



Camp Chippewa Smoke Signals

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**Chairperson, Camping Ministries Area Team -
Rev. Paul Wolf - Wesley United Methodist Church, Parsons
Wolf Tracks**

No one knows quite how it happens, but it happens and we never see the world in the same way again. We see it in a new way. It comes alive with promise and possibility; it fills with light and hope and goodness. It awakens a part of us that seems so deeply asleep as to be dormant, even gone. Yet there it is—the encounter with God, the experience of the Holy—and the sleeping child, no matter what age, awakens and understands there's more to the world than the world itself...there is a Power beyond and within that permits, sustains, and relentlessly loves us all, a Power with a love so enormous as to walk with, die for and redeem us.

Some of our children, some of our youth, and yes, even some of our adults have this experience at Camp Chippewa—Thanks be to God!

If you haven't been out to the camp recently, come visit us! Please be a part of this miracle of awakening, this coming alive to the Spirit of God and the power of God's love revealed through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and celebrated in the Camp Chippewa experience. Come and volunteer! Come and bring a work team! Come and visit a worship service! Come and spend a weekend with your family! And please, please keep us in your prayers.

Wishing you and your family the treasure of God's Grace in 2011,

Paul Wolf, chair, Camping Ministry Area Team



**Conference Director of Camping Ministries –
Rev. Howard Sudduth – Pottawatomie & Mayetta United
Methodist Church**

From the Director,

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year! Coming into the year 2011, we have many things to be happy about and thankful for all the blessing God has poured out on the ministry here at Camp Chippewa. We're excited about all the renovations that have been done to our cabins. Visit with us; see the beautiful work you have done. We would like to thank everyone for supporting the "Bridge of the Future" we are looking forward to becoming more a vital part of all adult and children's lives through this Capital Campaign. The Bible says: "Where there is no vision, the people perish:"Proverbs 29:18a" I'm asking for your support of eight hundred campers coming to our summer program starting in the month of June. We believe that quality camp experiences help children develop healthy emotional and social skills necessary to grow into strong, considerate, competent adults. We believe in child development and partnering with parents, encouraging our children to value their uniqueness; we help develop self-esteem, character, courage, responsibility, resourcefulness, and cooperation. I would like to take this time to thank KEC Conference, staff, volunteers, and parents for supporting, equipping and empowering ministry here at Camp Chippewa. Thank you for your dedication serving in the spirit of excellence with integrity and compassion for our community. Come and join us in fellowship faith and fun, Camp Chippewa is where that comes together.

Blessings,

Rev. Howard Sudduth
Director of Camping Ministries

This is a great time of year to become/renew your certifications with the KEC-UMC **Safe & Sacred** Certification program. Our 2011 calendar of summer camps will include many openings for Volunteer Counselor Staff. Check out the Kansas East Conference Calendar for a training nearest you www.kansaseast.org

Contact Brenda Davids Brenda@campchippewa.org to get your name on the list of Volunteer Counselors and attend our Volunteer Counselor Orientation Day May 14th, 2011.

Wish List Items:

Program Items:

- Campfire roasting sticks (20)
- Campfire griddles (3)
- New pedestal fans or small window fans
- New Fishing Poles w/reels (Zebco 202) (12)
- Marshmallows (all flavors)
- Fabric Markers

Office Items:

- 1/3 tab file folders (3 reams - 1500 folders)
- Lexmark Ink cartridges #36 - #37 - #32 - #33
- Copy paper

Facility Equipment:

- New or ('05 or newer) Used 1/2 to 3/4 Ton 4 Wheel Drive Pickup
- Snow plow – Ice melt spreader & ice melt
- Bumper pull Small utility trailer tilt bed
- Need - A E D defibrillator (new)
- New Hand Radio System
- 12" Floor Buffer

Food Service items:

- 1/4, 1/2 or whole Beef
- #10 Canned Food products
- New skillets - 3 (10" to 12")

Around the Grounds with Clancy -



Our office mailed out the 2011 Brochure just before the end of the year. We hope you received a copy, but if not let us know and we can get one out to you. Check out the spring and fall events coming up that were added to this year's brochure. They include Spring & Fall Cleanup dates for 2011. Take a look and see if there is something that interests you, or maybe you would like to schedule a retreat date before or after summer season, just contact the office.

With the start of the New Year Camp Chippewa, has finished up with the latest Bridges to the Future project at Asbury Lodge, and hosted our first group of 2011 already, Scout Troop #74. I have lost track of the number of consecutive campouts they have had and their winter camp out is here at Camp Chippewa.

We will be looking for applicants for some of the summer positions that will be open this coming summer. So if you are interested in a summer position go to our website, print an application and three reference forms, and send them to our office. We would like to begin interviewing applicants in February and March giving opportunity to finalize the process on or before May 1st.

Over the years my vision of Camp Chippewa occasionally is blurred by the details of preparation of repairs upkeep, long range plans, routine maintenance, storage of equipment, and upkeep of daily chores changing with each season. But as I walked among the snow fall this past Monday after parking the hay truck under the shelter house at the canteen (its winter home). It was clear again...the natural beauty of the camp, and what it is and what it means to so many children and families to have a place to come year after year. A place to sit quietly or Worship loudly, a place to see the stars, and the lighting bugs, a place you feel God's presence in the everyday.

Till Next Time ... See ya at Camp! Clancy Moore, Site Director

Conference Director of Student Ministries & Program Director of Camp Chippewa - Brenda Davids



I have been reading Dietrich Bonhoeffer this month. He has powerful words and believed Jesus Christ was sent for all humanity. He believes that grace is costly, not cheap. He talks about this in his work *The Call to Discipleship*. Jesus is calling us! We cannot sit quietly and pretend that it will go away or it is not there. Do you remember the story of Samuel and Eli in the Bible? Samuel kept hearing someone call him and he woke up his mentor, Eli, to find out if it was him. Eli said it was not. Then Eli told Samuel to answer the voice next time. Samuel answered the voice that he was listening. That voice was God.

We're going to talk about our calling at the confirmation/mid-high retreat in March. Sometimes life really gets in the way of listening for our calling. But it is my hope as we learn together at the confirmation retreat, that we can learn to recognize the call of God on our life. And Bonhoeffer would ask us to take that calling seriously and give up the things that stand in the way of communing with and serving God. That's kind of what his costly grace means...that it costs us something. Not in a negative way necessarily, but that it has value, worth, substance.

So I hope that you will come and check out how Camp Chippewa can help you listen better for your God. I think Camp Chippewa is an absolutely excellent place to learn to listen for God. I have heard God here many times. Come and listen with me, I think you will hear God here also. See you in March!

Your servant,

Brenda Davids

**GUEST GROUP/EVENT CALENDAR
CAMP CHIPPEWA**

January (*tentative reservation until deposit is received)

- 8-9 - Boy Scouts Troop #74
- 15-16 - New Life Community Church of Gardner
- 22-23 - CCYM Spiritual Life Retreat

February

- 4-5 - Fellowship Bible Church of Olathe
- 5 - Camping Ministry Area Team Meeting
- 12- Sonflower Emmaus Walk Planning Team
- *18-19 - Edgerton United Methodist Youth
- 20-21 - Overbrook United Methodist Youth

March

- 4-5 - Confirmation Retreat - website to register/umcdata.com
- 16 - Sonflower Emmaus Walk Leadership setup
- 17-20- Sonflower Emmaus Walk - Men's Retreat
- 23- Sonflower Emmaus Walk Leadership setup
- 24-27 - Sonflower Emmaus Walk - Women's Retreat
- TBA - CPR/1st Aid Certification renewals for returning/site staff over spring break week

April

- 2-3 - Old Mission United Methodist Youth
- 9 - Spring Cleaning Work Day - contact us at the camp office if you would like to help out.
- 9-10- Lenexa United Methodist Families
- *9-10 - Roeland Park United Methodist Men's Retreat
- 22&25 - office closed

May

- 7- Camping Ministry Area Team Meeting - OPEN HOUSE 12:30-3:00
- 14- Volunteer Counselor Orientation/Training 9:30am to 12:00pm
- Safe & Sacred Training 12:30pm to 3:30pm
- Trail Ride - 1:00pm to 4:00pm - register online/or call for information
- 21-22 - New Adventures in Faith Weekend Retreat
- 31 - June 4 - Summer Staff Training Week

To Schedule Your Group Retreat, Day Meeting, Luncheon, or other program event contact us at 785-242-6797 or office@campchippewa.org We can't wait to see you at Camp...God Bless.

**Confirmation Retreat March 4-5, 2011 at Camp Chippewa!
Limited space, so get your registration in today! Go
online to register as an individual or your whole group at
umcdata.com Registrations forms will be mailed out
very soon!**

In the Kitchen with Doris
Doris Dehn - Head Cook
Banana Wheat Muffins



- 1 & 1/3 cup flour
- 2/3 cup Whole Wheat flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup Miracle Whip salad dressing
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup Bananas (2-3 med.)

In a bowl combined all dry Ingredients. In another bowl combined bananas, Salad dressing, and sugar. Stir these into the dry ingredients just until moistened. Fill greased /paper lined muffin cups 2/3 full bake at 350 for 20-25 minutes. Makes 12

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