

The Camp Victory

Overlook

Spring 2008

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Summer Camp Countdown

By Steve Dawson

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It seems like our thoughts from summer camp 2007 are still fresh with us. And yet... that was so last year! Superhero 2008 is fast approaching! Yes, summer camp 2008 is a new season, with new excitement, challenges and joys. So much has been done, but there is so much yet to do as we **Countdown To Summer Camp 2008!**

10. **PRAY** -We need your help immersing our camp ministry in prayer as we give it all to the One who makes it possible.
9. **STAFF** -We still have many positions and slots to fill. Approximately 450 slots actually. If you have a friend or child who you think would be great for Camp Victory, please let us know!
8. **SPEAKERS** -Camp speakers are those individuals that God brings to camp to share the good news of Jesus Christ with our campers each week. We have over half of our speakers signed on and looking forward to filling out the roster.
7. **CURRICULUM** -Much time is being spent on developing the Superhero theme from a Biblical premise. This involves preparing a spiritual emphasis guide for speakers, skits and more.
6. **PROGRAM** -Summer camp doesn't just happen. We are writing and preparing schedules, activity plans and programs for all of our summer camps.
5. **SKILLS TRACKS** -There is something new in Overnight Camp in 2008. Skills Tracks; from horses to nature, we are giving campers a new experience. So, there is more program development and activity area construction to be done to help make these programs a success.

4. **ACTIVITIES** -Many preparations are yet to be made to our activity areas before summer. We hope to bring enhancements in some of our current activity areas, PLUS we are looking forward to a new miniature golf course!
3. **DISCIPLE** -We are not only committed to caring for our campers but also for our staff. We take our role of helping our staff grow closer to their Savior as they care for the campers very seriously.
2. **TRAIN** -Camp Victory offers a quality summer camp experience due in great part to the time and effort we put into our staff training.
1. **CAMPERS** -Yes! Please pray that camp registrations fill our mailboxes and keep our registrar busy. We are behind last year in total registrations as this newsletter goes to print, so please pray that God sends many campers to us in the next few weeks.
0. **VOLUNTEERS** -Camp without volunteers is like a Superhero without powers. Consider volunteering in our kitchen, maintenance areas, grounds keeping, or even as activity instructors like nature, canoeing, or others. Contact Camp Victory and see how you can put your passions and gifts to use this summer.

...And **LIFT OFF** of Superhero 2008!



Summer Fundraising Events

3rd Annual Golf Tournament

Tournament Committee

On Friday, June 6th, 2008, Camp Victory is holding the 3rd Annual Camp Victory Scholarship Golf Tournament. The purpose of this event is to raise scholarship funds for children who need financial assistance to attend a summer session at Camp Victory.

In 2007, 341 children received a scholarship to attend Camp Victory. At last year's tournament we raised roughly half of the scholarship funds awarded. What that means, is that with over 100 men and women spending one day chasing a little white ball around, winning brand new golf clubs, and eating a very good meal; 341 children were able to attend camp. Not only do they hear that Jesus loves them, but someone cared enough about them to help them pay for summer camp.

Our goal for this year's tournament is to raise \$30,000.00. It is amazing to hear the stories of faith, friendship, and pillow fights from the lips of those kids that have been to Camp Victory in the past. Come out and join us on Friday June 6th. Play some golf, have some laughs; the whole time you are there enjoying yourself you will be raising money to help change a child's life.

Thank you for your support!!!

You're Invited:

Four Person Best Shot

June 6th, 2008

11:00a.m. Registration

Noon Shotgun

Oak Summit Golf Course

2751 Co. Rd. 16 S.W.

Rochester MN, 55902

Located across from

Rochester Int'l Airport

For Cost, more information and questions:

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2nd Annual Canoe Race

David Nelson

The Zumbro River Community Festival has lots of activities for the entire family. Come and participate in the canoe race, silent auction, carnival activities, live music and fireworks show. At 4:00 pm the Zumbro River Canoe Race begins at Sandy Point on the southern end of Lake Zumbro. Participants in five different categories ranging from major enthusiasts to fun loving adventurers will race from the southern end of Lake Zumbro to Camp Victory. Prizes are awarded for first & second place in each category and a drawing from all entries will be made for a one night, two day Boundary Waters adventure from Voyageur North Outfitters.

While the canoe race is ongoing, kids of all ages will be taking advantage of the free activities at the camp. There will be a climbing wall, hay rides, dunk tank, obstacle courses, 18' high slide, bounce houses, sumo wrestling, miniature golf and more. There will be food to purchase and live bands until 9:30 pm when an amazing fireworks display will light up the sky. The silent auction will begin at 5:00 pm and close just prior to the fireworks. Come and help us celebrate our Nation's freedom in Zumbro Valley and raise money for kids to enjoy a wonderful summer camp experience.



Volunteering

Bret Adler

Many times when someone thinks of donating to an organization, they think of donating their money. While this is a critical part of our donations, there are other ways of donating to Camp Victory.

Volunteers are also a critical part of the ministry of Camp Victory. What many may not realize is that volunteering also benefits the volunteer. As a volunteer, here are some of the benefits you can receive:

- Knowing you made a difference
- A sense of accomplishment
- Build your resume
- Develop job skills
- Have fun
- Earn recommendation/references for future employment
- Make new friends
- Uncover hidden skills and talents

With summer approaching, preparations are being made to get camp ready.

During the summer our volunteers are helping in the kitchen, serving as a nurse, teaching a craft or skill, cleaning cabins or setting up the dining hall. There are many more opportunities during the summer. The rest of the year also has opportunities for volunteers. With the increasing number of retreat groups, there are cabins to be cleaned, meals to be prepared, things needing fixing, etc.

There are many ways for our volunteers to minister at Camp Victory. Just give us a call and experience the benefits of volunteering.

**“Volunteers are not paid—
not because they are
worthless, but because they are
priceless.”**

Anonymous

Camp Victory Wish List

Bret Adler

Program

- 6 compound bows
- 10 mountain boards
- 20 backpacks
- 20 sleeping bags (for backpacking)
- Fishing equipment
- 4 20 gauge shotguns
- 5 Picnic tables
- Playground equipment: tetherball, bean bag toss, jousting log, horse shoes
- Targets and target boards (for BB & .22 ranges)
- Moose head (for dining hall)

Maintenance

- 72" lawn mower
- 2 ton floor jack
- Weed trimmer
- Chainsaw
- Woodsplitter
- Wire feed welder
- Commercial grinding wheel
- Commercial air compressor
- Snow plow for truck
- Gator/Mule type vehicle
- Car lift

Kitchen

- 4" full size restaurant pans
-(6 more would be nice)
- aprons
- Large clear plastic storage bins for food
- 9 x 13 cake pans
- Muffin pans 24+ muffins
- Steamer
- Kitchen cart
- Centerpieces
- Window washing equipment (for dining hall)
- Bathroom cleaning supplies

Camp Store

- Bar code scanner equipment

Other

- Mini van

Computer

- Graphics monitor
- Server
- Macintosh computer
- DVD duplicator

Announcements

Staff

Summer applications are still being accepted. You may serve for one week or ten. Open positions are: Activities Instructors (Ropes, Archery, Riflery, Paintball, Life guard, and crafts), Counselors, Kitchen staff, maintenance, Worship Leader, SIT/LIT leader and Program Staff (for Overnight, Conquest, Day Camp). Applications may be found online.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed in the kitchen and general maintenance for this summer. Your schedule can be very flexible. You may stay onsite or if you live close, you may go home if you'd like.

**For information or questions for either staff application or volunteer positions please contact Tracie at :
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Open House

Open House at Camp Victory!

Sunday, April 13th, 1-4PM

Sunday, May 4th, 1-4PM

Everyone is invited!

Join us for a great
afternoon of tours, wagon rides,
great games for the kids,
refreshments and more. See the
camp, meet the staff and register
for summer camp in one visit!

Upcoming Events

• April 13: Open House

• May 3: Camp Victory Work Day

• May 3: Staff Training Clinic

• May 4: Open House

• May 17: Staff Training Clinic

• May 24: Staff Training Clinic

• May 31: Staff Training Week

• June 6: Golf Tournament

• June 28: Zumbro River

Community Festival

• Aug. 15: Staff and Volunteer

Appreciation Picnic and Fireworks