

NORTHWEST REGIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Board of Directors Meeting

October 17-18, 2008

Outdoor Ministry Report

2008 CAMPING SEASON

The 2008 camping season is concluded. We want to thank all who served as directors and counselors; without them this ministry would not be possible.

For comparison sake I will share the statistics for 2008 and 2007.

Camp	2007	2008
CYF 1 (Gwinwood)	30	15
CYF 2 (Zephyr)	37	34
Chi Rho 1 (Gwinwood)	18	22
Chi Rho 2 (Zephyr)	27	32
Junior Camp 1 (Gwinwood)	20	19
Junior Camp 2 (Zephyr)	16	13
Kids Camp 1 (Gwinwood)	11	9
Kids Camp 2 (Zephyr)	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	160	151

Since the camping program is to be self sufficient, I would like to report the following information, comparing 2007 to 2008

2007

Income			
Registration	\$31,997		
Scholarship	<u>\$ 4,313</u>		
Total		\$36,310	
Expenses			
Total		\$37,674	(\$1,364)

2008

Income			
Registration	\$34,266		
Scholarship	<u>\$ 4,351</u>		
Total		\$38,616	
Expenses			
Total		\$35,173	\$3,443

The 2008 figures are not yet final. There is just under \$1,000 we are trying to collect and not all directors have turned in bills. So the 2008 figures are not definite, but close. It looks like we should end 2008 in the black. This is due to two factors: directors keeping expenses down and Amber's hard work in collecting registration fees. In past years not all congregations or campers actually ended up paying the fees.

CAMPING PLANNING MEETING

We are having more difficulty each year finding staff for our camps. We are also discovering that our numbers continue to slowly decline. Because of these two issues and other related camp question, a camp summit will be held on Saturday November 15 at Englewood Christian to discuss the direction of Outdoor Ministry in our region. Those who have a passion for Outdoor Ministry are invited to attend or send thoughts and suggestions to us for consideration. We want to put everything out on the table and see how best to do this important ministry in the context in which we now find ourselves.

A REQUEST

If, at the end of the year, there is a positive balance in the Outdoor Ministry Fund from the camping season, we request that the balance be held in a special Outdoor Ministry account in case we need it in future years to balance the account or to provide additional scholarship support.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Co-chair