

## AUGUST 2015 NEWSLETTER

# Welcome to PIONEER & RIMROCK CAMPS!

### Camper Thoughts about the 2015 Camp Season:

*"Everyone's kindness filled my heart. Even people that I didn't really know they would try their hardest to make me feel better. My favorite part about camp was the talent show. When I sang three songs and at the end of the talent show everyone cheered my name."*

*Alyssa Schwartz*

*After Backpacking Camp to the Black Fox area south and west from Pioneer.....*

*"It was a very fun and rewarding experience. We have memories that will last for years."*

*Noah Moore*

*"When I first went to Rimrock I thought this would be a fun time to hang out with new friends and be outdoors. I quickly learned years later that it was much more than just a hang out spot for a week without my parents, it was a family."*

*Being at Rimrock brought me not only closer to the friends that came back, but to God. That place has shown me that there can be a group of people that all gather together for one main purpose, and I love that. I love that place so much that I even got involved in being a counselor in training the past two years, and just this year I got the opportunity to be a counselor for the elementary camp. I look forward every year to going to Rimrock, and I can't wait for years to come."*

*Tabitha Schmidt*

*"Every year my week at Rimrock is a highlight of my summer. It is a beautiful part of the world, and Jason and his team are gracious, hard-working, and caring hosts. They have made a number of improvements to the cabins and grounds the last two years, and I know they have more planned. Thank you, Camp Rimrock team!"*

*5-Star Review on Facebook*

**Look through the whole newsletter to learn about a few changes that took place at camp this summer and about camps still to come this year!**

*Our Mission...."The Presbyter of South Dakota Camping and Retreat Mission is to provide opportunities to encounter God and to grow in Christian faith; and to provide life-changing experiences for people of all ages."*



## 2015 Camp Dates:

### Pioneer

#### Inter-generational Bike Camp

September 4-7



#### Pastor's Retreat

September 13-16



### Remember:

**Camp Rimrock and Pioneer Camp are both open YEAR-ROUND!**

**Contact us about using the camps during the off season.**

**Have YOU "followed" us yet?**

**@pioneercampandrimrockcamp**



Instagram

**Hashtag YOUR camp photos**

**#pioneerandrimrockcamp**



**Have YOU "liked" us yet?**

**Click to "like" us on Facebook**

**Have YOU checked out the new website?**

**Click here to visit the website**





# **Director's Corner—**

Hello friends,

Wow! The summer has gone by fast. We had a great summer filled with incredible camps at both of our locations. I feel very blessed to be part of this ministry, and to help individuals explore God in His creation.

I am beginning to plan next summer's schedule. I am excited and looking for suggestions about camps we should offer. I want your input! Camp is for everyone, all ages are welcome, and we would like to offer camps that fit your needs and wants. I would love to fill summer with camps at both camps and have those camps full of campers (of all ages!) all summer long. Unfortunately, this year we offered some camps that did not happen because of low registration, hopefully we can refine these and offer them again next summer.

Now, we are approaching our conference and retreat season. Please think of us when planning a youth group retreat, church retreat, family reunion, meeting, or any other event that could take place at our camps. Our camps provide safe and quiet places to experience God, and refresh from our busy lives. Both of our facilities are accessible all winter long, and I am available to help plan your event. A goal for our camps is to have some sort of event at our camps each week throughout the year so please book your event now!

**Jason Wiedrich**

**Director of  
Camp Rimrock and  
Pioneer Camp**



## **New additions to camp!**

A few additions have been added to camp including:

### **9-Square in the Air Court**



### **Ga-Ga Ball Pit**



### **A signing wall in the Rec Hall**

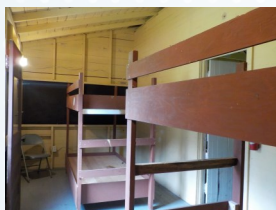




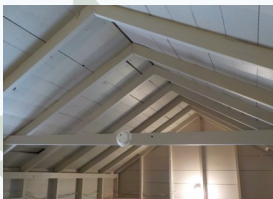
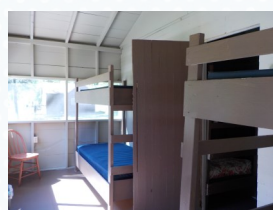
# Updated Paint Job

A few of the cabins received a paint job this summer. The walls, floors, and bunks were all updated and the outcome looks great! Painting the remaining cabins is a task that will continue next summer. Here a few before and after pictures of the paint job, I'm sure you will be able to see the difference!

## BEFORE:



## AFTER:

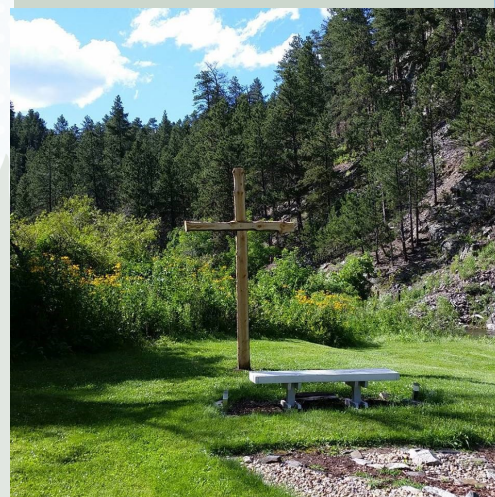


## More additions to camp!

### Newly painted Gazebo



### New Cross by the Labyrinth



### New Cross by the Chapel area at Pioneer





## In Memory of Jacob "Tree" Dahl

Jacob "Tree" Dahl was a long time camper/counselor at Camp Rimrock and he loved attending camp with all his heart. One thing Jacob wanted to see happen at camp was a garden. He had talked about it last year, and it was a project he wanted to help with when he came back this summer as a counselor. At high school camp, a memorial garden in memory of our friend Tree was created. The campers worked hard to plant flowers and place stones in the shape of a cross. A memorial stone was also placed in the garden. Tree's memory will live on forever at Camp Rimrock, and we thank the high school campers and counselors for the hard work they put in to make this garden a reality.



**Want to donate to camp but don't know what to give? Here are the items on the**

## CAMP WISH LIST

### GENERAL

- Area rugs,
- Fire place set
- Dryer for Rimrock
- Washer and Dryer for Pioneer
- Gates
- basketball, volley balls
- tents
- backpacking gear
- \$ for Gaga ball pit
- \$ for zip line
- \$ for high and low ropes course

### KITCHEN

- Two Freezers
- \$ for dishwasher
- knife set
- Gas grill
- Tupperware containers
- \$ for climbing tower
- \$ for water slide
- \$ for disc golf course
- \$ for basketball hoop/court
- \$ for sand volleyball court

### OFFICE

- Pens and markers
- paper
- \$ for printed curriculum
- printer for Pioneer
- safe for Pioneer

### ARTS & CRAFTS

- embroidery floss
- beads
- clay, any type
- paint brushes
- googley eyes
- baby food jars
- pipe cleaners
- markers
- scissors
- aprons
- tissue paper
- leather
- Paint
- paper

### PROGRAM

- kickball, soccer,

### MUSIC & DRAMA

- any costumes
- any musical instruments
- karaoke machine
- Audio and video for Lodge \$3,000
- Audio and video for Chapel \$3,000

### MAINTENANCE

- weed whacker
- scaffolding
- nice cordless drill set
- log splitter
- Replacement Flo-rescent lights \$5 each
- Water testing/month \$22

### GARDEN

- 6ft+ fencing
- gardening tools
- seeds and plants
- garden hoses





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# Love to ride your bike?

Come and ride the Michelson Trail  
and explore the beauty God  
has given us in the  
Black Hills of South Dakota  
during the



## Inter-generational Bike Camp at Pioneer!

There will be time for food and fellowship,  
Bible study, bike riding, and campfires.

This camp is for all ages and abilities.

Bring your own bike and enthusiasm.

You will be sleeping in our new lodge

or one of our new cabins.



## September 4-7, 2015





*Did you know Camp Rimrock and Pioneer Camp  
are available for use year-round?  
Our camp sites are available for:*

*Retreats*

*Weddings*

*Reunions*

*Ski Trips*

*Sports Camps*

*Church gatherings*

*Contact Jason about booking  
Camp Rimrock or Pioneer Camp  
for your camp needs!*