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Summer Camp Highlight

This week's summer camp highlight is Pioneer Camp. This camp is for youth who enjoy a more rustic camp experience! Pioneer campers live in teepees (towards the back part of the 226 acres), learn to cook their meals over a campfire, and shower rarely! Pioneer campers join the rest of camp each day for morning celebration, evening games and vespers. They also host games and vespers on their site one evening. Of course, Bible study and all the other camp activities are an integral part of the week. Living in God's creation for a week is a transformative experience; through living in God's creation, closeness to God and to others in the community is developed. If you are looking for an opportunity to develop a closer relationship with God, others, creation and have completed grades 6 - 12, please register online at www.crestfield.net.

Retreat for Senior Adults "A Pilgrimage in Celtic Christian Spirituality"

May 6-7, 2008

You are invited to Crestfield for a journey of the heart, a pilgrimage along the Celtic Christian Spiritual way. We will explore the roots of this tradition and trace both the past and present expressions of this vibrant spirituality. This retreat will include inspirational discussion, worship and hymn singing, a hayride, s'mores, crafts and more. Anyone over the age of 55 is welcome. We hope you will join us!

http://www.crestfield.net/senior_adult_retreat.htm

Youth Leaders Retreat

May 14-15, 2008

Youth leaders, both paid and volunteers-what you do is EXHAUSTING and quite frankly, you may wonder if what you do matters. Well, it does. It matters so much that we have a retreat planned just for you. It is on a Wednesday and Thursday, so you won't miss your weekend activities with the youth; it is mid-week so you have the opportunity to rest and be energized; AND, the Rev. Ted Martin (pastor of Hampton Presbyterian Church) is the retreat leader. Ted brings experience and passion for youth ministry and a whole lot of energy. You won't want to miss this retreat.

<http://www.crestfield.net/Church%20Professionals.pdf>

Treat your pastor to a time of retreat

May 18-20, 2008

Crestfield is offering a two night retreat for pastors. In a world that is increasingly "wired", or perhaps even more immediately "wireless"; in an era where we have two or three e-mail addresses, home phones, cell phones, blogs, networks; in an time where church members are sated with programs and yet starved for companionship...pastors are increasingly lonely. The

working theme for our time together is "The Necessity & Practice of Spiritual Friendship". Rev. Dave Carver, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Crafton Heights will lead us in a time together to examine one model of friendship that is described in scripture and consider its appropriateness for our own lives. Pastors will spend time in scripture and in worship; engage in a few exercises that will help to see the possibilities of friendship in their own lives; and will have ample time for reflection and down time as well. We hope to see you (or your pastor) at Crestfield!

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Alumni Week-end: Calling all previous staff members of Crestview and Crestfield

August 13-15, 2008

Come and help celebrate the 60th Birthday of Crestfield Camp and Conference Center. We will spend time together worshipping, canoeing, swimming, playing in the clay pits and celebrating the faithfulness and generosity of our triune God. Come and remember the past, share the present and plan for the future.