



The Park River Bible Camp Proclaimer

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Climbing Tower Highlights New Recreational Activities

The new climbing tower at Park River Bible Camp has been installed and is ready for use. The project was completed by a team from Experiential Systems, Inc. on May 21 and facilitators were trained in its operation on May 22 and 23.

The tower is located on the north edge of the camp property, atop the high river bank. The tower itself is 35 feet tall and has a platform at the top from which climbers can see for miles around. The tower is built back from the edge of the river bank, but climbers can still see down to the river 50 feet below the base of the tower.



Alyssa Page (Counselor, Lifeguard, and Challenge Course Facilitator) climbs the chimney side of the new climbing tower.

With a flat side, a lean-to slope on another side, a chimney/overhang shape on the third side, and several different shapes of climbing holds, the tower provides a challenge for climbers of all skills.

In addition to being an exciting new activity in our camp program, the climbing tower (as well

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Don't Forget to Register for Camp

Summertime is here, and if you have not done so yet, register for camp at PRBC. We have camps for children and youth finishing grades 1-12. For 1-2 grades we have four Day Camps to choose from. 3rd grade is a special one, as kids can have their first experience of staying overnight at camp during our three-day Mini Camps. Adventure Weeks are for 4-6 grades as they will enjoy a variety of adventuresome activities. Older kids will help us break in the new climbing tower as 7-8

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Summer Season Starts With Vacation Bible Schools

On Sunday, May 17, The PRBC summer staff started arriving for training, and after a full week of training, they began leading Vacation Bible Schools on May 26. This summer, PRBC staff will lead VBS at twenty-three churches.

VBS has become an increasingly large part of the camp ministry, as we ministered to over 900 students last summer and expect to be around (or over) 900 students again this summer. It is a great opportunity for us to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with kids while working in local congregations. We are able to connect again with some of the kids we see at camp, while also ministering to many others. We are excited and thankful that congregations are using us to minister to their children with Bible studies, songs, Scripture memorization, skits, puppet shows, crafts, and games. Praise the Lord!



Children from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Park River, enjoy a skit with Gadget (Samantha Dusek, left) and Gizmo the robot (Justin Hylden, right) in the new Fireside Room at PRBC.

Successful Pancake Dinner Helps Support Ministry

Thank you to everyone who attended or worked at the annual Pancake Dinner at PRBC this year. Thanks to you, it was a wonderful success. Thank you as well to the Grand Forks County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for providing supplemental funds.

Thanks to everyone who was involved, over \$6000 was raised for the ongoing ministry of the camp. Thank you!

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grades will come to one of our Primetime Camps, and sr. high youth will attend Power Surge Camp. And there is so much more about each of these camps than cannot possibly be mentioned in a short article!

Our summer theme is "Claimed!" How amazing that God has chosen us to be part of His family, to be part of His team! We look forward to sharing with campers what God did to claim us, and what it means for us now. Our 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, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

We desire to make camp affordable for every child and youth; in fact, that is our *commitment*. While many churches generously provide support for their children and youth to attend camp, we also provide camperships to anyone who may need one. Camperships are completely confidential, so if you need one, please call and talk to Tammy. Generous people have given for the specific purpose of making camp affordable for everyone. If you would like to be a part of ensuring this in the future, you can make a donation to Park River Bible Camp and designate it for "camperships."

2009 Summer Camps

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

Camp Worship Day: July 26

Please join us on Sunday, July 26 at 10am for our annual community worship service. Bishop Bill Rindy of the Eastern North Dakota Synod will be our speaker. The service will be followed by a brunch, and then a workshop with Bishop Rindy around noon. Childcare services will be provided.

2009 PRBC Golf Scramble Registration

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Others in your foursome: _____

We would like to be paired with: _____

Check here if you would like to sponsor a hole: _____
Someone from camp will contact you.

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Summer Concerts and Events

June

14 Century Club Banquet @ 5pm
Sacred Variety Concert and Summer
Staff Installation @ 7pm

21 Mason Peters Concert @ 7pm

28 Aaron Weil Concert @ 7pm

July

5 Paul & Amy Redding Concert @ 7pm

12 Amanda Kolenda Concert @ 7pm

19 John Bedore Concert @ 7pm

20 1st Annual Golf Scramble

26 Camp Worship Day Service @ 10am,
followed by workshop with Bishop
Bill Rindy

Sunday Night Concert @ 7pm: TBA

August

2 Sunday Night Concert @ 7pm: TBA

9 PRBC Summer Staff Concert @ 7pm

There is no charge for concerts. A free-will offering will taken to cover the musicians' expenses.

(New Recreational Activities: Continued from page 1) as the high ropes course) is also available for outside groups. Please call the camp if you would like to set up a time for your group.

As we look up at the new climbing tower, we again give thanks for people like Ray Bigwood, whose generosity made this dream a reality.

Disc Golf Course

Another new recreational activity for 2009 is an improved disc golf course. The nine-hole course features new galvanized steel disc catchers that will last for many years to come. The new layout is consistent with the standard size of a disc golf course and will take participants all over camp.

It is our intention that these new activities provide campers with fun activities to do outdoors in God's creation while we continue to encourage them in their faith relationship with Jesus Christ.

First Annual PRBC Golf Scramble Fundraiser

Park River Bible Camp is hosting its first annual Golf Scramble fundraiser on July 20th, 2009 at the Larimore Golf Course. Come enjoy Christian fellowship with fellow PRBC supporters, board members, and staff, while at the same time supporting the work of PRBC. Registration will begin at 9:30am with an 11:00am shotgun start. Preregister by July 1st individually or as a foursome. If you register with less than four people, we can assign a foursome for you. The cost is \$100 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, and a 10 oz., "grill-it-yourself" rib eye steak supper. Prizes will be awarded for various contests and accomplishments. Businesses or individuals should contact the camp if they would like to sponsor a hole. See you on the course!

Summer Staff Still Needed

We are exceedingly grateful for the wonderful staff God has provided for His ministry this summer. They are a fantastic bunch of people, and we are excited to see what God will do through them; however, we still need a few more. To fulfill our needs for camp this summer we need two more Boys Counselors, one more Girls Counselor, two more VBS Counselors (to work through early or mid July, and a Medic. Each of these people should be at least 18 years old, have a love for Jesus Christ, have a love for children and youth, and be ready for a challenging and rewarding experience. Please pray with us for these people, and let us know of any potential leads.

If you are interested or know anyone who would be a good fit, please contact Amanda or Dan by phone at (800) 269-2465 or by email (Amanda Schultz: amandas@parkriverbiblecamp.org, Dan Antal: dantal@parkriverbiblecamp.org).

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From The Director

By Amanda Schultz, Interim Director of Ministries

Greetings! I am thrilled to be a part of the team at Park River Bible Camp for the summer of 2009. Let me introduce myself, my name is Amanda Schultz. I live in Adams, ND, and am the granddaughter of the late Clifford and Beatha Grove, Adams. My husband, Steve, and I moved to Adams over three years ago to run the café, that we called the Grove Grill. In the last year, we sold the café, but still continue to live in Adams. In the meantime, God's call to ministry became more obvious, and I enrolled in the Distributed Learning program through Luther Seminary. After taking 2/3 of my classes online and 1/3 of my classes at the Luther campus in St. Paul, I will be an ordained ELCA pastor.

While studying, I also work as the director of the after-school program at Park River Elementary School and serve both the Adams Parish and Faith Lutheran Church in Hampden in a variety of capacities. I feel called to be at PRBC during this time of transition to work with the amazing team of professional staff, counselors, maintenance, and kitchen positions. God is truly doing amazing work here! All members of the staff have a calling to be a part of camp ministry, and glorify God in their work on a daily basis.

This year's theme, "Claimed!" is an amazing message to share with young people. The camp's mission to ensure that students know the love of God and exhibit faith in Christ is clear, and this love of God is exhibited by the staff and volunteers throughout the year. The values of the Lutheran Church are learned throughout life—and camp and outdoor ministry are integral opportunities to connect with young people as they create a sustaining and powerful relationship with Christ.

I look forward to meeting many new people this summer. Please feel free to contact me at the PRBC office or by email at amandas@parkriverbiblecamp.org anytime!