

REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY HILLS SUMMER CAMP

- Canterbury Hills office staff preparing brochures, registrations packages and mail-outs all fall
- A Camp Co-ordinator coming on board Nov-Dec to participate in staff hiring
- A Returning Staff Dialogue Day in February
- A New Staff Selection Day in March
- A five-member Resource Team arriving on site in early May to open the Camp Office and prepare the site
- A Staff Weekend mid-May to bring the entire 40-member Staff Team together and build community
- An Open House in June to introduce new families to the Camp facility
- A Training Week in June as soon as school ends to prepare the Staff Team for the opening of Camp
- July – August: 546 Campers attending the Residential and Day Camp sessions
 - Campers from socially and financially challenged families attend in partnership with St. Matthew’s House
 - Campers from emotionally challenged home situations attend in partnership with Angel Tree, a program that supports families with an incarcerated parent
 - Campers with physical or developmental challenges attend in partnership with Reach for the Rainbow
 - Campers attend with the support of the Canterbury Hills Camp Bursary Fund

And then it all starts over again! And as we gather for Synod this fall, it has already started for the 50th time, as 2010 will mark the 50th summer that a children’s summer camping program has been offered at Canterbury Hills. That’s over 25,000 children whose lives have been significantly impacted in the context of a loving and caring Christian community. That’s well over 1000 young adults who have been trained as exceptional leaders and then gone on to use their skills honed at Canterbury Hills Camp in their parishes, their communities, and their vocational pursuits. That’s the legacy we’ll be celebrating as we move into 2010!

As we reflect on Summer Camp 2009, we give thanks for the leadership of Ms. Heather Pearson, our Camp Coordinator this past summer, the members of the Resource Team, and all the members of the Staff Team who worked incredibly hard to ensure that the children entrusted to our care had a safe and memorable summer camp experience. We give thanks for the Camp Alumni members who staffed BBQs at the Open House and opening night of each of the residential sessions, thereby raising \$2,000.00 for the Camp Bursary Fund. We give thanks for the six diocesan priests who came out to celebrate the closing Eucharist at each of the camp sessions. We give thanks for the financial support of the Diocese that has allowed this wonderful ministry to flourish these past 49 years. And we give thanks for all the lives touched and changed by God in ways that we could never have “asked or imagined”.

And we pray that will all happen again in 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend David R. Linn
Executive Director, Canterbury Hills