



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Camel Tracks



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Blazing Paths for Award

Vanessa Hemmen, a member of St. Luke's, Bloomsburg, was busy last spring, giving of her time and talents to improve camp. Hemmen worked to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award by refurbishing worship and campsites at Camp Mount Luther. Hemmen, a member of Girl Scout Troop 32412, is an eleventh grader at Central Columbia High School. She approached Chad Hershberger, the camp's director, inquiring of a work project she could do to help the camp. They came up with the idea of refurbishing outdoor worship and campsites. In the spring, she came up with a plan for the five sites, including blazing and lining new trails, cleaning up the sites, installing solar lights to mark the entrance to the paths to the sites, and painting trail markers to lead people to the sites.



Hemmen said it was just natural for her to help the camp for this project. "I have been attending Camp Mount Luther for about nine years; therefore, camp is a big part of my life and means a lot to me, which is why I wanted to complete my Gold Award Project at camp. It would not just be a personal thing, it would also help others so to me it was a win-win situation in deciding that I wanted to help Camp Mount Luther in my quest for Gold," she said.

The issue that her project addressed was safety. In addition to the physical work done on-site, Hemmen also created a poster about camp safety rules that was posted in each cabin. She also recruited volunteers, raised money for supplies, and had to do the necessary paperwork to complete her award requirements. Campers and staff thanked her during a campfire program this summer.

Use your smartphone to view pictures of Vanessa's projects:



Reminders

Some quick reminders about upcoming events at Camp Mount Luther:

- FLOOD SU, a joint event between camp and the synod's Youth Council is January 14 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Field House at Susquehanna University. The event is open to youth in grades 4-12 and will feature sports, games, and activities. Bring a snack to share. Cost is \$10 at the door.
- Camp Mount Luther Sunday will be celebrated across the synod on January 15. If your church wants to designate another Camp Sunday, you are welcome to do that as well.
- The Annual Camperson Event is scheduled for January 22 at 3:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Center. Each congregation is asked to send a representative to the event. Campersons serve as liaisons between the camp and the congregation, promoting outdoor ministries. Each congregation who sends a camperson will receive \$15 off each of their church's camper registrations.

Additional information on all these events are available at www.campmountluther.org

Camp Mount Luther is making Christ known through outdoor ministries. We proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, in the beauty of creation, and serve the people of Central Pennsylvania. We provide worship, study, recreation and Christian fellowship in a place set apart by God.

Little Debbie Fundraiser Benefits Campaign

Camp Mount Luther is asking campers and other friends of camp to participate in a new fundraising venture to benefit our Birthday Candle Campaign. We are asking congregations and individuals to help us sell Little Debbies!

Folks can buy the big packs of Little Debbies for \$3.99 each. One person or congregation can take orders from now until March 19. Then, the orders need to be turned into the Camp Mount Luther office by that day at 3:00 p.m. **Please note that money should be collected up-front when the order is taken.** Order forms are available through the camp office.

On April 14, 2012, orders can be picked up at the **A-Center** at Camp Mount Luther between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (noon).

Why are we doing this? To raise funds for Camp Mount Luther. Why did we partner with Little Debbie Snacks? Because Little Debbie is America's Number One Snack Cake and over 90% of households recognize the Little Debbie brand. For us, it is a new and exciting way that we can help support the mission of the camp.

If you have children selling, some safety reminders for them include: don't sell by yourself; stay close to home; focus on family and neighbors; don't enter anyone's house; don't carry large amounts of cash; ask your parents to sell at their workplace and to their friends

Our goal is to sell 500 boxes. The person who sells the most will be given a \$25 gift certificate for the Camp Mount Luther store. If you have any questions, please contact the camp office. Thank you for your participation!

Straight From the Camel's Mouth

By Kyros, the Camel



Well, I have big news for you this month. I now have my own Facebook account. That's right. You can now be friends with

Kyros T. Camel and I will keep you updated via Facebook between times when I write this column. I took over the old Camp Mount Luther "person" account. Camp has a new page: www.facebook.com/mountluther. Like it as well as there will be often be different information shared on both pages.

Last year this time, I shared with you my 2011 Wish List. Most of my wishes came true. As a way of reviewing the year, here are the wishes that came true for me:

1. We increased our campers during our summer camp.
2. We had more retreats in 2011.
3. Our finances were strong.
4. Our partnership with the Episcopal Diocese continues to grow.
5. No major equipment broke down.
6. We enjoyed a great summer with June as our food service manager.

We did have some computer problems so one of my wishes didn't come true. But, 6 out of 7 is pretty good. May you have a blessed 2012. I'm excited for this new year and to see all your faces at camp. And, I'm super excited to see you on Facebook!



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