



Pinecones and Clovers

Cascade Lake 4-H Camp • Donnelly, Idaho

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“Campaign 2010” Launched Fundraising Campaign Will Raise Money for Camp Improvements, Future Needs

October 15, 2007: When 4-H volunteers and county staff from Southwest Idaho organized the Cascade Lake 4-H Camp in 1965, they understood the importance of camping as a valuable learning experience for youth and wanted to guarantee that a place would always be available for youth to learn while experiencing the wonder of a natural environment.

Over the years, many improvements have been made to our fifty-six acres of pine forest on the shores of Cascade Lake Reservoir. Loans have been obtained, donations sought and volunteers recruited to build and maintain the camp's facilities and amenities.

In the last six years, the Camp Board has managed to find funds to build a new ADA restroom, update the lodge electrical, reseal the lodge floor, connect to county sewer, add a water filter, replace part of the docks, replace the kitchen appliances, replace the pump, and remodel the manager's cabin. These necessary improvements have depleted most of the camp's savings.

After 40 years of busy summer use, compounded by cold and snowy winters, there are still many

areas of the camp that are in need of upgrade and repair. Therefore the Camp Board is now in the process of seeking financial assistance for update projects to ensure that the camp can continue to operate in a safe and comfortable manner for many more years to come.

The Camp Board has recognized the need to put a new fundraising plan in place to fund current camp needs and build a reserve for future improvements. So this month we are launching a new fundraising campaign called “Campaign 2010.” Our goal is to fund current camp improvements and to build a reserve to finish the projects with incomplete bids by the end of the year 2010. Our goal is to raise over \$200,000 in three years through a combination of grants, corporate support, and individual contributions.

The campaign's Leadership Team, comprised of Camp Board members and other volunteers, plans to target private foundations, Valley County businesses, Idaho corporations, former campers and counselors, 4-H alumni, volunteers, and parents. We have already received the donation of a much needed new milk dispenser. And a

former 4-H'er has personally pledged \$1000 to help kick-start the fundraising efforts.

The camp website has also been re-launched with a feature that allows people to make donations to the camp online. We will be asking current and former 4-H'ers to donate whatever they can, whether it is \$5 or \$500.

We encourage all of the 4-H clubs whose members have utilized the camp in the past to check out the new website and make whatever contribution you can – whether it is in the form of a financial contribution or volunteering your time to help with camp improvements. The website also has the latest news about camp, registration forms, and you can even email a camper while they are at camp. Organizers of Campaign 2010 will be reaching out to clubs and individuals over the next year to discuss the project and encourage support.

If you are interested in helping with the Campaign 2010, please contact us through the website or contact Kathy Lauer at (208) 467-3237 or lauerk@heritagewifi.com.

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Heard Around the Campfire...

By Dan Allers

Dan Allers came to the 4-H Camp 40th Anniversary event in 2005 and was asked to be on the District II Camp Steering Board. Earlier this summer, he was selected to be the District II 4-H Adventure Camp Director. He is the Master Electrician, Lighting Designer and Gaffer for the Morrison Center in Boise. He has been involved with 4-H since 1971.

Stories told around the campfire often send the message that "you can be whatever you want to be." For example, my time at 4-H camp led to me DJ-ing dances not only at camp, but as a way to make money to help put me thru college, and even years later on a cruise ship. Overall, 4-H taught me about people and how to treat them: with respect and trust.

When an opportunity came up to give back to 4-H Camp (one of my favorite parts of 4-H), I jumped at it. That opportunity was to be on the 4-H Camp Steering Committee. And I never dreamt that it might one day lead to being a Camp Director. Which by the way, I was the first Kid Director of what was then the Tween Camp, a District II camp for teenagers who were too old for camp, but too young to go to Conference.

I would like to thank Mary Lee Wood, who all those years ago had the foresight to know that I could be a camp director. I look forward to many years of Adventure Camp and to working with all the leaders, teens, and extension staff so that there can be future campfire stories for more generations in this millennia.

Send us your memories of Cascade Lake 4-H Camp by visiting the website or emailing them to lauerk@heritagewifi.com.

Visit the camp website at www.CascadeLake4HCamp.com for more information about Campaign 2010 and to find out how you can make a contribution or volunteer.

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