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Summer 2007 recap

2007 Camps

We had a wonderful summer by the shores of Half Moon Lake. Over 740 campers ventured down the Warren trail this year. Sessions 1G, 2G, 3G, and 3B were full with waiting lists. Additionally over 200 people participated in our Memorial Day and Labor Day Family Camps! Two weeks ago we hosted Fall Camp. 36 campers embraced the rugged weather by enjoying plenty of hot chocolate and fireside chats but they also built forts, hiked, canoed and took saunas. 2008 dates are posted on page two.

Work Week 2007

Many great projects were accomplished during Work Week. Two roofs were re-done, the John Rowe Director's Cabin renewal is now complete, wood was split, decks were stained..... and more great memories were created. We hope to see you there next year from May 31st-June 8th, 2008!

Andy Kakela Tennis Tournament

This annual tournament was held in early August and over thirty campers participated. CIT Sam Maritz won the older boys bracket and Clay Hatzenbuhler took home first prize in the beginner bracket. Thank you to everyone for their great sportsmanship!

Neighbor Night

For the first time in many years we hosted Neighbor Night at Camp Warren on Sunday, July 29th. About 25 people were in attendance including the Digerness family—all of whom grew up at Camp during Joe Digerness' tenure as caretaker in the mid 1900s. Thank you to Bruce and Marilyn Konkler for helping host the event. Participants joined us for tours, a Sunday cookout and even skit night!

80th Anniversary Celebration

Camp Warren's 80th Anniversary Celebration was held on Sunday, September 23rd at Colonial Church in Edina. 300 community members attended and joined together to celebrate our proud history. There were picture boards displaying eight decades of programming, generational speakers, and plenty of good food and conversation. Pictures are posted online at our website: <http://www.ymcatwincities.org/photogallery.htm>. The username is: **tradition** and the password is: **journey**. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make this day a success.

Holiday Gift Ideas:

80th anniversary polo shirts: \$20

80th anniversary t-shirts: \$10

White Camp Warren triangle logo t-shirts: \$5

Grey hooded sweatshirts: \$20 child \$25 adult

Green and khaki Camp Warren hats: \$12

Camp Warren scarves: \$10

Camp Warren backpacks: \$5



Events/Announcements

Summer Camp Reunion

The annual Summer Camp Reunion will take place at REI in Bloomington on Thursday, December 20th. Stay tuned for more details.

"The Daves" Complete Appalachian Trail

After hiking 2,174 miles from Springer Mountain, Georgia to Mount Katahdin, Maine, David Searl and David Garfunkel finished their monumental trip on July 7th after four months of hiking. Congratulations on this wonderful accomplishment!

Fall/Winter/Spring Programming

Bring your group up to Camp during the fall, winter and spring seasons. Camp Warren is a great retreat facility for Scout troops, family gatherings, ski teams, Church groups, school groups and more. We are located just 20 miles from Giant's Ridge Ski/Snowboard area. We have a variety of different food/lodging packages to fit your group's needs including the fully winterized Cub Lodge. Please contact Devin Hanson for more information:

devin.hanson@ymcamps.org.

New website set to launch in mid-November, be sure to check it out at www.campwarren.org!

2008 Dates

Girls' Sessions:

1G: Jun 15-20

Bridge: Jun 20-22

2G: Jun 22-Jul 3

Bridge: July 3-6

3G: Jul 6-18

Boys' Sessions:

1B: Jul 20-Aug 1

Bridge Aug 1-3

2B: Aug 3-15

3B: Aug 17-22

