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Giving With Grain

Finding creative ways to give back to the community doesn't always involve volunteering or writing a check. During our November 2011 issue of the proclaimer, we had a short peice on ways area farmers can give with added tax benefits.

"Last fall, an area farmer graciously donated a portion of his harvest to Park River Bible Camp. However, instead of selling his crop and then writing a check to Park River Bible Camp, he chose to designate a portion of his wheat to PRBC when he arrived with it at the elevator. '[Designating a portion of my crop at the elevator to Park River Bible Camp] enables me to give more than I normally would,' he said, 'because I will not have to pay taxes on that crop, yet it's still applied to my proven yield.' The farmer, who wishes to remain anonymous, said it is important to have



Park River Bible Camp's name on the grain ticket should one choose to designate a portion of one's crop to the camp.

Park River Bible Camp is extremely thankful for all the ways that people have chosen to give and bless this ministry."

**Please note that this information is not to be considered legal or tax advice but is provided to illustrate another creative way for people to give to Park River Bible Camp and other local charities. If you have questions about creative giving in ways like this, please consult your legal advisor for more information regarding tax benefits.*

Twive & Receive Report

This past June, Park River Bible Camp held its first online fundraiser. Razoo hosted a national online giving day called Twive & Receive that 231 non-profits participated in.

After the 24-hour giving period on June 14, PRBC had raised \$4,775, placing us in the top 20 throughout the nation (if offline gifts were included). Overall, almost \$406,000 was raised in supporting non-profits throughout the nation during this endeavour!

The money raised will be going towards a Paintball

for PRBC project. We have raised most of the funds to help bring paintball to PRBC. Spring of 2013 will bring this new option and allow youth groups, rental groups and our Sr. High campers to enjoy an additional extreme sport along with the climbing tower and high ropes course.

Since the purchase of 40-acres back in November, this will be the first development project on our new land. Approximately 5-acres will be used on the northeast section of our 120-acres.

Fun Fact about Twive & Receive:

•22% of those that gave were first time donors

Senior Citizens Fall Gathering

Senior citizens are invited to Park River Bible Camp on Tuesday, September 25th for an afternoon hymn sing. There will also be a devotion and of course coffee and refreshments. The event is free to the public and will take place in our comfortable and cozy Fireside Room from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM.



(Luke Bertson, Program Director, leads campers during games)



(Campers enjoying the PRBC pool)

Jubilee Day Camp

On Tuesday, October 16 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Park River Bible Camp is hosting a Jubilee Day Camp for citizens with disabilities. Residents from group homes and institutions as well as those living in private residences are welcome. The cost is \$5.00 and any staff that attend are welcome to come for free. Bible study, singing, crafts and snack time will make up the afternoon. A “hayless” hayride around camp will be available, weather permitting, and the camp store will also be open. Call the camp office to register.

Times:

Serving from 12pm - 5:30pm
Take-out available at 12:30pm

Tickets:

- Adults - \$15
 - Children 12 & under - **FREE**
- (Tickets will be available at the end of August. If you would like to buy or help sell tickets, call the PRBC office at 701.284.6795.)

BAZAAR - opens at 11am

- locally produced goods
- donate baked/canned items and produce
- items should be at PRBC by 9am on Sunday, September 30



Other Dates:

- September 7 & 8 - Lefse making
- September 28 - Meatball making

Calendar of Events

September

- 7-8: Lefse making day
- 15-16: Senior High Outback Retreat
- 22: 1-3 Grade Lil' Pumpkins Day Camp
- 25: Senior Citizen Fall Gathering
- 25: PRBC Board Meeting
- 28: Meatball making day
- 30: 38th Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

October

- 16: Jubilee Day Camp
- 20-21: 4-6 Grade Fall Celebration
- 30: PRBC Board Meeting

November

- 4: 25th Annual Quilt Auction
- 9-11: Quilt Retreat
- 16-18: Stamping and Scrapbooking Retreat
- 27: PRBC Board Meeting

December

- 1-2: Knitting and Crocheting Retreat
- 31-Jan 1: Senior High New Year's Retreat



(Playing games on the PRBC Nature Trail)



(Archery at PRBC)

25TH ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION *SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4



(picture from 2011 Quilt Auction)

***NEW DATE**

12:30pm

- concessions in the fireside room
- quilt viewing

1:30pm

- Quilt Auction begins

(features quilts and other hand-made items donated by women's groups & individuals from all over the region)

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From the Director's Desk

By Sean Barnhart, Director of Ministries



On June 2nd, Pam Berntson passed away. Pam was camp's treasurer and prior to that she was a faithful board member. With Pam as the treasurer we didn't have to worry about whether or not bills were being paid on time or if we were over drafting our checking account. She consistently gave the board accurate and timely financial reports. She also helped a very green and thankful Director of Ministries to better understand the ins and outs of camp's complex budget and finances.

Pam also put many hours into camp's annual Quilt Auction. The amount of care and attention Pam put

into the auction is immeasurable. Cataloging and taking pictures of quilts, putting them in order and hanging them – not to mention donating some of the most beautiful quilts camp has had in the auction – are all things that Pam joyfully and happily did. All that Pam did for PRBC was done out of a sincere love and appreciation for this ministry.

Of course more than anything, the PRBC staff and I are going to miss Pam's joyful demeanor. The office was a lighter and happier place when she stopped in to take care of business. But while her absence causes us sorrow, we know that she now rests in the glory of the One who gave her cause to be joyful and happy in the first place. Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ; a victory that will allow us to all one day say, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

