

Camp Marshall 2009 annual report

Facility Report:

Shower House: In 2009 the boys shower house was re-modeled with two separate entrances. This makes it possible to have a boy's & a girl's entrance which will help with rental groups, and our ability to use the camp in a variety of different ways during our summer season. Many thanks belong to Matt and Julie Sisler who took this project on. The project involved many hands of volunteers & donations of material and tools to make this all come together.

Bathroom under Brewer Lodge: Work continues under the lodge with the re-model of the bathroom getting much closer to completion. A second entrance was installed, the shower and walls completed with the tile work completed in the spring of 09. This project should be completed by the spring of 2010.

Plans for the replacement drain field: On September 3rd 2009 the Department of Environmental Quality approved the plans for the new drain field which were drawn by West Central Environmental Consultants. The project was then placed in a bid process which provided us with the necessary information we needed to begin fund raising. In all, the estimated cost of the complete project, which includes; engineering, miscellaneous expenses, and electrical came to \$96,079.00.

The scope of the project includes; replacement of three existing drain fields; one located by Canterbury Lodge, the second at the girls shower house and the third which serves the site managers house. In conjunction with this construction, a second trench will be created to accommodate a new fresh water supply line at the staff house which will be extended to the site manager's home across the road. By the end of 2009 we only needed to raise an additional \$55,254 to complete the project. Efforts to raise this money will continue in the 2010 Celebrate Camp Marshall Campaign.

Agreement with Wild Horse Island Association: On November 1 of 2009 an agreement was signed between the Wild Horse Island Lot/Dock Owners Association, and Camp Marshall defining the permissive use of Camp property. A copy of this document is attached.

2009 Enrollments: Camp Use shot up from 2008 use of 378 users to 540 persons served in 2009. This was in large part due to our Day Camps which expanded from two program weeks serving 28 to six program weeks serving 94. In 2009 we also added Alumni weekend back to the schedule & saw a large increase in those who attended the women's weekend. In short 2009 was a boom year.

Camp Marshall Ambassadors: The goal in the Diocese of Montana was to have a "Camp Marshall Ambassador" in every congregation to help educate our members about the ministry of our camp. Below are the specific goals which were set in 2009 with our outcomes.

Time: The goal in 2009 was to have 5,500 hours of volunteer labor for the camp. This could include serving as a counselor, laborer, cook, prayer support, advertising etc... we managed to track approximately 3,700 hours of volunteer time. Our ability to measure this effort was limited to those hours which Julie Sisler, our Site Manager, and I were able to document. It is quite possible – that in different areas of the diocese many more volunteer hours and efforts which occurred. It has been exciting to see so many people give so selflessly to the ministry of Camp Marshall.

Talent: In 2009 we sought the support of quilters, laborers, counselors, builders, carpenters, prayer support, advertising support & fund raising support. In short, we were blessed with people gifted in these skills. Some of this is very tangible, examples of this include (but are not limited to), over 50 quilts came to camp for our Grace Camp program, skilled carpenters/contractors showed up and gave a hand in a number of projects around the camp – and well over 30 people volunteered to serve as counselors, nurses, day camp staff which made our program possible.

Treasure: Our goal in 2009 was to raise \$150,000.00 for Camp – In summary, we successfully raised \$64,149.83. While we did not complete our goals the funds we raised made it possible for us to run all of our ministries which were set for the summer. Our shortfall was tied primarily to the planned replacement of the drain field. Here we were able to move funds into a designated fund in 2010.

Celebrate Camp Marshall Funding goals:

Specific Ministry	Funding Goals	Funds raised in 2009	Remaining
Grace Camp	11,800.00	14,892.60	-3,092.60
Camp Funds	32,200.00	25,975.48	6,224.52
Special Projects	96,000.00	22,211.75	73,788.25
Long Term investments	10,000.00	1,070.00	8,930.00
Total funding goal	150,000.00	64,149.83	85,850.17

Professional Development: January 10 – 15 I attended the annual Episcopal Camp and Conference Center Directors meeting at the Duncan Gray Center in Mississippi. The Key-note speaker was our presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori. Her time with the directors was both informative and motivational. Of particular interest to the directors was her invitation for our centers to better align themselves with doing the mission of the church. In short – could we do more to reconcile the world to God through the person of Jesus Christ. Here she asked us to consider possible ministries we might consider; returning veterans, & women’s and children’s ministries. There were a variety of other workshops –, one which I attended – was a continuation of training which relates to our Safeguarding policies – specifically looking at new issues which are coming into focus around technology.

Submitted by: David Campbell
Camp/Youth Director

Youth Ministry Report:

Youth Ministries: The goal of the youth ministries is to equip every congregation with the tools they need to develop a vision for an active youth ministry in their congregation. In 2009 my goal was to work closely with any congregation that requested assistance.

Consulting: In 2009 I worked primarily with the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church in Butte MT. My work consisted primarily of helping the vestry work through the Time, Talent and Treasure Stewardship manual of the diocese. Over three periods we completed the work of adapting the Time, Treasure and Talent Model, creating a mission statement for the church, adopting a governance model & setting up their first ever fall "Rally Sunday". In other areas of the diocese I continued work with;

February 7 – 8, I assisted with a regional lock-in with St. John's Butte, St. Peter's Cathedral and St. John's Townsend

February 21st, St. Peter's Cathedral, led visioning workshop with the vestry.

March 1st, led a workshop at St. Andrews, Livingston for vestry leaders from the Upper Yellowstone Cluster.

March 7 – 8, I assisted with a regional lock-in with St. Peter's Cathedral & St. John's Townsend.

March 14th – visited St. Matthew's Glasgow, to Kick off Celebrate Camp Marshall Sunday & visit with youth.

March 28th, follow up workshop with St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Billings, regarding their youth ministry. Here I did some follow up work with the Parish Secretary – re; staff files, criminal background checks – reference requests etc... in Nov of 09

April 22nd, Adult leader training in St. Paul's, Absorkee

May 1 – 2, Assisted with a lock in at All Saint's Columbia Falls

May 15 – 17 Attended a St. Peter's Family Camping Trip – as part of a plan to raise up new adult leaders.

August 29-30, Assisted with a regional Lock-in with St. Peter's Cathedral & St. John's Townsend

September 13, Attended St. John's Butte – First "Rally Sunday"

Sept 24 – 27 Led the Fall Youth Gathering

November 7 – 8, Assisted with Regional Lock-In with St. Peters Cathedral & St. John's Townsend.

November 14 – 15 – Attended and assisted with a Youth Lock In at All Saint's Columbia Falls

December 10 – began a conversation with St. Paul's Hamilton to work with the vestry – specifically to provide a training in "Safeguarding God's Children" which would occur in Jan.

Fall Youth Gathering at Diocesan Convention

26 students and 18 adult volunteers participated in the annual Fall Youth Presence at Diocesan Convention. The Key-note speaker was our presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori who had an opportunity to visit with our students and field questions that our students had for her.



In addition to this opportunity students were given the opportunity to tour the campus of University of Montana and were given a tour of Emmaus House. Emmaus Campus Ministry is an open and empowering ministry of ELCA Lutherans in partnership with Episcopalians and the United Church of Christ, and welcoming of all. These activities, were just part of the weekend. Students also participated in the primary worship services of the weekend, went swimming, played awesome games & enjoyed fellowship time with one another.

Professional Development: November 11 – 13 Attended Safeguarding God’s People in Denver Co. This training was designed to equip facilitators of the new national program for Preventing Sexual Exploitation in Communities of Faith & Preventing Sexual Harassment of Church Workers. In 2010 – this workshop will equip me to work with the Canon to the Ordinary as we update the diocesan policy which was drafted in 2004.

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Christian Formation Report:

Christian Formation has in recent years been focused on the development of children’s ministry in the Diocese of Montana. This emphasis has been narrow in focus as it relates to the greater church, whose approach to formation is “lifelong” in scope. An exciting development for the Christian Formation Committee in 2009 came late in the year when Bishop Brookhart expanded the role of the committee to a lifelong model. While there is not much to report on for 2009, the committee is looking ahead in 2010 – 2011 to developing a model of equipping and empowering lifelong ministries in the diocese of Montana.

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