

Summer's Coming... Are You Ready?

The Camp Omega program staff is extremely excited to introduce to you the 2007 summer camp season theme "**Weak . . . but Strong**". Do you consider yourself weak or are you a brute when it comes to strength? In light of what Scriptures says, all are weak when standing up to Satan on our own, but with the strength Christ gives through the power of His death and resurrection, we are oh-so very strong. The theme, which will be shared with thousands of participants, is based on Hebrews 12:1-3. The Bible studies and devotions will focus on the failures of some biblical heroes and how in the end, the Lord made them strong. The goal is to help participants understand what it means to be a sinner and a saint, imperfect people living and basking in God's grace and forgiveness. Join us this summer in one of the many programs offered for preschoolers through adults. Visit www.campomega.org to learn more.

Introducing the 2007 Summer Program Staff

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Summer Counselors are at least 19 years of age and have completed at least one year of college. We look forward to the wonderful camper/counselor interaction, excitement, and energy these young adults bring.

Summer Day Camp Availability

Did you know that every summer week, two teams of four summer staff counselor are sent to serve in churches? Twenty congregations have the opportunity to experience camp without leaving their church property. Due to a cancellation, there remains one opening for the week of July 29-Aug 3. This means trained counselors from Camp Omega are available to come and implement a fully

programmed week-long Day Camp session in your very own back yard. This program includes daily Bible studies, games, songs, skits, and activities including arts and crafts. The program runs 9am – 3pm Monday - Thursday, and 9am to noon on Friday. For more details, please contact the camp office. First come first serve. Again, it is so rare to have an opening so close to summer.



From the Director!

The Lord has truly blessed our journey to Minnesota; it has been an amazing one indeed. Many people have opened their hearts to our family and made our transition go smoothly. The kindness and warmth that we've experienced is overwhelming and we are grateful. Thank you.

I looked forward to this opportunity to serve since the Lord directed me to accept this call last fall. Now with 4 months behind me, my expectations have been more than met. In serving at a number of outdoor ministry sites over the last 15 years, I have seen time and time again that camp is a place where God takes ordinary



people and does extraordinary things with them.

For over 45 years - since 1956 - Camp Omega has been all about extraordinary relationships...a place for children, teens, adults, families, congregations, and communities to grow in their relationship with

Christ...a place for campers young and old to discover and rediscover what life in Jesus means. A place campers of all ages encounter creation...create community...and grow in relationship with Christ.

I am truly excited to be part of His ministry in this place and to be in service to the people of southern Minnesota. God is good; He is so good; Praise the Lord!

In HIS Service,
Bob LaCroix
Executive Director

Camp . . . it does your spirit good!

Who taught you what you believe? Probably your parents, grandparents, church, neighborhood, and the great people around you. Today's families are challenged by new obstacles and are often pulled in different directions. Who is going to assist you in teaching your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren?

Did you know...

- Lifelong habits, values and attitudes are formed between the ages of 5-12? (K-8th grade).
- By age 9 (4th grade) most of the moral and spiritual foundations of a child are in place.
- By age 13 the spiritual identity is largely set in place (8th grade).
- The spiritual condition at age 13 is a strong indicator of your spiritual profile as an adult.
- 4.5 kids out of 10 admit they don't have a good role model to follow.

How can Camp Omega serve you?

Parents say (American Camping Association Survey):

- 70% - "My child gained self-confidence at camp."
- 63% - "My child continues to participate in activities learned at camp."
- 69% - "My child remains in contact with friends made at camp."

What parents and campers say about Camp Omega:

"I think camp is the awesomest thing that has ever happened to me. The counselors are awesome role models, listeners, and friends."

"A nurturing and safe Christian environment in which my daughters' faith has grown, and they've built lasting friendships with other children."

"Camp Omega made my relationship with Christ stronger, gave me strength to share my faith, and made me see my faith in a new light."

"I count Camp Omega as one of the top three influences in my daughters' lives."

"Camp is so fun. My mom doesn't have to make me - I want to come, because I can have fun in a Christian atmosphere."

"My family has attended every summer for several years, and my children look forward to going back each year."

"Everyone is always laughing, having fun, and sharing the love of Jesus."

"Camp Omega's staff are trusted for their high-quality, Jesus-centered, relationship-building ministry to our children."



Acres for Omega

In 1986, a group of 12 agri-business families from throughout southern Minnesota agreed to be part of an effort to provide financial support for Camp Omega's ministry through an opportunity called Acres for Omega. In 2006, over 50 families joined their resources to continue that effort and the result exceeded \$10,000, with an additional \$4000 supplemental dollars from the THRIVENT GivingPlus program.

The Acres program represents stewardship as we all understand it, giving in proportion to the Lord's

blessings on our efforts. No one pledges a gift amount; only acreage is suggested. There are a wide variety of "Acres". Some examples include: sale of lambs from an "Acres" ewe, apples from a row of "Acres" trees, sale of an "Acres" fed-steer from a non-cash-crop dairy operator, rent from a retired farmer's "Acres" and traditional revenue from the harvest of an "Acres".

Curt Stoltenow of the Camp Omega development team, personally visits the Acres for Omega families each year, thereby maintaining a

connection between them and the camp's ministry.

Curt looks forward to meeting and sharing details with any agri-business families who might look at this as an opportunity to share blessings in support of Camp Omega's ministry. Please contact Curt Stoltenow, at curt@campomega.org or (507) 685-4266 for more information.

Thank You to those families who have graciously dedicated a portion of what God has given them toward the ministry He has through this special place called Camp Omega.

Benefit Golf Tournament - It's for the Children



Camp Omega ensures that no child is left out of experiencing summer camp due to finances. The 4th Annual **Campership Fund** Benefit Golf Tournament is your opportunity to help offset the thousands of dollars that Camp gives away to needy families every year (\$6,000 in 2006). This fund is set up to ensure that all have the opportunity to hear of Christ's love through a Camp Omega program. This year's tournament will be held Saturday, August 18, at Rich Valley Golf Club near Rosemount. Your support for this fund is raised through hole-sponsorships, donation of prizes and playing in the tournament. Don't play golf, don't worry - it's for fun and more importantly - **for the children**. All gifts can be matched \$.50 for every \$1 through the generous GivingPlus program from Thrivent. Please contact Curt Stoltenow at curt@campomega.org or (507) 685-4266 for information.

Needs List

- Your Prayers!
- Bibles to give away to campers who don't have one
- Arts and crafts supplies: construction paper, lanyard, lanyard hooks, beads, split rings for key ring projects, acrylic paint, tempera paint, paintbrushes, twine, baby food jars, new plain white t-shirts (children, youth, adult sizes)
- Portable sound system
- Commercial vacuum
- Laptop computer
- Foam archery targets
- Microscopes for Outdoor Education
- New table tops for the dining hall
- Bunk mattresses for cabins (\$60 each)
- 4x6 wheeled all terrain "Gator" style vehicle
- New 6' x 6' shower curtains for the Retreat Center
- Double bed, rocking chair, night stand, and clock radio for the summer Volunteer Nurse station
- ~~LCD Projector~~ THANK YOU!
- ~~TV & VCR/DVD Players~~ THANK YOU!
- ~~Life Jackets~~ THANK YOU!
- ~~Archery Equipment~~ THANK YOU!



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Camp Omega 2007 Retreat Events

Memorial Work-Weekend May 25-27

Join in Christian fellowship as we prepare the camp for summer programs and the arrival of 2000+ children, youth and adults. Come Friday evening and stay through Sunday lunch, or any portion thereof. The event includes free lodging, meals, evening sing-a-longs, and campfire devotions.

Family Weekend Camp June 22-24, July 20-22, & Aug 3-5

Bring the whole family for a great weekend of family fun. Participate in camp activities and enjoy fellowship with other families. Optional activities include swimming, games, canoeing, campfires, family crafts, singing and devotions. Cost is \$63 per person.



Mother/Daughter or Grandmother/Granddaughter Retreat: July 6-8 & July 27-29

Enjoy a special time together as mothers and daughters or grandmothers and granddaughters gather at Camp Omega to share in the summer fun and activities. Cost is \$113 per person.

KinderCamp June 15-17, July 13-15, and August 10-12

Open to children ages 4-6 and an accompanying adult, KinderCamp offers a weekend of fun, relaxation, and Christian growth. Games, campfires, swimming, crafts and a lot more make for fun memories. Cost is \$63 per person.

Register online and save \$5!

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