



Camp News

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Got Spirit?

Encountering God in the Everyday

Introducing the 2011 Camp Curriculum ~

More than 1,600 years ago, St. Augustine of Hippo prayed, “You made us for yourself and our hearts find no peace until they rest in you.” He was convinced that our deepest human longing is to find God. He himself knew this restlessness until he entered into a life-changing relationship with his Lord.

Augustine was not unique. Our generation also knows a deep hunger for the things of God. We call this “spirituality”—the desire for God. The Bible gives voice to humanity’s deepest longings in its songs, stories, and wisdom. The God of the Bible is a powerful, divine Mystery who longs to be in covenant relationship with the human family. God has placed within us a holy longing for the divine and our God takes great delight in being found.

This year’s program focus will be on seeking and finding, asking and receiving, searching and discovering as we discover God in the Everyday!

(from the introduction of the New Earth Curriculum)

Montlure Scholarship Fund

The Montlure Council has established a scholarship fund to help finance camp tuition so all who wish to attend summer camp will be able to do so. The fund is intended to be the funding source of last resort, after other sources have been exhausted.

Once campers have secured all available funds from their family, their church, and the Presbytery in which they live, the Montlure Council can be approached for scholarship funding for any remaining balance.

Forms to apply for Council scholarships are available on the Montlure website. Applications will be reviewed and funded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Don’t have a child of camping age? Donations to the scholarship fund are always welcome and are needed in order to continue to make financial assistance available to those who need it. Contact Stephanie Hamilton at camp@montlure.org with questions.

We hope that all who wish to attend summer camp will be able to do so.



2011 Montlure Camp Schedule

<u>Camp</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>2011 Dates</u>
Senior High 1 (7 nights)	9-12	June 4 - 11
Junior High 1 (6 nights)	6-8	June 11 - 17
Juniors 1 (5 nights)	4-6	June 17 - 22
Senior High 2 (7 nights)	9-12	June 25 - July 2
Junior High 2 (6 nights)	7-9	July 9 - 15
Juniors 2 (5 nights)	4-6	July 15 - 20
Niners (6 nights)	9 only	July 23 - 29
Junior High 3 (6 nights)	6-8	July 29 - August 4

- ❖ *Grades are for the 2011/12 school year; that is the school year that campers will enter following the 2011 camping season.*
- ❖ *Senior High camps run Saturday to Saturday, Junior High camps run Saturday to Friday, and Juniors camps run Friday to Wednesday.*

2011 Montlure Camp Rates

Senior High (7 nights)	\$425
Junior High & Niners (6 nights)	\$400
Juniors (5 nights)	\$375



Payments can be made by paypal and credit card when registering on-line or by check when registration is sent by mail.

Late fees—add \$50 if registration is submitted less than two weeks before camp starts.
Fee includes transportation, t-shirt, and water bottle.

- ❖ Camper registration forms can be found on our web site. Please note dates for discounts.
- ❖ Our camps have proven very popular. Campers are registered on a first-come, first-served basis, so please **register early!**



For any questions regarding Montlure camps or off-season use, please call **877.285.1083** or check out our web site at **www.montlure.org**

Meet the New Program Coordinator!

~ Rebecca Leonard ~



Rebecca grew up in an amazing Christian family along with a great Presbyterian church family in Conyers, Georgia. She graduated from Lenoir Rhyne University in Hickory, North Carolina with a Bachelors degree in Religious Studies with a concentration in Outdoor Ministry. She is a huge sports fan and enjoys being outside. She feels camp ministry is amazing because not only does she get to be a part of teaching youth/children the love of Christ, the youth/children seem to teach her something as well! Welcome aboard Becca!

A Message from our Executive Director...

In just a couple of months we will make the journey up the mountain for another great summer of church camp. Registration forms are pouring in, staffing positions are being filled, and programs planned. Everyone, it seems, is getting ready for camp.

This summer Montlure turns 85—a long history of camping ministry! When I take the time to think about all the human power involved in nurturing our camp, I am humbled to be a part of such a wonderful ministry. It takes all the members of our presbyteries, both young and young at heart, to make camp happen. Those who give to the scholarship funds, those who spend weekends working at Montlure, those who volunteer to be counselors, those who chaperone on the buses... all of you help to provide an opportunity for young people to explore their faith and learn more about Jesus the Christ.

Thanks to the churches who send their pastors and Christian Education Directors to serve as our chaplains. Our chaplains keep busy preaching, teaching, and interfacing with our young people. This year we are blessed to have all of our chaplains in place before camp begins! Some of them have served year after year, others are back after taking a break, and a couple will be joining us for the very first time.

As the preparations are being made for another wonderful summer, it is with a full heart of gratitude that I look forward to all this camping season has to offer. Thank you to the many hands who make for light work.

Blessings,

Stephanie Hamilton

Montlure featured for Camp and Conference Sunday

Several churches in de Cristo and Grand Canyon Presbyteries featured Montlure for Camp and Conference Sunday. In Silver City in January, camp songs were sung in worship. Holy Way and Immanuel Presbyterian in Tucson, Mission del Sol Presbyterian in Tempe and Chandler Presbyterian also held



special camp-centered events.

In February, Immanuel Church invited all former campers, counselors, chaplains, bus chaperones, etc. to wear their

Montlure shirts to worship. A special Moment for Mission message was shared with the congregation by long-time Montlure supporter, Ann Brittain. After worship, everyone was able to visit the information booth to get 2011 camp schedules, ask questions, and learn about the many ways to get involved.

Mission del Sol Church highlighted Montlure at their Registration and Gathering Event in March. Montlure Executive Director Stephanie Hamilton made a guest appearance, sharing information about the camping program and answering questions. The church even provided a laptop with internet connection so families could register on the spot.



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Consider Serving Montlure by Serving on the Camp Council

The Montlure Camp Council oversees the operations of the Camp and is made up of representatives from de Cristo and Grand Canyon Presbyteries.

New terms begin in October and volunteers are needed to fill vacancies and expiring terms. Anyone who feels called to serve in this capacity is invited to contact any of the current Council members listed on the cover of this newsletter for information and to offer to serve. We hope you'll join us!

Montlure Presbyterian Church Camp is a beautiful place in the White Mountains of Arizona for all to find and grow their faith in Jesus Christ. Montlure's primary objective is to provide a Christian camping ministry of the highest quality for children and youth in grades 4-12. Campers travel to camp by bus and sleep in cabins. Each camp is led by a strong Christian staff drawn from Presbyterian Churches across Arizona. Montlure is an *American Camp Association Accredited Camp* operating in accordance with the highest national standards.

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