

**Contact us
soon to
schedule
your camp
Sunday Visit!**



January 2016

Clearwater Forest is the shared camp and retreat ministry of the Presbyteries of the Twin Cities Area, Minnesota Valleys, Northern Waters, Northern Plains and the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

Mission Statement

Clearwater Forest is a ministry of Christ called to provide faith-building Christian programming, nurture active Christian community, and be a faithful steward of God's creation.

2016 Summer Staff positions open

We are looking for a few amazing people to change lives! Counselors, Camp in a van Leadership, volunteers, and more are needed to make this summer the most incredible experience for our campers.

Please refer any college-age student to consider applying for a summer that will change their lives as well!

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2016 Summer Registration NOW open!

Be sure to sign up soon to reserve your space for a life-changing camp experience this summer!

We have incredible opportunities for youth entering grades 3-12 for week-long events AND for younger campers, two great opportunities to experience Clearwater—Our First Timers and the ever popular Grands Programs! Emphasis is on community, leadership, and personal growth through adventure and life-skill activities.

2016 Summer Programs at Clearwater Forest

Discovery Camps... 3rd-6th Grades

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| First Timers Camp | June 26 - 29 |
| Discovery Camp 1 | June 19 - 25 |
| Discovery Camp 2 | June 26 - July 2 |
| Discovery Camp 3 | July 10 - 16 |
| Discovery Camp 4 | July 17 - 23 |
| Discovery Camp 5 | July 24 - 30 |
| Discovery Camp 6 | July 31 - Aug 6 |

Junior High Camps... 7th-9th Grades

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| Jr High Camp 1 | June 19 - 25 |
| Jr High Camp 2 | June 26 - July 2 |
| Jr High Camp 3 | July 10 - 16 |
| Pedal Paddle Climb Camp | July 10 - 16 |
| Sailing Camp | July 10 - 16 |
| Jr High Camp 4 | July 17 - 23 |
| Jr High Camp 5 | July 24 - 30 |
| Jr High Camp 6 | July 31 - Aug 6 |

Family Programs... All Ages

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| Family Camp | June 10 - 12 |
| Grands Camp 1 | June 19 - 22 |
| Grands Camp 2 | June 26 - 29 |
| Grands Camp 3 | July 10 - 13 |
| Grands Camp 4 | July 17 - 23 |

Senior High Camps... 10th-12th Grades

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| Counselor In Training | June 19 - July 2 |
| Sr High 1 week Camp | June 19 - 25 |
| Sailing Camp | July 10 - 16 |
| Sr High 2 Week Camp | July 10 - 23 |
| Sr High Beach Camp | July 17 - 23 |
| Sr High Endless Camp | July 31 - Aug 6 |



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Winter Chrysalis is coming! February 26-28, 2016

Women together nurturing body, mind, and spirit.

Our annual women's winter retreat is around the corner! The keynote speaker is "Annete Madlock Gatison, Ph D. The theme is, *God's Word is Our Prescription for Healing*

"You'd Better Take Your Medicine!" What does the Bible really say about health and healing? Some of the "preached" teaching about healing is contrary to



scripture and hinders women in particular from complete wellness. Societal views that intersect with race, class, gender, and faith traditions encourage women's silence on this issue. Join us as we address wellness of the mind, body and spirit, lift you up, and provide you with some tools to assist you in your fight for your life and soul.

Workshops include:

Creating a Healthy Pantry

Decluttering 101

Let's Play with Zentangles!

Theology of Work

Registration is now being accepted at www.clearwaterforest.org.

CONTRIBUTE TO CLEARWATER FOREST FROM YOUR IRA!

GREAT NEWS! The IRA QCD for people over 70 1/2 is now permanent! Each IRA owner may make a transfer of up to \$100,000 per year to Clearwater Forest!



IRA charitable Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) are tax-free and not included in adjusted gross income. An IRA charitable QCD may fulfill part or all of your required minimum distribution.



IRA owners who are over 70 1/2 are required to take a minimum distribution each year. In nearly all cases, this distribution from a traditional IRA produces ordinary income for the recipient.



A "qualified charitable distribution" is now permitted for transfers from the IRA directly to a qualified charity.

Transferring the distribution amount directly to charity rather than taking a distribution and writing a check to the charity results in a lower adjusted gross income. This may save both ordinary tax and alternative minimum tax.

If you have any legal or tax questions, please see your professional tax advisor.

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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Clearwater Forest is a sacred space where people of all ages grow, connect and become closer to God. Your prayers for our ministry are certainly welcomed and needed! We also need financial partners to help the ministry thrive. That support truly makes a difference in the lives of so many!

Last year, 650 campers, over 400 families worshipped with us over the summer, 550 Camp in a Van participants, over 3,500 retreat guests in over 80 retreats participated in our programs. Additionally, we were blessed with six week-long work groups comprising over 150 people gave their talents and time to improve the facilities and programs. *We served over 5,000 people with DIRECT impact on their life!*

For many campers, Clearwater is their home away from home where they seek God, and feel part of an incredible community. Without individual contributions, we can't make the programs that so many people rely on each year occur.

Our goal for 2016 is the same as 2015—to serve and provide quality Christian experiences to people of all ages.

You can help make a difference in the lives of so many people.

Giving options:



1. Send a check to Clearwater.
2. Set up easy online EFT options
3. Give through our website
4. Set up an IRA QCD distribution

Thank you in advance for your support of our life-changing ministry!

LOOKING FOR A GREAT RETREAT SPACE?

We have wonderful retreat and camping spaces for family, church, or other events! Contact us soon to reserve your next gathering!

Eagle:
Apr 1-3, 8-10

Leaning Tree
Apr 8-10, 22-24

Osprey:
Feb 19-21
Mar 4-6
Apr 1-3, 8-10, 22-24

Grouse/Loon Point Campgrounds
available most weekends late spring-October!

Call us soon to reserve these limited dates!

WISH LIST

We have been blessed with incredible support and generosity for the significant upgrades that occurred last year. Major upgrades to the facilities and programs happened, and we are looking forward to continuing to make OUR program and facility shine! Below are just some of the items that would help our program and facility grow that are not in our normal budget.

- Complete Worship Circle building
- Recreation Equipment
- Hammocks
- Artwork for bedrooms in LTL
- Work groups to paint bedrooms in LTL
- Yarn/craft supplies
- Paddleboards (3)
- Tables/Chairs in Dining Hall
- Work Groups to plant trees/shrubs
- New (used) truck/plow
- Bike Helmets
- Campground upgrades
- Sponsor a Counselor Care Package
- Picnic Tables (5)
- Bibles for campers
- Shop Tools (new)
- Sofas for Eagle main room
- Mattresses for remaining 5 cabins

Please contact us if you are interested in helping our ministry with the above projects by emailing rich@clearwaterforest.org or call 218-678-2325.