

Summer 2008 a Great Success!

Summer 2008 was a great experience for the 230 campers who enjoyed 8 weeks at Camp Galilee. This success can be attributed to the 14 employed counselors and staff and to the 15 volunteer chaplains, nurses and others who donated a week or more of their time to the campers. According to Joanna Morris, summer camp registrar, over 95% of parents who responded to the end of summer evaluation indicated they are eager to send their children to Galilee in 2009!

Several fun and challenging additions this summer were the campouts on the beach, and the expanded kayaking and backpacking programs. Groups kayaked to Glenbrook Bay, Cave Rock and Skunk Harbor. The high school campers backpacked overnight to Marlette Lake - a first for all the campers who participated.

The new Adventure Groups joined campers from two cabins and their counselors into a tight knit group. This small group format fostered the close friendships and trust campers cherish. The Adventure Groups also encouraged stronger connections to one another, to God and to God's magnificent creation - Lake Tahoe.



Campers in new Kayaks funded by the 2007 Great Paddle



Counseling Staff 2008

Expanded Counselor Training Program

Galilee provided a week-long Counselor Training (CT) program to ensure that all counselors were current in Red Cross CPR and First Aid and in the diocesan "Safeguarding God's Children" requirement. The CT program presented techniques in working with children in groups and taught skills such as conflict resolution, group development, and team building. The session also provided training for Junior Counselors, several of whom spent two or three weeks last summer assisting with the Adventure Groups and providing support to the dining hall staff. The Counselor Training program is a great opportunity for enthusiastic and motivated 16-year-olds who have completed the 10th grade to learn leadership skills. In addition, the experience looks great on a college application!

Summer Chaplains and Nurses an Invaluable Help

Everyone involved with the summer program is grateful to the chaplains who did an outstanding job providing a quality, spiritual program that encouraged campers to consider their role within God's community. Volunteering as 2008 chaplains were the Revs. Laurie Chappelle, Trudy Erauiaza, Jane Foraker-Thomson, Kathy Honner, Karen Johanns, Helen McPeak, Jeff Paul and Lead Chaplain Dave Mussatti. Camp Galilee was also fortunate to have Tracy Farran, Maggie Griswold and Kim Mitchell, all RNs, return and generously donate their professional expertise for the campers.

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These are the individuals, families, and groups who donated over \$67,000 in 2008 to sustain and enhance the ministry of Galilee. These funds supported camperships for children and families, program development, capital projects, and operational expenses. We are grateful for their generosity and invite you to join them this year by making a gift to the Friends of Galilee Annual Fund. Your gifts really do make a difference!

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