



Clearwater Forest is the shared camp and retreat ministry of the Presbyteries of the Twin Cities Area, Minnesota Valleys, Northern Waters, Northern Plains and the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

Clearwater Forest is a ministry of Christ called to provide faith-building Christian programming, nurture active Christian community, and be a faithful steward of God's creation.

May, 2017



REGISTER SOON FOR A GREAT EXPERIENCE!



The boats are ready to get put back in the water, the high ropes are ready to be traversed, the trails are cleared, the cabins are cleaned, the arts and crafts have been sorted, and this can only mean one thing: camp starts next month! Here at Clearwater Forest we are getting ready for our favorite time of year and we can't wait to have you join us!

Visit www.clearwaterforest.org for the camp schedule and online registration, with programs for youth in 3rd grade through recent graduates, as well as intergenerational programs like Family Camp and Grands Camps, there is sure to be something for everyone. Our theme this summer is "Branching Out: Connecting Through Christ," and we will be exploring the many ways that our relationship with Christ can connect us with individuals and communities for the rest of our lives.

Too old to come to Clearwater, but still love camp? Consider one of our incredible Grands Camps or Family Camp, volunteer a week this summer, or financially supporting a family member, friend, or community member to come to Clearwater.

NEW THIS YEAR:

- ◆ BWCA Trip for Jr. High Campers
- ◆ Two Eco Camps for Discovery and Junior High Campers to explore the environmental edges of Clearwater
- ◆ Family Camp is July 5-8

Be sure to sign up soon to reserve your space for a life-changing camp experience this summer! For more information please check out www.clearwaterforest.org or give the office a call at 218-678-2325.



2017 Summer Staff and Volunteers NEEDED!

We are looking for a few additional people to change lives! Specifically, we need volunteers Chaplains, volunteer counselors, nurses and other volunteers to help with the kitchen, store, maintenance, or other areas! Volunteers help us make the Clearwater Forest Experience come alive for our campers.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Clearwater Forest Work Day Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

Friends and Neighbors Day Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m.—4 p.m. (open house 1-4)

Summer Camp June 18– August 12

Creative Arts August 6–August 12

Women's Chrystalis August 16– August 20

REGISTER AT WWW.CLEARWATERFOREST.ORG

SPRING WORK DAY—MAY 20, 2017

WE NEED YOU! Winter is always a challenge to our facilities, trails, and grounds. Our spring work day will be from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. with a FREE lunch for those who help out. From raking leaves, cleaning cabins, picking up downed branches, cleaning windows, sorting crafts, pulling out the boats to more skilled projects which include building a screened in porch on the Hermitage and painting the Grouse Circle bathroom, there is a project for all skill levels and groups.



Please let us know if you are able to come so we can have enough lunch and materials available. If you are not able to make the work day, but are interested in supporting our ministry through work projects, please contact Rich Swartwood at [218-678-2325](tel:218-678-2325) or rich@clearwaterforest.org. There are always projects to be worked on!

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 10 from 10-4 p.m. for the annual Friends and Family Day! We're adding a few new features including an open house style event from 1-4 for drop-in guests.

Schedule:

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| 8:00 a.m. | Annual Bike Ride |
| 10:00-11:30 | Visit friends/ site tour/ play on the lake |
| 11:30 | Staff commissioning |
| 12:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00-4:00 | Play on the lake, high ropes, check out the bouldering wall, take a tour, visit with staff and friends |

For those coming for the day, please RSVP by Monday, June 5 at 218-678-2325 or www.clearwaterforest.org.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

In a recent study by Vibrant Faith, researchers studied the "camp high" which is experienced after campers go home and how the camper's faith life is changed. The data from over 1,000 campers showed significant growth in numerous measures of faith formation and personal characteristics during the week of camp. Clearwater Forest campers refer to Clearwater Forest as their "home away from home, their "yearly mountain top experience," and "a place to be themselves and grow closer to God."

There is, in fact, a camp high, but we can say with confidence that the camp experience has much stronger lasting impacts than temporary ones.

Young people are participating more deeply in their faith months after camp is over. They have gained something much more valuable: a desire to be in a Christian community, a hunger to learn more, and the assurance that faith makes a difference in their lives.

You can support our ministry in a variety of ways. Check out our wish list to see items we would like to add to our program, or consider donating directly to our annual fund using the new online platform that can take eChecks, ECH, or credit/debit cards.

I hope you will consider financially supporting and partnering with Clearwater Forest to make an impact on the lives of our camper's long-term faith formation. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our program.

Giving options:

1. Send a check to Clearwater.
2. Set up easy online EFT options
3. Give through our website.
4. Set up an IRA Qualified CD distribution

Thank you in advance for your support of our life-changing ministry!

Rich Swartwood

WISH LIST

Each year, individuals, congregations, and families make Clearwater Forest a better place through generous donations to our annual fund and directed gifts. A place for people of all ages to find themselves. Items in **BOLD** are high priority items

Bike Helmets

Scholarship Funds

Recreation Equipment

Hammocks & Hammock Circle

Paddleboards (3)

Low Temp Enameling Kiln (and shapes/enamels)

Environmental Education Activities

Artwork for bedrooms

Bedside tables in Lodges

Tables for Dining Room

Adopt a bedroom in Leaning Tree (new fixtures, countertops, furniture.)

Picnic Tables (5)

Quilts for Lodges

Sofas for Eagle main room

Tables/Chairs in Dining Hall

Paint bedrooms in lodges

Renovation of Nurses Cabin

Funds for Dining Hall

Renovation

FAMILY FRIENDLY CAMPGROUNDS WITH ACCESS TO TRAILS, WOODS, AND CLEARWATER LAKE

Two Campgrounds:

Grouse Circle- 15 sites, 5 electric, 2 pull-through bathhouse, and two family friendly cabins that sleep 12 people; and extended season Woodchuck Cabin for solo or couple use.

Loon Point - 13 rustic campsites with direct access to Clearwater Lake and screened in pavilion

Reservations required a reservation 24 hours in advance

Come find yourself in our sanctuary of God's woods and waters