



Camp News

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MySpace.com/montlurecamp

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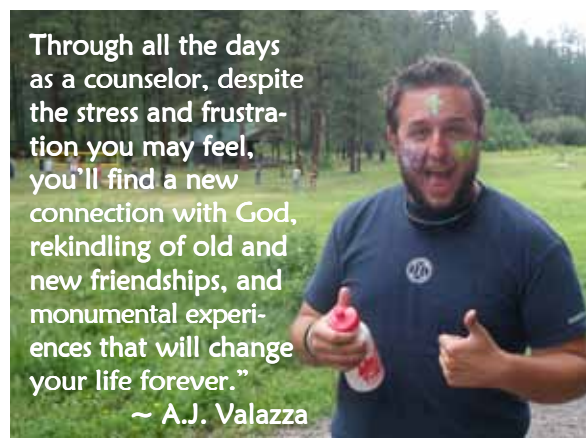
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Now Hiring Summer Paid Positions

We are now actively recruiting for **All-Summer Counselors**. The Summer Counselor is a paid position that will require living on-site at camp from late May to the end of July. Responsibilities will include but not be limited to providing leadership in worship, small groups, recreation, arts and crafts, devotionals, and the emotional, physical, and spiritual well-being of each camper who attends camp.

Applicants should enjoy working with young people ages 9–17 while facilitating an enriching camp experience full of fun and meaning. Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age with a preference given to those 20 years of age and over. Please visit the Montlure website to download and submit an application.



Through all the days as a counselor, despite the stress and frustration you may feel, you’ll find a new connection with God, rekindling of old and new friendships, and monumental experiences that will change your life forever.”

~ A.J. Valazza

Volunteers needed for a successful summer!

Even with the All-Summer Counselors at camp this summer, we will still need many Volunteer Counselors to be in the cabins and to hangout, sing, hike, pray, and learn with our campers. If you have one week to give to our youth and to enjoy for yourself in the wonder of Montlure, please complete the volunteer counselor application online. The minimum age is 16 years with adults well over 20 encouraged to join in the fun. We will also be looking for volunteer Assistant Coordinators.

One Chaplain’s Story

One of the greatest gifts we receive at Montlure is the time and talent given by our Volunteer Chaplains. Here is what one of them had to say about his experience:

“I had a meaningful, revitalizing experience as a chaplain this last summer at Montlure. It was my first Montlure experience and I didn’t quite know what to expect. I’ve been involved in a number of camps around the country and it didn’t take long

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Cut-off for early registration is March 31st!

2010 Montlure Camp Schedule

<u>Camp</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>2010 Dates</u>
Senior High 1 (7 nights)	9-12	June 5 - 12
Junior High 1 (6 nights)	6-8	June 12 - 18
Juniors 1 (5 nights)	4-6	June 18 - 23
Senior High 2 (7 nights)	9-12	June 26 - July 3
Junior High 2 (6 nights)	7-9	July 3 - 9
Juniors 2 (5 nights)	4-6	July 9 - 14
Senior High 3 (7 nights)	9-12	July 17 - 24
Junior High 3 (6 nights)	6-8	July 24 - 30

- ❖ *Grades are for the 2010/11 school year; that is the school year that campers will enter following the 2010 camping season.*
- ❖ *Senior High camps run Saturday to Saturday, Junior High camps run Saturday to Friday, and Juniors camps run Friday to Wednesday.*

2010 Montlure Camp Rates

	Before 3/31	4/1 or later
Senior High (7 nights)	\$375	\$425
Junior High (6 nights)	\$350	\$400
Juniors (5 nights)	\$325	\$375

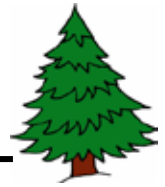
Late fees—add \$50 if registration submitted less than two weeks before camp starts.

- ❖ 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 Registrar



Sharon Matlock, a multi-tasker extraordinaire, has joined our Montlure staff family as Registrar. Sharon has really mastered her multi tasking! She has been a committed volunteer, spending four years as a board member on the Corbett Elementary School PTA serving as Vice-president, treasurer, fundraising chair, and secretary. Sharon also served as a board member of the Rincon University Marching Band Association, coordinating banquets, being the volunteer coordinator and co-treasurer, producing the newsletter, and organizing the 175 member band camp at NAU. She is a current District Advisor to the La Leche League, not only providing mother and family support, but creating financial and statistical reports and doing a little bookkeeping.



In addition to her extensive volunteer work, Sharon works part-time as a Library Assistant at Corbett Elementary, and a nursery attendant at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Tucson. She is active on the Children and Youth Education Committee at St. Mark's and volunteers for Tucson Boys Chorus. She is the mother of three (Ester— college graduate, Andre—in college, and Agustin— in middle school) and a student at the University of Arizona Honors College in the School of Speech, Language, and Hearing.

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One Chaplain's Story, (continued from cover)

to become totally impressed with Montlure! The camp rekindled my heart and passion for young people as a pastor. Stephanie Hamilton and the entire staff and volunteers did such a great and dedicated job. Montlure was a great time to connect with the students in a variety of environments that aren't possible in our regular church ministry off of the mountain. Along with the students, I was so enriched through the morning worship times, small group interactions involving worship planning, campfire services, and evening cabin times where the students shared thought-provoking theological questions and heart-wrenching stories that many of them are grappling with so courageously. The gorgeous mountain setting of Montlure was refreshing for my body and soul. I was personally stretched to communicate the good news of Christ to these students in fresh and timely ways two times a day—and in the process my faith was renewed. The students were very open and responsive to Christ. We had a blast hanging out together, planning worship together, and discussing how faith and life intersect. Montlure was an important week for not only the students, but for myself as a chaplain. I'm looking forward to being a chaplain again!”

~ Pastor John Tittle, Immanuel Church, Tucson

All those who have so served as chaplain in the past or would like to do so for the first time, please email the Council or download the application from the Montlure website.



Chaplain John Tittle (lower left) with Senior High Campers

A Word from our Outgoing Facilities and Finance Chair, Jim Knorr



First, let me introduce Montlure Council's new Facilities and Finance Chair, Dennis Wilkie, of Gilbert Presbyterian Church (GCP) in Gilbert. Dennis brings his own camp experience from working as a youth at the Lake Riley Presbyterian Camp in Minnesota. He is a handyman who's hobby is woodworking and has built a couple of homes with his family. He has served as an Elder with GCP and currently serves on Finance and Mission Committees. Please welcome Dennis; you can contact him at mysuki01@cox.net.

Despite 2009 being a very tough financial year for Montlure, the experience of my term was not only a growing one, but a gratifying one as well. We recovered very nicely in our finances ending 2009 with a checking account balance of \$81,000. Many thanks to the fiscal responsibility of our Camp Manager, Kristy Gropel, and the Treasurers during my term: Brent Bormann, Todd Dirkschneider, and Chris Hoge.

2009 was a tough financial year for Montlure. Despite a balanced budget plan which included income being reduced by 10%, it was not enough. During 2009, donations and rental income were significantly reduced. Like several churches I am aware of, our income was short of our expenses, short by \$18,000. Much of this was due to the loss of our rental income: the end-of-summer Band Camp. Fortunately, our healthy bank account holds us through. Regrettably, our state's education system and our families continue to be strapped. The high school band cannot afford their Band Camp at Montlure again this year. If you know of a Band interested in a cool, beautiful place to practice, please have them contact Dennis or me (our email addresses can be found on page 5).

Facility-wise, Montlure has had great success from its volunteers and benefactors. All of the cabins, ramadas, bathhouses, the Barn, and Lodge are now all under metal roofing. With many thanks to the generosity of Valley Presbyterian Women, University Presbyterian, and Mission

del Sol Presbyterian for their donations. We also express our appreciation to Ed and Ilona Lindstrom and Dennis Moreland who installed the metal roofing on the cabins and bathhouses. We have two new ramadas and a deck for Elk cabin thanks again to the Valley Presbyterian Women for their Cook's Tour donation, and to Steve Hill and his Phoenix firemen friends for building them. Our rather fragile and haphazard water supply plumbing has been slowly improving due to the efforts and skill of Ed and Ilona. It will be much more reliable and, more importantly, much easier to winterize for surviving those cold White Mountain winters.

In addition, Montlure has a new grass (not concrete) volleyball court! Now, volleyball and basketball can be played simultaneously. And we have new sound equipment thanks to the generosity of Desert Palms Presbyterian Church.

This summer we will have a remodeled Boy's Bath, complete with urinals! And the urinals have been removed in the Girl's Bath! A somewhat overdue switch of facilities! Again, thanks to Ed and Ilona and to Hugh and Lexie Ward for making this happen. The Boy's Bath still needs new paint and something must be done to improve that awful floor. This is one of the projects Dennis and I are looking for some help with this spring! (See the work camp schedule on page 5.)

Finally, my thanks to the churches, organizations, and individuals who have helped with the spring and fall work camps and to achieve the terrific ACA accreditation review we had in 2009: Tortilita, St. Andrew's, Valley, Desert Palms, University, and Mission del Sol Presbyterian churches, Immanuel Youth Group, and the Desert Southwest Lutheran Youth, Ron Gambel and his family, Harold Kopenhaver, Pat Galagher, Jim Davey, and, of course, Kristy Gropel. The generosity of these folk with their time and talents allow Montlure Summer Camps to happen. Each spring we have over 150 facility tasks to be completed, from small, like changing batteries, to large, like clearing the camp of pine needles, so that the camp will be ready just after Memorial Day.

It is a privilege to serve, to honor Christ, to maintain and grow a wonderful venue for bringing Christ to our youth and our future church leaders.

~Jim Knorr, outgoing Facilities and Finance Chair



Work Camps 2010

Believe it or not the Camp Season is almost here. We've already been getting inquiries about Work Camps from you wonderful, generous folk! The Montlure Facilities Committee will organize six work camps this Spring. The first is to open the camp and will be rather restricted because of those unknown challenges discovered after the long hard winter of being closed. The Facilities Committee and Tortolita will lead the camp opener mid-April, and then we will follow with a Work Camp each weekend through Memorial Day weekend. The following dates are designated as Work Camps and are open to any individual, family, group, or church that would like to join in: April 25 – May 2; May 7-9; May 14-16; May 21-23; and May 27-31. Montlure encourages churches to do work camps together as a great opportunity to get to know one another within our connectional church community.

The work camps held each spring and fall are a time for cleaning and repairing the camp buildings and grounds but they are also a time when many of our dreams come true and projects are completed that serve to improve the buildings or enhance the beauty of the camp for our campers. If you or your group are interested in lending support, please contact Dennis Wilke, Facilities Chair (mysuki01@cox.net, 480.892.7502) or Jim Knorr (jimknorr-montlure@cox.net, 480-831-5026).



Wish List for 2010



Can you or someone you know help out with the items on our wish list? Contact Dennis Wilkie or Jim Knorr at emails above.

Item	Estimated cost/unit
† Replacement Florescent lights	\$5
† Weekly licensing fee for music	\$13
† Throw rugs for several buildings (10)	\$15
† Linens for staff beds (6 sets needed)	\$35
† Monthly water testing	\$40
† Annual floor stripping and waxing	\$75
† A week of refuse removal during camp	\$75
† A month of long-distance service	\$75
† A week of ACA Accreditation fees	\$125
† Annual carpet cleaning	\$125
† Monthly internet and web service	\$125
† Monthly sewage service fee	\$200
† Emergency power outage lighting	\$300
† Annual trail/gravel maintenance	\$500
† Meadow maintenance	\$500
† A week of propane during camp	\$800
† Improve lighting in Barn	\$1000
† Weekly fee for liability insurance	\$1,300
† Covered porches for cabins	\$3,000
† Barn flooring	\$5,000
† Steel roof on Residence	\$5,000
† Downstairs bathroom in Residence	\$6,000



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Montlure Church Camp

Dates to Remember:

- March 31 - Early-bird registration deadline
- May 29th - First day at camp for Counselors (training)
- June 5th - First day of Camp! (Senior High 1)

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.

Thank you to the following Churches and Individuals for their support of Montlure in 2009:

Jim and Kathy Arner
 Robert and Ann Brittain
 Community Presbyterian Church, Benson
 Cooks Tour, Valley Presbyterian Church, Paradise Valley
 Desert Palms Presbyterian Church, Sun City
 Faith Presbyterian Church, Sun City
 First Presbyterian Church, Mesa
 First Presbyterian Church, Sun City
 Grand Canyon Presbytery
 Heritage Presbyterian Church, Sun City
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