

113th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Utah

Report of Camp Tuttle

Camp Tuttle is a very important outdoor ministry of the Episcopal Church in Utah. The mission of Camp Tuttle is to provide a safe, positive learning environment that celebrates spiritual enlightenment in the outdoors. The Christian experience of community recognizes and encourages active learning along with an emphasis on healthy, happy lifestyles. Our goal is to build respect for self, others and creation. Through this incredible ministry in the mountains we strengthen our unity with God and with one another.

After another exciting summer last year, where our camp registrations increased by ten percent in almost every camp we are pleased to announce a special backpacking camp for young adults 17 or older. This fundraising trip camp is a 3 day backpacking excursion through the beautiful Wasatch Mountains. Each person will be sponsored for the trip and the miles hiked and then donate this money to camp to help send a camper who needs financial assistance for this summer camp season.

During our regular summer camp schedule last summer, we reached out to the “Road Home”, and offered scholarships to these children so they could enjoy the camping experience. Our typical curriculum at camp offers, exciting choice-time activities like arts and crafts, Frisbee golf and mountain biking at Solitude ski resort. We also teach the campers team building and communication on the ropes course. High School Adventure camp offers an optional half day mountain biking trip on the rail trail, followed by a river adventure down the Weber River. Then, the summer ends with a fun-filled family camp weekend with varying ages from babies to grandparents. Register now for the early-bird discount of \$30 off if you register and pay before the end of May. Please sign your children up now for this amazing summer experience at Camp Tuttle!

The camp community is built stronger around the special worship services in the chapel. The theme of last summer was “Instruments of Peace” and we focused on being kind to everyone and living a life of caring for each other in a respectful, joyful way and celebrating with music. We encourage campers to look around the environment and notice the beauty in the mountains as well as the beauty within themselves. During the evening services the children will pray, sing and discover ways to find the good in all people and creation while realizing that everybody deserves respect and love. Each week a different priest from around the Diocese joins the staff and children to inspire a positive approach to life full of faith and love. Also, the Bishop comes to camp each week to play Nuk'em and join us in the fun at the barbeque and campfire.

We have a great, dependable and responsible staff at camp. The staff has a very positive attitude and that helps the campers and counselors grow into a special camp community week after week. The counselors provide fun and positive guidance to all the campers and support each other with love and laughter. During the entire summer, we build a community based on kindness to all. The experience level and professionalism of the Camp Tuttle staff is very impressive. With the help of the staff and others, we had our first annual fundraiser at All Saints church where we raised over \$5,000.

Camp Tuttle is an important part of the Episcopal Diocese's youth ministry program. Every year, we welcome young people to embrace the spirit of Tuttle by building a Christian community where campers can have fun, experience new adventures and challenges, and learn about themselves as well as the world around them. Camp Tuttle's campers leave with friendship, knowledge, self-confidence and memories that will last a lifetime. Living in a camp community in the summer is a very rewarding experience for everyone. Camp Tuttle is a very special place for young people and young adults to grow into themselves and learn independence.

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE 2018

Work and Worship Day	June 9
Camp Commissioning/St Mark's	June 10
Staff Training	June 11-15
Young adult backpacking	June 17-20
3 rd & 4 th Mini-Camp	June 24-27
5 th & 6 th Grade Camp	July 8-13
7 th & 8 th Grade Camp	July 15-20
H.S. Adventure Camp	July 22-27
Family Camp	Aug 3-5

ONGOING OBJECTIVES for 2017-2018

1. Provide a summer camp program for 20-70 youth per week (ages 8-17)
2. Provide winter availability for small groups of 30-40 people
3. Encourage environmental awareness/conscientiousness for visitors of Camp Tuttle
4. Continue to develop environmental impact assessments and improvements
5. Continue experiential learning with the use of the ropes course- Build a new event for the ropes course
6. Provide programs for children and youth in the Episcopal tradition, while being open to all children who attend camp
7. Provide a facility which can be used for retreats by churches and non-profit community groups
8. Continue to hire and interview qualified staff
9. Continue to create camp policies and procedures for the rental of camp so the fees are fair and the camp property is protected
10. Supervise and coordinate overall camp operations and facilities

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES FOR 2018

PROGRAMS

- continue school and church programs at camp during the off season
- offer the camp facility for youth ministry retreats

COMMUNICATION

- maintain the website for summer and winter programs @ www.camptuttle.org
- advertise and write promotional articles and provide pictures for the Diocese publications
- provide camp photos on web for parents and campers & update Camp Tuttle Facebook page

EDUCATION

- attend EMT Conference to obtain continuing education hours and keep certification
- attend or send a staff person to ECCC conference this next winter

FACILITY IMPROVEMENT

- survey and evaluate the health of trees and remove unhealthy trees
- replace two heaters as needed in shower house
- replace freezer in kitchen
- continue green camps initiative in order to make camp more environmentally friendly

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

- Promote spirituality within the Episcopal tradition

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