

Burnamwood Committee Report – November 2008

Camp Usage:

The camp grounds are certainly being used! We have more than tripled out rentals in 2008, our Summer numbers were up, and our retreats are holding steady!

Green Fund:

The Presbytery has responded positively to the new green emphasis at Burnamwood. Donations have been rolling in and changes are happening. Our dishwasher is working well. No throw-away Styrofoam can be seen on the premises. Recycling bins are everywhere. The care of the earth can be seen in the upkeep of the grounds. And green education is a part of our curriculum.

Contributions and ideas are still welcome: www.burnamwood.net.

Capital Improvements:

The Office is finished! The kitchen is up-to-date, green, and beautiful! The Director's House is a huge project! The committee is working hard to ensure that we are meeting all codes and, especially, all safety requirements and beyond. Be patient with us as we renovate the (soon to be renamed) Director's House. Also on the schedule for 2009 to be renovated is Burnam Lodge and the Dining Hall. Thank you to all those who have supported us financially for these improvements! Let's keep the support coming!

Staff:

Pete Jones began as our Executive Director on October 1 and was ordained on October 19. He has hit the ground running and is looking forward to working with all of you in 2009!

Marvin Jones, the new Site Manager, also began on October 1 and the product of his work is evident. Marvin has been working extremely hard to get the camp looking good and takes great pride in the condition of his new home, all 450 acres of it. His wife Emily and his son Tanner are also helping out and loving their new surroundings.

Summer Staff applications are due on December 1. No applications will be accepted after December 1! Interviews will be done in December and January and the staff will be announced on February 1.

Financials:

Year to date summer camp fees are \$49,244; Youth Retreat fees are \$16,051; rentals are \$27,800; Green Fund contributions are \$7,500; Gifts to Burnamwood are \$60,019. Expenses to date are within budget. We are on target to end 2008 in the black, but that is dependent upon the continued support of our churches and alumni.

Looking ahead to 2009:

2009 Promotional materials, including dates, descriptions, and directors were mailed on November 7. The pledge materials for 2009 were mailed on November 14. We have an incredible line-up of directors and lots of staff applications already in! 2009 rental dates are filling up extremely fast, so get your church retreat on the schedule now.

Woody Berry, Burnamwood Chair

Pete Jones, Executive Director

Pictured Below: Griffin Phillips, Ann Evans, Emily Warren, and Amy Thompson

