to Dan or Luke, or check out

[www.ParkRiverBibleCamp.org/employment](http://www.ParkRiverBibleCamp.org/employment).

Sharing the life-saving Good News of Jesus with young people makes an enormous impact on their lives, and it also has a profound effect on those who have the privilege to share it. Don't miss the opportunity to make that impact, grow in your own faith, and experience great fellowship with other staff.

We are currently hiring people to fill the positions of Counselor, VBS Counselor, Maintenance Assistant, Kitchen Assistant, Office Assistant, Nurse, and Medic. At this point there is a great need for male counselors.

Please pray that God would fill these positions with His faithful servants, and that they would be blessed in answering His call.

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## Climbing Tower To Be Built For This Summer

As summer quickly approaches, there are several reasons to be excited about the summer season at PRBC. One of those reasons is the construction of a new climbing tower. The tower will be ready for camp this summer and will complement our existing adventure programs, which include a low adventure challenge course and a high ropes challenge course.

The tower will stand 35' high and have three different climbing faces. Different slopes and shapes on each face, along with a variety of climbing holds, will provide appropriate challenges for experienced climbers, those who have never climbed, and everyone in between. It will certainly be an exciting and fun new part of camp for junior and senior high school campers.

The entire project is paid for by a portion of the Ray Bigwood estate (see our December 2008 issue for information on Ray's gift). Because of Ray's generous gift to the camp, we are able to add a fun and exciting new activity without raising attendance fees.

The first choice for the location of the tower is on the far north side of camp property, beyond the nature trail, and atop the high river embankment. At the location we plan to build the tower, the embankment plateaus approximately 45-50 feet above the river. The tower will not be right on the edge of the embankment, but the river gorge will still provide a higher sense of adventure for climbers. Our intention is to build a zip line over the river gorge in 2010.

We want the tower to be an experience that is both safe and exciting for participants, so we have chosen Experiential Systems, Inc. (ESI) to build and annually inspect the tower, as well as train and certify staff in the safe operation of it. ESI built our current high ropes challenge course, performs the annual inspection of it, and annually trains and certifies facilitators. ESI has been in business for over 25 years and is an Accredited Vendor of the Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT). All training and construction is done in accordance with ACCT written standards. ESI also maintains membership with the Association for Experiential Education (AEE), the American Camp Association (ACA), and the Outdoor Industry Association (OIA).

With the new tower, we are in need of more area community members to be facilitators for the climbing tower and/or high ropes course. Training is scheduled for May 21-22. Please call and talk to Dan if you are interested in being a part of our ministry in this way.

## 2009 Summer Camps

Registrations for summer 2009 are now being accepted. For a registration form, contact the camp or visit our website.

### 1-2 Grade Day Camps

July 8, July 9, August 10, August 11

### 3rd Grade Mini Camps

July 5-7 & August 9-11

### 4-6 Grade Adventure Camps

June 21-26, July 26-31, August 2-7

### Jr. High Primetime

July 5-10 & July 19-24

### Sr. High Power Surge

July 12-17

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a cabin on the high ropes course, spending a day at the beach at either Icelandic State Park or the Homme Dam Recreation Area, and taking a trip to the Park River pool.

This year's Sr. High speaker is Stephen (pronounced "Steven") Larson. Both Stephen and his wife Frieda have been counselors at camp, so they will be familiar and friendly influences for many returning campers.

"Claimed" is this summer's theme. The theme verse is 1 Peter 2:9: "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession..."

Campers will participate in fun, biblical lessons, learning that they are chosen by God, cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ, created in God's image to do what He has prepared for them, claimed by God to be His children, and called to be Christ's disciples.

### **Camp Is Affordable For Everyone!**

Register before May 1 to take advantage of our "Early Bird" discount. 4-12 graders can also bring a friend to take advantage of our \$10 "Sparks Credit." In addition to these discounts, *it remains our commitment that every child and youth can afford to come to camp.*

Many churches provide camperships to assist children and youth attending camp, and Park River Bible Camp also provides camperships to anyone who needs one. Whether that need is a portion or all of the registration fee, please call. Generous individuals have given for the specific purpose of ensuring that any child or youth can attend. If you need a campership, please call the camp office today. Camperships are completely confidential.

### **New Director of Ministries Sought**

With Steve's resignation, the Board of Directors is currently seeking a new Director of Ministries. Please pray with us that God would provide the right individual at the right time.

If you are interested, or if you would like to tell us about someone who should be contacted, email [dmin@ParkRiverBibleCamp.org](mailto:dmin@ParkRiverBibleCamp.org), or mail a note to the camp, Attn: Aaron Kjelland.

Interested candidates should visit [www.ParkRiverBibleCamp.org/employment](http://www.ParkRiverBibleCamp.org/employment) to view the Job Description and Situation Profile, as well as download an application. Applications are being accepted until the position is filled.

We seek the Lord's guidance at this time and trust His provision for all the needs of the camp.

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side Room, bell tower, hallway between the Chapel and Fireside Room, bathrooms, and rooms off the sides of the Chapel stage.

Electricity was turned on in the building on Friday, February 27, the day before the work day. The timing was great as this allowed for electric furnaces to be hooked up. For the first time since winter started, workers had a warmer place to work.

Many of the volunteers have returned to help more than once, and we have enjoyed having them around. Some have even committed to see a specific part of the project completed.

"Praise be to God for all the great help," said Dennie

Fry, Site Director. "What an encouragement it is to see and meet and work alongside so many giving people." All of us at camp echo Dennie's sentiments. Thank you to the many volunteers who have graciously given their time!

We have seen great progress on the project, and we continue to ask for your help. You can volunteer virtually any day, weekends included. Please call ahead of time so we can arrange work for your hands and food for your belly.

**PRBC:** (701) 284-6795 or toll-free at (800) 269-2465.

**Dennie:** (701) 331-9612.

# "Star Creator"

## **1-3 Grade Day Camp—Saturday, April 18**

*"He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name."*

*- Psalm 147:4*

**Check-in:** 9:30am-10:00am

**Closing Program:** 6:30pm

**Departure:** 7:00pm

**Cost:** \$20 if registered before April 10, \$25 after.

**To Register:** Call the camp or go online to download a registration form.



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## New Life

This Lenten season, I cannot help but think about Easter coming. And I think about spring coming too, because eventually it is bound to come! How fitting it is that both come so close together. The changing of seasons in North Dakota provides us with a great illustration about Lent and Easter, an illustration about death and new life. In the close of autumn we see life vanish from the earth around us. In winter we see the ground buried deeper and deeper beneath layers of snow. But then in spring we see life bursting forth as bright and beautiful as ever with green grass, budding flowers, and the return of the gleeful songs of birds. We watch as death gives way to life.

As Lent anticipates Good Friday and Easter, we think about Christ's death and resurrection. Just as the earth around us passes through winter to find life in the springtime, we remember how Christ passed through death for us, and rose to life in victory over death. But every illustration has a point where it breaks down, and here is where the illustration of changing seasons

breaks down: spring leads to summer, and summer leads to fall, and then death sets in again, but Jesus Christ rose to an everlasting and incorruptible life. The death He died, He died once for all (Rom. 6:10). His new body will never suffer from sickness, pain, or death again.

And whether or not we see it, like we can see the changing seasons, the same thing is happening in our lives. Romans 6:4 says, "We were buried with [Christ] by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." As we partake in the sacraments and hear God's Word, Christ comes to us, uniting us with Him in His death and resurrection. In His death the sinful, wretched, and weak nature in us is crucified. And in His resurrection, new life is created in us, a life that lives by faith while in this world, and will see Christ face-to-face when all things are made new. So as we watch life return to the earth around us this spring, let us reflect on the life Jesus Christ has risen to and the life He gives to us.