

Dear Friends,

The cabins at Camp Judson could use a facelift. Most of the cabins have not had any improvements since they were built in the 1950's and are showing their age and heavy use. Updating the cabins will enhance our camping program, while strengthening our appeal to rental groups, which is an important revenue source. Two cabins have been remodeled and the reviews are in. They are a big hit! The cabin improvements include adding a central living room, a kitchenette, and enlarged bedroom and bathroom facilities.

How we plan to do it is as important as what we do. We want to accomplish these renovations in a way that builds community between churches in our Region. I firmly believe authentic community is best formed through serving together, so we desire to see all our churches come together to accomplish this mission. God is in the midst and everyone benefits when we work together. We hope you will join us!

The Plan

- Reach out to a “neighbor” church(s) and start sharing a vision for working together to benefit our state’s amazing camping program at Camp Judson.
- Strategize how your churches can together raise \$12,000-\$15,000 to renovate a cabin while making the fundraising a fun community building event.
- Find out what skills you have in your team. The project will need carpenters, plumbers and helpers. Determining what skills you have and need will make this a fun and meaningful experience for all. You can also help in other ways if you are missing some carpentry skills.
- Starting in the fall of 2010, plan to get to Camp and begin working on a cabin. We need to get the exterior shell enclosed by winter and have all construction completed by May 1, 2011.

The Pay off

- How well do we really know our far-flung brothers and sisters in Christ? Not well enough! This return to sharing mission side by side would enhance our sense of community.
- God works in the lives of people at Camp Judson. Anything that we can do to enhance the ministry at Camp Judson is an investment in the Kingdom of God. These improvements will strengthen our camping ministry for years to come.
- The partnership between our camping program and the local church is strengthened. Camp Judson is a partner with each local church and they work hand in hand with the shared goal of transformed lives. The Camp can only be as strong as the campers and staff that each church sends to Camp. The more people from our churches that visit Camp Judson for any reason, strengthens the connection between the local church and Camp Judson. When that happens, we claim a stronger future for Camp Judson, for our churches and the Kingdom of God.

I grew up in a rural community where neighbors worked together for a common good. As churches, we are called to be good neighbors. Sometimes we lack the vision that builds community with our sister churches. It’s time to rebuild our sense of being neighbors and here is a great opportunity to do just that!

So start dreaming and planning. Talk with another church within your reach and see how God is at work. While the construction work would start in the fall of 2010, it would be helpful to know what you are thinking by March, 2010.

For more information, you can contact Rev. Allen Kjesbo (360-3679), Rich or Tracy at Camp Judson (574-2314) or the Region Office.

Blessings!

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The Point

