



Bulletin Blips 2018

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January 7th-

Summer is coming! While we are in the midst of the dark and cold winter, there is light at the end of the winter – Clearwater Forest, of course! We have incredible opportunities to experience camp for youth entering third grade, those who just finished their senior year of high school, and all ages in between! Our Grands Camp program widens that age range so that campers as young as five can accompany their grandparent(s) - no age limit here! - and participate. Our 2018 theme is “Light the Fire: Changing the World with the Light of Christ”. Registration is NOW open! Sign up to warm up! www.clearwaterforest.org

January 14th-

Summer is a long way off, it seems, but the reality is that you need to make plans NOW to secure your summer schedule! We are looking forward to the sun, lake, and incredible worship opportunities for youth entering third grade, those who just finished their senior year of high school, and all ages in between! If you are middle or high school student and want to spend an entire week on Clearwater Lake, then Sailing Camp may be the program for you! No other camp session spends as many hours on the water as Sailing Camp does, and during the week you will learn the basics of sailing, get practical experience, and enjoy gliding across the water. This camp is “captained” by our own Jon Kirshhoffer who has been leading this program for over 20 years! Register at www.clearwaterforest.org

January 21st-

Calling all Senior High Campers! We are very excited for another incredible summer and hope you will be a part of it! We have SEVEN programs designed for campers entering ninth grade to recent graduates! These include Conference Camp (for those who want to learn some new skills), Service Camp (for those who want to give back), Beach Camp and Sailing Camp (for those who like relaxed schedules and lots of time on the water), Classic Camp (for those who want a little bit of everything), Endless (our biggest camp of the summer), and S.A.L.T. (for those who want to learn leadership techniques in a Christian camp setting and see some behind-the-scenes elements of serving at Clearwater Forest). Campers interested in the S.A.L.T. Program must be entering 11th grade, 12th grade, or have just graduated. There is an application process for this program. These Senior High camps, especially Endless, WILL FILL UP. Be sure to sign up early at www.clearwaterforest.org.

January 28th-

Will you be entering grades 7-9 this fall? Are you ready for an AMAZING summer? Opportunities abound at Clearwater Forest for Junior High students! Learn a new skill at Conference Camp, spend some quality time on Clearwater Lake at Sailing Camp or Water Camp, explore the seldom-traveled corners of Clearwater's forest in ECO Camp, find what excites you at Classic Camp or Adventure 4, or push yourself to go on a Boundary Waters Canoeing (BWCA) Excursion in August! With all of these choices there is sure to be something for everyone! Please note that the Boundary Waters trip has limited space, and is expected to fill up quickly. For more information please visit www.clearwaterforest.org or call 218-678-2325.

February 4th-

We are seeking a few EXTRAORDINARY individuals to spend their summer as staff member at Clearwater Forest. Do you know a college-age student who would benefit from a summer of fun, Christian community, and abundant growth opportunities? Help be part of that person's call and let them know about this life-changing chance. For more information please visit www.clearwaterforest.org or call 218-678-2325.

There also is a need for a few INCREDIBLE adult volunteers (18+) to assist each week in a variety of program areas- from counseling, leading activities, leading music, cooking, nursing, and maintenance. Please contact us as soon as possible to let us know when you can help!

February 11th-

Calling all grade school students! Camp isn't just for middle and high school students – we have incredible programs for you, too! If you will be entering grades 3-6 in the 2018-2019 school year, then you are the perfect age to participate in one of our Discovery Camps! First Timers Camp and Clearwater Day Camp are both great options for young campers who have never before spent a week away from home. For those interested in a weeklong experience, we offer FIVE other Discovery camps, including Conference Camp, ECO Camp, Water Camp, Classic Camp, and Discovery 4. For more information please visit www.clearwaterforest.org or call 218-678-2325.

February 18th-

Calling **VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS!** Clearwater needs you! We are looking for eight dedicated clergy or Christian educators to help our campers and staff members grow in their faith. This is a special time where you will have the opportunity to serve the camp, have a blast, and get some R&R at the same time! Consider volunteering for a week to share your faith and provide life-changing experiences to campers, staff, and other volunteers! Please contact us to see what week(s) are available by calling 218-678-2325 or emailing program@clearwaterforest.org.

February 25th-

Calling all grandparents! We offer Grands Camp programs for you to come with one or more of your incredible grandkids! Participants will enjoy a half-week of activities for grandparents and grandchildren to enjoy together, as well as separated activities for each age group, all led by our incredible summer staff! We are also asking grandparents who are willing share some of their own talents and experiences. Are you passionate about knitting, fishing, crafts, or a sport? We'll have time during the afternoons to share that skill with others. Please sign up early as we know these will be popular programs and they will fill up! www.clearwaterforest.org

March 4th-

Financial circumstances should never be the reason a child is unable to come to camp. For this reason, Clearwater Forest is proud to offer tiered pricing. We understand that what may be comfortable for one family to pay may be a burden to another family. When registering online, you will have three choices for payment. The third tier represents the true, unsubsidized cost of camp. The second tier is partially subsidized, and the first tier is substantially subsidized. This system is private and voluntary; when registering online, please choose the tier that is most suitable for you. Whatever you pay, every camper is given the same, amazing camp experience.

March 11th-

Spring Break can signal a lot of things to come: warmer weather, growing excitement for spending a week of camp at Clearwater Forest, and, if you're a college student, making sure you have a summer job lined up! However, if you are a college-aged student (or know one!) who is seeking more than just a "job," wants to have fun, grow in faith, learn a lot, and serve others, all while playing outside, please know that it is not too late to apply to be a part of the 2018 Clearwater Forest Summer Staff! Visit www.clearwaterforest.org to apply online or contact Cassie Gabe at program@clearwaterforest.org to learn more.

March 18th-

Clearwater offers amazing opportunities for people to find themselves – through retreats, family reunions, and of course camp! The opportunities to grow in faith, learn more about living in an intentional Christian community, and being part of a life-changing experience allows people to focus on what is important! We invite you to support our scholarship fund and help a camper have a significant life-changing experience. It's easy! Go to www.givemn.org, search for Clearwater and support our scholarship fund, or you can simply mail in a check with scholarship noted on the memo line. You can make a difference in a young person's life!

March 25th-

Friends and Family Day is Saturday, June 9th from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Come spend the day exploring camp, meeting the staff, playing on the lake, and experiencing the high ropes course. You will also get the chance to assist us in commissioning of summer staff during worship at 1:00. Have a first time camper? This is a great time to tour camp, ask questions, and alleviate any concern your camper may have! We will also be able to assist in registering your camper for camp!

April 1st-

As the ground thaws, we grow excited for weather warm enough to spend nights around a campfire. And thinking about campfires gets us excited for Clearwater Forest's 2018 Summer Theme: "Light the Fire – Changing the World with the Light of Christ." At Clearwater, campfires are often the setting for fellowship, reflection, and worship. They provide opportunities for song, laughter, and deep conversations. The community that forms around a Clearwater campfire is one that allows us to feel comfortable sharing ourselves with others, learn about a communities and personalities unlike those with which we are familiar, be confident in seeking to grow in our faith, and ask BIG questions.

April 8th-

Have you registered your child for summer camp yet? There may still be a chill in the air, but summer is right around the corner. Get ahead of the game and register now to ensure a spot for your child at Clearwater Forest this summer! We have a variety of fun, exciting, spiritual, and life-changing programs for campers entering 3rd Grade through those who are graduating this spring, as well as intergenerational programs for those who fall on either end of that range. Refer a friend who has not been to Clearwater and change their life AND you get a \$25 gift certificate to the camp store! Visit www.clearwaterforest.org or call 218-678-2325 for more information.

April 17th-

Clearwater Forest is still looking for volunteers for this summer! If you have been coming to camp forever or want to experience it for the first time, we will find a place for you! Enjoy all of the fun while knowing you are part of an amazing experience for a child! Whatever your talent is, we will find a place for it to shine! For more information please visit www.clearwaterforest.org or call 218-678-2325.

April 22nd-

A new program Clearwater Forest is introducing this year is Conference Camp! This program is available for all age groups (Discovery, Adventure, and Senior High), and will give campers opportunities to experience classes of their choosing for the entire week. The weeklong activity options include Fishing, Photography, Hunter Education, Mountain Biking, Nature, Orienteering, Survivor, Woodworking, and more! Register today by visiting www.clearwaterforest.org.

April 29th-

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY! Registration for Summer 2018 at Clearwater Forest is well underway, and camps are filling up quickly! Look online today to discover programs for campers entering 3rd grade through recent graduates. This year's programs are built around our summer theme "Light the Fire – Changing the World with the Light of Christ." Remember to bring a friend and get a \$25 gift certificate to the camp store! For more information please visit www.clearwaterforest.org or call 218-678-2325.

May 6th-

Financial circumstances should never be the reason a child is unable to come to camp. Clearwater Forest is asking YOU to consider giving the gift of camp to a family member, friend, or someone in your community. Why not share your love of camp with the campers of today by sending someone to camp? You can do this by individually helping someone with the registration process or by supporting Clearwater Forest's scholarship programs. Last year Clearwater Forest scholarship funds helped many campers who wouldn't have been able to attend otherwise, and we expect the need to be even greater this summer. If you would like to register someone for camp or learn more about Clearwater Forest scholarships, please visit www.clearwaterforest.org or call 218-678-2325.

May 13th-

Friends and Family Day is Saturday, June 9th from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Come spend the day exploring camp, meeting the staff, playing on the lake, and experiencing the high ropes course. You will also get the chance to assist us in commissioning of summer staff during worship at 1:00. Have a first time camper? This is a great time to tour camp, ask questions, and alleviate any concern your camper may have! We will also be able to assist in registering your camper for camp!

May 20th-

Calling all former campers, staff, parents, grandparents, and congregations who support our ministry – we would like to ask you to partner with us this summer in prayer for the upcoming summer programs, specifically for opportunities for youth to be themselves, to find new friends, to try new things, to be a part of life-changing moments, to hear and feel God's presence, and to experience a community where they are shown Christ's love! Also, please pray for the staff as they are in preparations to immerse themselves in an incredible community, to listen for God's call as they look to their future. We know we do not do this without the spirit leading us, and your support makes that so much easier!

May 27th-

School years are ending, summer is beginning, and don't worry – it still isn't too late to support Clearwater Forest's Summer 2018 Programs! It isn't too late to register for one of our camp programs. It isn't too late to contact us about volunteering! It isn't too late to sponsor a counselor! It isn't too late to contact us for more information by visiting www.clearwaterforest.org or calling 218-678-2325.

June 3rd-

The 2018 Clearwater Forest Summer staff arrives THIS WEEK to begin their training! We have a group of young people from all around the world ready and excited to be a part of an incredible summer. Please send prayers as the summer staff begins the process of learning and preparing in anticipation of a summer full of God's work! But you won't be able to experience a week with this awesome crew unless you register for camp! For more information please visit www.clearwaterforest.org or call 218-678-2325.

June 10th-

The 2018 Clearwater Forest Staff is amazing! They are training hard, learning and creating new games and activities, having fun, and getting excited for you to spend a week at camp! Have you made plans for an incredible summer of fun yet? If not, be sure to register as soon as possible to ensure you have a place for your adventure. Fun for all ages, Clearwater Forest is a "thin" space where God's presence is seen everywhere! Please contact us today to see what is still available at www.clearwaterforest.org or call 218-678-2325.

June 17th-

CAMP IN A VAN WEEK IS STARTING TODAY!!! That's right; today staff will arrive at churches across the region to experience the beginning of summer as counselors and serve communities connected to our ministry! And although camp officially begins today, don't panic! We still have space available to register for one of our on-site programs! Visit www.clearwaterforest.org or call 218-678-2325 to sign up or check available dates.