

MISSION MOMENT 2010

I want to take the time this morning to say "Thank You". Nearly all of you gathered here at church this morning have contributed in some way to the Outdoor Ministries of DuBois Center. Many of you have attended our annual Fall Crafts Festival or have enrolled your children or grandchildren in our Summer Camps program. Or maybe you've volunteered as a counselor or director or given financially to a special offering for DuBois.

Over the years the combined generosity of churches like yours has made all the difference between DuBois Center being a great Conference/Retreat Center and Summer Camp than just being a couple of small lakes and few acres of trees. So, I thank you along with the Outdoor Ministries Team and our hundreds of campers and thousands of guests thank you for helping us to provide the ministries of hospitality, Christian Education, and communion with God through nature.

We are very proud of the new face lift our DuBois website has received. You can now download the "Gift Certificates" from our website, which can be purchased for summer camp or any of our retreats during the year. What an awesome Birthday, Easter or Christmas Gift or 'Just Because you're You' Gift.

We are continuing our "Adopt-A-Horse" Program. Pictures of our horses are posted on our website and you can choose which one you want to adopt for the year. In return you will receive, depending on what level you are on, a picture and information about your horse.

Also our camp store is on our website: www.duboiscenter.org

SUNDAY DINNERS ~ APRIL 25 AND MAY 23 ~ 12:30-1:30

Spring Happenings

MARCH 1-3 SPIRITUAL RETREAT.

We'll explore the actual message of several of the prophets, learning the five ways to distinguish true prophets from fake prophets. We'll find out why so many of them "died with their sandals on" and how their message resonates with our following God today. Led by Fr Roger Karban

MARCH 9 NATURE'S CLASSROOM BEGINS

MARCH 15 CAMP FREE DAY DEADLINE

APRIL 9-11 FATHER AND SON RETREAT

The Annual DuBois Center Father Son Retreat will again offer lots of fun things for dads and lads and granddads to do.

APRIL 15 CAMP REG. FREE TEE SHIRT DEADLINE

APRIL 17 DINNER THEATRE 5PM

Enjoy a play by the DuQuoin Community Theater along with an Italian Cuisine Dinner

APRIL 18 CAMPER FREE DAY 1-4PM

Campers who have paid their reg fees by March 15 enjoy a free day at camp, hayrides, horse rides Hotdogs, potato chips and drinks

APRIL 23-25 HORSE RETREAT

Round up your boots, your friends and your sense of adventure exploring DuBois Center on horseback. Sandy Kuether, Equestrian Director will lead this retreat

MAY 7-8 SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Apostle Paul commands all Christians, "Pray without ceasing" (I Thessalonians 5:17). We will study the ancient practice of "Lectio Divina", a spiritual reading, which creates a space for God to work in and awakens our heart to God's word, deepening our relationship with the One to whom we belong. Led by Angie Hausmann

MAY 23 PARENT ORIENTATION FOR CAMP

First time parents and campers are invited to tour camp and meet staff. We will meet at 2pm

APRIL 30-MAY2 ANNUAL WOMEN'S LIVING WELL RETREAT—MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT

The 3rd Annual Women's Retreat is filled with information on living well, focusing on ways to make our lives better and more enjoyable. Healthy meals and snacks will be provided. Small lifestyle changes can make a difference in our health. Be pampered with a massage. Also enjoy our optional camp activities. Register by April 1 and receive a free T-Shirt.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU ABOUT OUR 2010 SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM. YOU CAN PICK UP OUR 2010 SUMMER CAMP BROCHURE AT YOUR CHURCH OR CALL US AND WE WILL E-MAIL OR SEND YOU ONE BY SNAIL MAIL.

Summer Camp starts June 13 Camps offered:

Aquatics camp (7th-9th)

Family Camp

Night Owl camp (7th-9th)

Horse camp (5th-12th)

Harry Potter Camp (5th-7th)

Counselor In Training (10th-12th)

Just You and Me (Adults & ages 5-7)

Pioneer-(1st-3rd), Settler-(3rd-5th), Trailblazer- (5th-7th)and Pathfinder-(5th-7th)

Nature's Classroom (3rd-9th)

Music Art and Drama ~ NEW THIS YEAR

We brought MAD Camp back this year! Norbert Kraus, Director of Music-Organist at St. Paul UCC Belleville and Jane Kramer, Director of Children and Youth Ministry at St. Paul UCC Waterloo will be our leaders for MAD Camp this summer Campers will spend a week of acting, singing, stage movement, prop gathering, set construction, costume collecting and Just plain FUN learning the new musical **"TABLE FOR FIVE.....THOUSAND! The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes"**, written by Tom S. Long and Allen Pote. Other needs for the week are youth who play the flute, oboe, piano/keyboard, bass guitar and light percussion.

2010 SUMMER CAMP CURRICULUM~BE A HERO, LIVING LIKE JESUS

WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORD HERO WHAT IS THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO YOUR MIND? SUPERMAN, HARRY POTTER, OR ANY OTHER PERSON WHO FIGHTS EVIL; SAVES PEOPLE FROM PERIL? BEING A HERO FOR GOD IS DIFFERENT. OUR CURRICULUM FOR SUMMER CAMP IS CALLED "BE A HERO, LIVING LIKE JESUS."

"BEING A HERO FOR GOD MEANS RECOGNIZING A NEED, REALIZING SOMETHING CAN BE DONE TO ADDRESS THE NEED, AND TAKING THE RISK TO ACT. BEING A HERO FOR GOD INVOLVES UNDERSTANDING THAT GOD CALLS AND EQUIPS EACH OF US TO DO SOME OF WHAT JESUS AND OTHER BIBLICAL HEROES DID. AND FOR US LIKE THE BIBLICAL HEROES, THIS WORK IS OFTEN DONE IN SIMPLE WAYS, WITH EVERY DAY THINGS AND BY ORDINARY PEOPLE.

CAMPERS WILL CONSIDER WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A HERO ON

Day 1 as they welcome others in the same way Christ welcomed those gathered on a hillside in the feeding of the five thousand.

Day 2 campers will learn about covenant and how they can be a hero by being a devoted friend just as Jonathan was to David.

Day 3 they will examine Jesus call to be inclusive as they come to learn about the courage of Peter and Cornelius in Acts.



Day 4 campers will be invited to explore the heroic as they hear about the widow and her sacrificial giving.
Day 5 Rejoicing as a heroic act will be the focus as campers follow Miriam's model to praise God as she did on the banks of the Red Sea.
Day 6 campers remember the heroes in their own lives who have shared God's good news with them and inspired them to share the good news with others.

EVERY DAY A STORY WILL BE TOLD ABOUT A CONTEMPORARY YOUNG PERSON WHO TOOK A RISK OR SHARED WITH OTHERS OR SACRIFICED IN ORDER TO SHOW GOD'S LOVE. BEING A HERO CALLS THEM TO TRUST GOD TO USE WHAT THEY CAN OFFER AND TO EQUIP THEM FOR WELCOMING, BEFRIENDING, INCLUDING, GIVING, REJOICING, AND SHARING THE GOOD NEWS. CAMPERS WILL LEAVE CAMP KNOWING THAT IT TAKES MORE COURAGE AND FAITH TO BE ONE OF GOD'S HEROES THAN IT TAKES TO SIMPLY LEAP OFF TALL BUILDINGS IN A SINGLE BOUND!"

WE'RE ALSO OFFERING A MISSION TRIP FOR SR. HIGHS AND ADULTS TO NORTHWEST INDIANA TO HELP REPAIR HOMES THAT WERE DEVASTED BY THE FLOODS

**JUST A REMINDER: WE ARE OPEN EVERY DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK. BRING YOUR FAMILY OR GROUP FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION OR TO SIMPLY COME AND ENJOY THE OUTDOORS AND ACTIVITIES WE OFFER.
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE www.duboiscenter.org
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