

## Notes from our Campers...

### Dear Dixboro UMC,

My experience at Lake Louise this year was amazing! I grew closer in my relationship with God and feel inspired to share it with others. I found that music is the best way that I communicate with Him.

The church's generous gift that helped get me there is greatly appreciated. With three brothers it's tough, but you made it possible. Thank you!

With love, Anna Little

CAMP WAS AWESOME!!!!



Even though my mom forced me to go to camp I had a great time. I loved joining in the worship, and singing, doing crafts, and eating the amazing food!! The whole camp experience really brought me closer to God in many ways. I started to pray every night and I really tried to listen to the speakers every day and took their messages to heart. They also taught me so much about God and in the end I really opened my life up to him.

Camp defiantly changed me for the better and I just wanted to thank the congregation for helping to pay for all of us to go to camp. I honestly can't wait to go back to Lake Louise next year!

*Kelsey Charnetski*

At camp, I had a great time playing games, attending worship, and eating.

I thank the congregation for the scholarship to send me to Lake Louise. I felt closer to God when I was there.

At Lake Louise, we had worship at night called Fire Bowl. I enjoyed singing there, and felt my relationship with God grow in such a beautiful and peaceful setting. The meals were delicious and well-made, my favorite was the pizza. I look forward to going to camp again next year.

*Griffin Charnetski*

Thank you so much for helping pay for my trip to Lake Louise! I made lots of new friends while I was there, and I also became ever closer with the friends I already have! I also became a lot closer to God and began to trust in him more. I think Lake Louise changed my life and opened my eyes to a few things in life. I want to thank you guys so much for helping me get to such a great place.

Sincerely,

*Madeline Leidlein*

Thank you so much for helping to send me to Lake Louise Camp. I had fun last year and had a blast again this year.

Life has been difficult for me and my family. My parents divorced the summer of 2012, dog suddenly passed away in May of 2013, and my grandma passed away in early June of 2013. All of those have certainly taken a toll on the relationship I have with God. The staff at Lake Louise certainly helped mend and repair my relationship with Him and to have a more positive outlook in my daily life. They have taught me the importance of trusting God with my problems and having faith that things will get better with time and prayer.

I can't thank you enough for the financial aid and helping to make it possible for me to go to Lake Louise. It's such a holy place with so many amazing people and a blessing to attend. Thank you for helping me afford to go to such an amazing place as Lake Louise.

God Bless, Warren Leidlein

My experience at camp was amazing. I connected and reconnected with so many people there. The service at the camp was very fun and had a nice message at the end. It furthered my relationship with God and added some vigor into my Christianity. Overall, I had an amazing time at this camp and I would absolutely recommend it to anyone and would love to go back next year. Thanks to my church family for raising money so this could happen. It was just a great experience and you made it possible for me to go.

*Bennett Little*

Thanks for the donations for my camp experience. I had lots of fun playing games, food breaks, and fire bowl (praying time). We played lots of fun games, like nukem and Ga Ga Ball. We went swimming and stuff like that. During fire bowl we sang songs and did plays, the main theme for camp this year was Disney movies. Also during the last fire bowl we got a bracelet with all the peoples names on it, and I am still wearing it! We played tetherball and in my cabin we got candy, pop, cookies, and chips. Thanks again!

*Garron Little*

This year was my first year at Lake Louise. While I was there I had a great time meeting new people, trying new things and building my relationship with God. I rediscovered just how fun going to summer camp can be. I made many new friends that I hope to keep in touch with and hope to see again next year. As well as meeting new people I got to know some new things about people I thought I knew fairly well, and it was nice to reconnect with them.

At camp I really stepped out of my comfort zone and tried some new things, rather than stick to things I knew with people I knew. While stepping out of my comfort zone I let go of some things from my past that were dragging me down and it felt like a weight lifted off my shoulder. I really reconnected with God while at camp. I had really drifted away more than I had thought, and it was great to realize that, and re-build it. Over all camp was a great experience and I can't wait to go again next year and push my boundaries even more.

Sincerely,

*Audrey Czachorski*

This year was my second year going to Lake Louise, but it was my first year going to the high school camp. In my past years I've become more and more, judgmental and less considerate of others. In Middle school I've really had had a hard time fitting in so I would tend to change myself and act different around certain people. When I say act different I mean act more hmm, what's the word I'm looking for... rude. I could tell I was too, I tried to act myself but I really wasn't sure whom that even was. I was also having self esteem issues, nothing major just mainly having trouble knowing I'm loved and my true friends really do care about me.

This year I was one year younger than how old you're supposed to be to go to the High school camp because I really wanted to go with all my friends. When I got there I felt rather awkward because I was one of the youngest people there. So I mainly just stayed with the people who came up there with me and are in my youth group. In the beginning of the week I was really mainly just coming closer to God (which is one of the bests parts of camp). Later in the week around Wednesday I really felt loved by my friends and mainly God. I'm not going to lie there were tears. Ever since that day I've been more and more optimistic, confident and I've known my friends and God really truly do love me.

Lake Louise has been an amazing this year and I'm really happy I came this year. Everyone there is so nice, welcoming, honest, caring, and you could go up to someone and just have a conversation with him or her. It's amazing. I really feel like I've really become closer to God and found who I really am. Lake Louise is such an inspirational and astonishing place. I can't wait to go back next year and I'm excited to be myself and bring my new attitude to school this year.

*Grace Czachorski*

Thank you all for your generous donations allowing me to go to camp. Lake Louise was one of the best experiences of my life. Camp was one of the best experiences because I could really connect with the counselors and the kids that were there with me. Everyone was so kind and caring. They wanted to know what you felt about life and how you were living it. And it really hit home for me. I hope that I will be able to go back again. Whether it is in a year or in 3 years either way it would be a blessing. Our church has been very involved in my life and I hope it will never change.

*Breanna Root*

Thank you so much for donating so that we could all go to camp! I had a lot of fun! One of my favorite parts about the camp that I went to was probably meeting all of the new people and family ties. During family ties you go into a small group with a counselor and you talk about the "sermon". Thank you again for donating, I am hoping that I will be able to go again next year!

Thanks,

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