



Camp is starting in 24 days...have you registered yet?



24 days! We are so excited for this summer's experiences. Staff will begin their two week intensive training shortly, the cabins have been deep cleaned, new activities are being planned, and we are anxiously awaiting the weather to begin to warm! Our theme this summer is "Branching Out, Connecting through Christ." We'll explore the theme throughout our days filled with worship, games, Quest groups, exploring our amazing environment and more!

NEW THIS SUMMER:

ECO Camps (July 9-15) for Discovery and Jr. High youth. With over 1,016 acres of land, a 3.5 mile shoreline, and access to one of the clearest lakes in the area, we will spend time exploring areas of the forest that rarely get seen. Loads of great experiments, observations and some service projects are in store for our ecologically friendly campers! **DON'T** worry, we'll still have plenty of time for the traditional activities! Sign up soon.

SALT - Senior High Servant and Leader Training (July 5-15) Our goal this week is for our senior high campers to experience leadership in at a new level - both on site and in our local community. This is a great start to get a feel for what it is like to be a counselor, but a **WHOLE LOT MORE!** Nine days of fun, learning and sharing.

Jr. High BWCA Trip (August 6-12) FULL! We're heading to the BWCA for an amazing week of adventure, worship, and camping! Led by Corey Larsen, we're primed for incredible memories.

Of course we still have the great programming - Grands, First Timers, Family Camp, Discovery Camps, Sailing, Beach, Pedal Paddle & Climb, and Endless! There is a camp for **EVERYONE**.

NEW ACTIVITIES:

We've been busy! We've revamped our old maintenance shop to include a new bouldering wall, mountain bike area, added two new elements on the high ropes course, built a new initiative course, replaced nine new canoes from memorial gifts, and the staff are coming in with amazing new activities for games, and worship! Don't fret though, we haven't changed who we are! We build relationships, amazing community, and provide thought-provoking discussion that campers LOVE.



REGISTER TODAY!

THANK YOU TO OUR WORK DAY VOLUNTEERS!

60 people braved the cold rain and even a bit of sleet throughout the weekend of May 20 to help us prepare the grounds and facilities for our 63rd annual summer program. Over 600 hours of volunteer labor were contributed over the weekend. In addition to the "normal" activities of putting in docks, cleaning the cabins, and getting the boats out, we painted the nurse's cabin and Grouse Circle bathrooms, landscaped the garden, deep cleaned the program buildings, finished the bouldering wall, prepped the mountain bikes, prepared five more benches for the SDG worship area, installed new speakers in the pavilion, sealed the swing set benches, deep cleaned Osprey Cabin, and a whole lot more.



It is amazing to see how much work can be accomplished in such a short amount of time with people who love to help out!

On behalf of all the campers and guests,
THANK YOU!

Friends and Neighbors Day is coming soon! Saturday, June 10

Come join us on Saturday, June 10 as we celebrate our annual Friends and Neighbors day! We are planning a full day of activities for old and new friends!



- o 8 a.m. Annual Lake-2-Lake 30/50 Mile Bike Ride & Scholarship Fundraiser
- o 10:00 - 1:00 Friends and Family day with morning activities
- o 11:30 Worship and staff commissioning at 11:30
- o 12:00 Lunch for those who RSVP by June 5
- o 1:00 - 4:00 Open House for our neighbors and community. Come explore the high ropes, try out our new bouldering wall, go on a sailboat ride, take a pontoon tour of Clearwater Lake, check out our summer programming, and meet the summer staff. We will also be available to answer questions about registering and our facilities.



Please register below to attend the morning program and for FREE lunch. The afternoon does not require RSVP.

[PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE MORNING SESSION AND LUNCH](#)

Support our ministry!

Each year, we are blessed with special gifts and memorials that truly make a profound impact on our ministry. These gifts have helped fund the bouldering wall, new canoes, and our soon to be completed initiative course and hammock circle, all of which make a huge impact on our programming. We are deeply grateful for the generous donations to our scholarship fund, and know that these gifts make a big difference in a camper's life.

We are also grateful for gifts to our general operating fund. Our operating budget makes it possible to keep our summer staff supplied with necessary tools, maintain our office, pay our utilities, provide our housekeeper's cleaning supplies, and, yes, cover our year round staff salaries and benefits. Clearwater's revenue from camper and retreat fees, and Presbytery support do not cover all of the expenses that it takes to operate our amazing program. We rely heavily on general contributions from our ministry partners - YOU!

We also have recently made a switch to move away from GiveMN to another online giving platform, NeonCRM. The new system will allow for better reporting, and most importantly, lower fees for processing payments. You can find more information about Neon by visiting our webpage.

As we enter our busy camp and retreat season, I invite you to give to our operating fund to support our ministry. A gift of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more truly will make an impact on many lives. It's easy to give! You can click here to set up a one-time gift or to make a larger impact, schedule monthly gifts to Clearwater Forest.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 218-678-2325 or rich@clearwaterforest.org. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our program.

Rich Swartwood

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY TODAY!

What is next?

The Clearwater Forest Board of Directors has been busy over the past 14 months developing our "Balanced Scorecard" and visioning for the future. We have also embarked on the first steps to renovate the dining hall with new windows being installed this month.

The new windows feature insulated glass, fewer obstructions, and have dramatically increased the amount of natural light in the dining hall. This project was completed with funds that were given to Clearwater Forest by the Crosby / Ironton Presbyterian Church when it closed.

The next phase is looking at upgrading the kitchen, accessibility, lighting and office renovation. We have contracted with a local architect firm who will begin to help us make plans for the much needed upgrades.

Watch for more information this fall to see how you can see how the plans are unfolding.



Clearwater Forest - 16595 Crooked Lake Road - Deerwood, MN 56444
218-678-2325 - www.clearwaterforest.org