

ROSS POINT REPORT

SPRING 2009

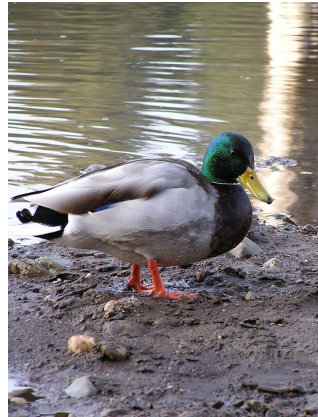
FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Spring is slowly arriving at Ross Point with the first of our wild flowers emerging and the Canadian Geese returning. One is welcome, the other is not. But that's a lot like life.

The Ross Point board of Directors met at the end of February and for the first time in a couple of year's all 9 positions are filled. There continues to be much prayer and discussion about the future ministry of Ross Point. The sale of the land is moving ahead, but rather slowly with the drop in property values that is upon us. Yet the camp seeks to be responsive and imaginative on how best to serve our denomination churches and so many others beyond that group who have come to be connected to Ross

Point. The board is committed to ensuring that no camper who wishes to come to camp be held back because of finances. Ross Point continues to contribute as much as 30 % of the cost for youth campers and 15% for all other ABC campers, whether that is in the summer or in a retreat setting.

Ross Point continues to expand its reach as new churches and groups contact us regularly about using the facilities. The new group this past weekend constantly expressed amazement at the beauty and breadth of Ross Point. God continues to bless and use Ross Point even in troubled times. We would appreciate your prayers for us to keep serving God by serving those who visit Ross



Spring Arrival!

Point. We pray that these trying times will encourage people to focus on what really is important, primarily our relationship with God and then how we live our lives. I trust that people will recognize the amazing opportunity that camps and retreats provide and make personal participation a priority. I look forward to seeing you here in the near future.

All God's best to you,

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/12 *Easter Sunrise Service*
- 4/17-19 *RP Youth Retreat*
- 6/21-26 *Junior High Camp*
- 6/26-27 *My First Camp*
- 6/28-7/3 *Senior High Camp*
- 7/5-8 *Middler Camp*
- 7/5-10 *Junior Camp*
- 7/19-25 *Family Camp 'A'lpha*
- 7/26-8/1 *Family Camp 'O'mega*

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ROSS POINT IS GOING GREEN!

God has blessed Ross Point with the beauty of nature around us. We want to do our part in recognizing the impact that each person's actions have on our world. In an attempt to be environmentally and fiscally responsible, Ross Point is "going green".

Newsletter: Ross Point will offer to email the newsletter to those who would prefer to receive it that way. We will also post the newsletters on the website. To

begin receiving the newsletter by email, you may contact the office at 208-773-1655 or email at rp@rosspoint.org. We will continue to mail out the newsletter to those who do not contact us.

Recycling: We encourage our staff and guests to recycle water bottles and pop cans as well as mixed office paper. We have pop and plastic recycling disposal cans placed in the main building as well as in convenient locations on the grounds. We

have a paper recycling bin placed near the computer in the foyer for easy access.

Housekeeping: We use front load washers that use much less water and less drying time. We also encourage guests to use their bath linens more than one time to reduce the total amount of laundry to be done. We are also moving to green cleaning products.

*E-Newsletter
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SUMMER STAFF AND COUNSELORS

Ross Point has been blessed with incredible volunteer staff for our summer youth camps over the years. In addition to our volunteer staff, we are striving to hire 8 counselors (4 male and 4 female positions), that will serve at our 4 youth camps for the 2009 camping season. These 8 counselors will work in conjunction with the volunteer staff at Ross Point Camp. We are looking for college students and beyond that are dedicated to Jesus Christ and serving Him. Applicants must be a minimum

of 20 years old. No previous experience is needed as we will provide the necessary training. The counselors will have the opportunity to work with 2nd grade through high school students. The ministry provides \$225-350 a week plus room and board.

The dates for counseling this summer are June 18 through July 11. The theme for all the camps this summer is "**Heroes of Faith**".

We will also be hiring 12 people for our summer

staff. We seek people who are committed to Christian values, enjoy working with people and are able to work the entire summer on our staff. By doing this, our groups are assured of a quality experience at Ross Point. We will be hiring people for lifeguards, recreation assistants, kitchen assistants, dining room hostess, groundskeeper, dishwasher, and head cooks. If any of these positions interest you, please contact us at:

(208) 773-1655 or email us at rp@rosspoint.org.



SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Ross Point Camp is committed to young people attending camp to experience the love of Christ. The Ross Point Board of Directors is partnering with your church's outreach efforts. Each ABC church has received 3 gift

certificates to be used to offer unchurched youth the opportunity to come to camp at no charge and then hopefully become a part of your church body.

There are also many youth who would not be able

to come to camp without a scholarship. A donation of \$220 will send a child to camp. If you need additional information or would like to make a donation, contact the camp office at 208-773-1655 or rp@rosspoint.org.

*Ross Point Camp:
Make it the
highlight of
Your Summer!*

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

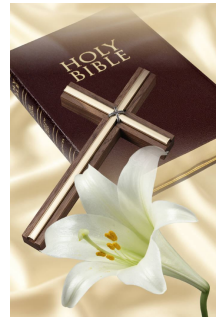
We would like to invite you to join us at the Easter Sunrise Service on April 12th to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. We will meet in the lagoon at 6:30 a.m. or in Ledbetter Chapel if the weather is inclement.

Phil Thompson, pastor

of Sunridge Community Church, will lead us in a time of praise and worship. Pastor Mike Bullard, pastor of First Presbyterian Church will share with us from God's word.

Following the message, we will gather for breakfast in the dining room. Please

call the office if you would like to join us for breakfast. The price for breakfast is \$5.00 for those 12 and up, \$3.00 5-11, and no charge for children 0-4. We look forward to rejoicing together as we enjoy the beauty of God's creation.



He is Risen Indeed!

SPRING YOUTH RETREAT

We would like to invite your young people to attend the Spring Youth Retreat. The theme is "Give Me Your Eyes".

Have you heard the Brandon Heath song "Give Me Your Eyes"? "Give me your eyes for just one second... Give me your eyes so I can see..."

Everything that I keep missing... Give me love for humanity..." What if that happened? Would we love more? Care more? Give more? Serve more? How do we get to the point of seeing how God sees?

Come join us April 17-19 in learning how to be intimate with Jesus. It is

through being close to Jesus that we discover how to truly love, care, give and serve.

Sarah Schuelke is the speaker and Traci Mertens is directing this year's Spring Retreat and they are *personally* inviting **YOU** to come out for an exciting weekend at camp.

"How do we get to the point of seeing how God sees?"

WHAT CAMP MEANT TO ME

Ross Point Camp has held a special place in my heart for many reasons; the most important being the relationships I have built with others.

Friendship and fellowship are essentials component to growing spiritually. The relationships I built helped hold me accountable throughout my school-aged years. I was loved by my camp friends. I could be real with them and be encouraged. We wrote letters (before emails or texting)

and made phone calls in between camps. We counted down the days until we could see each other again at the next summer camp or retreat. Nine years later, I still keep in touch with my camp friends.

The counselors at camp invested so much time and emotion ensuring my spiritual growth and accountability. They prayed *with* me, prayed *for* me, helped teach me biblical truths, and helped me understand more about what an awesome and

powerful God we serve. I still keep in touch with those influential and caring counselors as well!

God speaks of fellowship so much in the Bible because of its importance in spiritual growth. At Ross Point youth camp, kids can find a fellowship group like none other that will help them grow as a Christ follower!

From a past camper,
Tara Downie



Tara Downie

A Great Way to Get A Way

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
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Ross Point Camp and Conference Center is a special place which is continually being developed to give God's People an opportunity to experience being empowered for strength, growth and service.

As a camp our mission is to provide a glimpse of God's universe through hearing the gospel, experiencing Christian community, and to reinforce the ministries for the church through spiritual development, education, social groups, and recreation.

As a conference center our purpose is to provide varied groups an affordable facility with high quality food service, overnight lodging, meeting rooms and recreational opportunities.

Ross Point Camp and Conference Center is a ministry of American Baptist Churches in the Northwest, serving American Baptist Churches and beyond.

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