

# 2011 PUBLICITY GUIDE



**HOLMES**  
PRESBYTERIAN CAMP  
& CONFERENCE CENTER

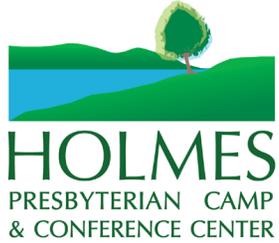


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To: Holmes Presbyterian Camp  
and Conference Center Promoters

FROM: Robin Garzoni, Program Director

RE: 2011 Holmes Presbyterian Camp  
and Conference Center Publicity Guide

Welcome!

The 2011 summer camping season is right around the corner. Camping may be the most effective means of Christian nurture to the church. We thank you for taking the time to see that the children, youth, families and adults of your congregation have the chance to receive the benefits of a camp experience.

This packet is designed to simplify your job as partners in camping ministry. Inside are many different ideas and tools to help promote Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center's camping program. Included are bulletin and newsletter releases with suggested dates for usage that need only to be handed to the person responsible for putting these together in your church. These are also available online ([www.HolmesCamp.org](http://www.HolmesCamp.org)) to cut and paste into documents. In addition to the materials in this packet, camp personnel and volunteers are available to speak during your worship service, youth group, Sunday school, pot luck dinner, or wherever else you think that people need to catch the vision of Christian camping at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center!

If you have further questions or comments, please contact Robin Garzoni, Program Director at [robing@HolmesCamp.org](mailto:robing@HolmesCamp.org) or (845) 878-6383. God is continuing to do great things in the lives of people at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center. Thank you for assisting us by providing information that will allow them to come!

## HOLMES CLIP ART



# HOLMES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CAMP  
& CONFERENCE ASSOCIATES



## HELPFUL HINTS FOR CAMP PROMOTION

ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES,  
AND ADULTS TO REGISTER FOR CAMP

- Pick a week for your children, youth, families or adults to attend together.
- Set a goal of how many campers you want to send to camp.
- Give “Bulletin Blurbs” (See pages 12-18) to person in charge.
- Choose a Sunday to promote as “Camp Sign-Up Sunday”.
- Be creative with additional promotion.

### SET A CAMP SIGN-UP SUNDAY

*Use this Sunday to kickoff or give a boost to registering campers. Our suggestions are:*

- Select one or two enthusiastic campers from last summer to share with the congregation some of their experiences.
- Prepare a display combining camper photos, memorabilia and camp promotional pieces.
- Prepare a bulletin insert, created by past campers, with drawings and stories about camp.
- Have past campers and/or Holmes Advocate prepared to answer questions regarding camp.
- Invite Robin Garzoni, Program Director, or other camp personnel or volunteers to make a presentation and answer any questions.
- Have pastor and/or Holmes Advocate available to assist in selecting an appropriate camp program and filling out registration forms.

### ENCOURAGE YOUR CONGREGATION TO ATTEND OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, May 22, 2011  
2 pm to 5:30 pm

A chance to enjoy a day sampling some of the varied activities at Holmes. Meet some of the staff and if weather permits, go boating, play games, go hiking, etc. Food will be grilling and available all afternoon.

- Plan a church trip to Open House at Holmes.
- Encourage your congregation to attend Open House

## 2011 HOLMES SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

### ENCOURAGE HOSTING A HOLMES AT HOME

- Have one or more people in your congregation host a Holmes at Home Event.
- Invite folks who would like to learn more about Holmes.
- Camp Staff, Board and Volunteers will be in attendance to share information about Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center programs.
- Contact the Holmes office for more information: Holmes@HolmesCamp.org or (845) 878-6383

### CAMP DISPLAYS

- Choose an effective location.
- Involve past campers to create posters, collages, banners, sign-up barometers, etc., perhaps in the form of a contest.
- Have past campers write in 50 words or less what camp means to them. Perhaps award scholarship aid for the best in each age grouping. Print entries in the newsletter.
- Create displays using pictures of former Holmes campers, and any arts & crafts items they might have.
- Make a “barometer” to show the progress being made toward your goal of camper sign-ups.
- Whatever you do, involve past and present campers, and have fun doing it!

	July 3 - 9	July 10 - 16	July 17 - 23	July 24 - 30	July 31 - August 6	August 7 - 13
DAY CAMP entering 2nd - 6th grade	#140 DAY CAMP July 5 - 8	#240 DAY CAMP July 11 - 15	#340 DAY CAMP July 18 - 22	#440 DAY CAMP July 25 - 29	#540 DAY CAMP August 1 - 5	#640 DAY CAMP Aug 8 - 12
ELEMENTARY  entering 2nd - 4th grade	#100 DISCOVERY CAMP (2nd - 4th) July 6 - 9	#201 ELEM CAMP (3rd - 4th)	#301 ELEM CAMP (3rd - 4th)  #304 LET'S GET CRAFTY! (3rd - 4th)	#401 ELEM CAMP (3rd - 4th)  #414 CULINARY CREATIONS (3rd - 6th)	#501 ELEM CAMP (3rd - 4th)  #500 DISCOVERY CAMP (2nd - 4th) August 3 - 6	
JUNIOR  entering 5th - 6th grade		#216 NATURE EXPLORER  #318 SADDLE UP!	#311 JUNIOR CAMP  #316 JUNIOR CANOE ADVENTURE	#414 CULINARY CREATIONS (3rd - 6th)  #418 ON TARGET!	#511 JUNIOR CAMP  #514 M.A.D. CAMP	
	#115 NINE DAY CAMP July 6 - 16					
JUNIOR HIGH  entering 7th - 9th grade		#228 SUSTAINABILITY CAMP	#327 NIGHT OWL	#421 JUNIOR HIGH CAMP  #423 ADVENTURE SAMPLER (8th - 12th)  #428 SADDLE UP!	#521 JUNIOR HIGH CAMP  #526 JR HIGH CANOE ADVENTURE  #528 ON TARGET!	#622 MISSION POSSIBLE
	#125 NINE DAY CAMP July 6 - 16			#424 M.A.D. CAMP		
SENIOR HIGH  entering 10th grade- HS Grad	#132 L.I.T.E. (12th - HS graduates) July 5 - 16		#637 NIGHT OWL	#423 ADVENTURE SAMPLER (8th - 12th)		#632 MISSION POSSIBLE
				#432 S.A.L.T. (10th - 11th grades)		
FAMILY & ADULT CAMPS	#210 GRAND PARENT/ GRAND CHILD CAMP July 5 - 8	#370 FAMILY CAMP July 9 - 12		#450 YOU & ME CAMP (1st - 3rd grade & an adult) July 27 - 30	#580 BREAKING AWAY FROM EVERYDAY LIFE July 31 - Aug 5	



## Summer Camp 2011

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Holmes is your Presbyterian camp and conference center, which is located in Holmes, NY. Just 55 miles north of New York City on 540 wooded acres which includes four lakes for swimming, boating and fishing and over 7 miles of hiking trails. The camp program provides fun, faith-building summer experiences.

The staff at camp is gearing up for another **exciting summer** filled with **fun** and **spiritual growth**. Holmes offers a variety of programs for campers who are **entering 1st grade - High School Graduates, Families or Adults**. Whether you are a first-time camper or a veteran, there is something for everyone at Holmes!

The **2011 summer camp calendar** is available on the back of this insert. Pick up a camp brochure here at church to learn more, then **visit the Holmes website at [www.HolmesCamp.org](http://www.HolmesCamp.org) today** to register online or print a registration form to mail in or fax. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis, sign up as soon as possible so you don't miss out on the fun!

If you have questions, please contact Robin Garzoni, Program Director at **[robing@HolmesCamp.org](mailto:robing@HolmesCamp.org)** or **(845) 878-6383**.

We look forward to seeing you at Holmes this summer!

**“There's No Place Like Holmes”**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CAMP

### HOW SOON SHOULD I REGISTER?

As soon as possible. Many events fill very early and it is impossible to expand their capacities. Registrations are handled on a first-come basis.

### ARE MY CAMP FEES REFUNDABLE IF, FOR SOME REASON, I CANNOT COME TO THE CAMP I REGISTERED FOR?

Camp fees are fully transferable to another week of camp provided that there are openings in that camp. If we are unable to register you in another camp, your fees are refundable less a \$75.00 processing fee.

### MAY I REGISTER IN AN EVENT FOR AN AGE LEVEL OTHER THAN THE ONE I SHOULD?

Usually not. Program content is designed to be appropriate for a specific age group. An attempt is made to stay faithful to the age level so that campers don't have an unhappy time dealing with activities that are not designed for their developmental level.

### MAY I ATTEND MORE THAN ONE EVENT?

Yes. In fact, you may register for more than one week-long overnight camp.

### AM I ALLOWED TO ARRIVE LATE FOR REGISTRATION OR LEAVE PRIOR TO THE CAMP'S FORMAL CLOSING?

It is preferred that this not happen; however we understand that it is necessary at times. Late arrival and early departure detract from the total group's experience as well as that of the individual. The Camp Office requires written notification of any arrivals/departures that vary from the normal camp schedule.

### IS SCHOLARSHIP AID AVAILABLE FOR THOSE NEEDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

Most local churches have campership funds available. Check with your pastor or Session. Should additional financial assistance be needed, please contact the camp office or visit the camp website [www.HolmesCamp.org](http://www.HolmesCamp.org) for more information about camperships.

### HOW MUCH SPENDING MONEY WILL I NEED AT CAMP?

None, a deposit can be put into a canteen account during registration for purchasing tshirts, hats, bug spray, etc. For the camper's protection, the camp prefers that campers have no cash on hand.

### MAY I REQUEST TO BE IN THE SAME CABIN WITH ANOTHER CAMPER?

Holmes encourages that campers meet and interact with other campers from other presbyteries. We do recognize the desire for campers to room with pre-established friends. Therefore, on your registration form, you may write the name of **one** friend with whom you would like to room.

#### WILL MY BROTHER OR SISTER AND I BE IN THE SAME CABIN?

Unless you specifically request otherwise, we will intentionally separate siblings.

#### WHAT HAPPENS IF A CAMPER BECOMES ILL OR INJURED AT CAMP?

Immediate first aid is given by trained staff. For illness needing professional medical care, parents are notified and asked for directions about further treatment. For accidents requiring immediate professional medical care, the camper is transported to an appropriate facility and parents are notified.

#### HOW IS CAMPER MEDICATION HANDLED AT CAMP?

At the time of registration, all medicine and pertinent information is given to the camp nurse. Medications must be in the original bottle with directions for administration. The medicine is stored in a safe place and administered by the camp nurse as directed.

#### CAN CAMPERS MAKE AND RECEIVE TELEPHONE CALLS WHILE AT CAMP?

No. When children come to camp they and you are making a leap of faith, temporarily transferring their primary care from you as their parents to us and their counselors. As children learn to trust other caring adults, they grow and learn, little by little, to solve some of their own challenges. We believe this emerging independence is one of the greatest benefits of camp. It is one important way your child develops greater resilience. We agree to tell you if your child is experiencing a challenge in their adjustment to camp. *You can help* by talking with your child *before they leave for camp* and telling them that there is always someone they can reach out to, whether it be their counselor, the director or camp nurse. We are all here to help, but if *you* don't trust us, your children certainly won't! In cases of emergency, contact can be made through the camp office. Parents, pastors, and advocates are encouraged to write to campers.

#### WHAT HAPPENS IF A CAMPER BECOMES HOMESICK?

An extra dose of love is given to help the camper feel more at home at camp. In some cases, parents are phoned by a camp administrator to discuss the matter. In severe cases, the child may return home.

#### HOW DO I KNOW WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP?

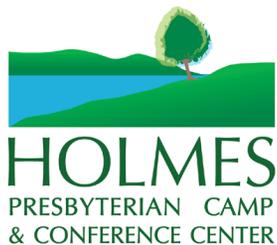
A complete list is sent to each camper with the confirmation packet.

#### WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING OF CAMP STAFF?

Summer staff are at least 18 years old and graduated from high school. They are chosen for their ability to share a strong Christian faith, character, maturity, creativity and ability to work with children. Staff spend time in training on topics such as counseling skills, child development skills, Bible study, outdoor living skills and first aid/CPR.

## WAYS YOUR CONGREGATION MIGHT BENEFIT FROM CAMPS, CONFERENCES AND RETREATS

- A church family retreat or camp can greatly increase the sense of community and commitment to support each other.
- Youth experience freedom to express themselves and increase their faith.
- The casual setting can allow the pastor to be seen as human and real.
- Distractions are greatly reduced, helping people focus on spiritual growth.
- A different setting helps people see problems, themselves and others differently.
- Creativity is stimulated naturally.
- New ideas for worship are more acceptable at camp and some can be brought back to the church setting.
- There is an extended period of time to focus on a selected subject, issue or need.
- There is time for reflection helping people assimilate what they learn.
- It offers time and a setting which encourages physical activity and fun.
- The common experience helps strengthen the community and encourages teamwork.
- A natural environment is loaded with images and metaphors useful for teaching.
- Many sites offer services to enhance the success of your program.
- It is an excellent setting to introduce potential new members to the people and mission of the church.
- Summer camp staff gain valuable Christian leadership experience, benefiting the church at all levels.



## Summer Camp 2011 Daily Bible Theme

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While each camp offered has its own individual style, all camps at Holmes this summer share a common theme:

### Got Spirit?

Wonder	Psalm 8
Gratitude	Luke 17:11-19
Hospitality	Luke 24:13-35
Generosity	1 Corinthians 12:1-26
Worship	Psalm 96
Living in Christ's Love	John 15:1-17

Each week our Worship Leaders and staff help deepen our understanding of God, Jesus and our Faith. During Bible study and Vespers, campers will explore Bible stories that examine different ways God reveals God's self to the human family. Campers will seek God as Maker of creation, in moments of gratitude, in the person of the stranger, in the Church the Body of Christ, in moments of worship and in our prayers and acts of mercy towards others.

In addition to the intentional curriculum of Holmes, campers will learn and grow in Christian community during their time at camp.

For more information, call the camp office or visit us online:

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## HOLMES ADVOCATE

One of the most effective ways to promote Holmes' summer camps and year round opportunities is to have an Advocate for your church. Not only does this person help us, they provide an enthusiastic and organized way to make sure your congregation is informed about opportunities at Holmes for children, youth, family and adults. If your church doesn't have an advocate, we encourage you to find one. This person can be either an adult or a responsible senior high youth. When your church assigns a Holmes Advocate, please contact Robin Garzoni, Program Director at [robing@HolmesCamp.org](mailto:robing@HolmesCamp.org) or (845) 878-6383 and give us that name so we know who to direct correspondence.

### JOB DESCRIPTION

1. Receive all information from Holmes office concerning all camping and retreat programs.
2. Make information about the camps and retreats available to the adults, youth, and children in your congregation.
3. At the close of summer, provide an opportunity for the congregation to recognize and to hear some of the campers tell about their experiences.
4. If you have problems or questions, contact the Holmes office.
5. Be an enthusiastic supporter of the tremendous ministry we have through Christian Camping!

### PROMOTIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HOLMES ADVOCATE

- Put announcements in weekly church bulletins or monthly newsletters.
- Hang posters, brochures, etc. about camp in a prominent spot in your church.
- Have a "Camp Night": Invite past campers to share their experiences with potential new campers and parents. This can also be a time for people to ask questions.
- Share in the worship service about the ministry that is going on at Holmes.
- Stop in and speak about camp with each of the church school classes.

## PROMOTIONAL CALENDAR

Here is a **suggested timeline** for publishing the enclosed promotional write-ups.

### FEBRUARY

- 13 Church Bulletin Release #1
- 20 Church Bulletin Release #2
- 27 Church Bulletin Release #3

### MARCH

- Church Newsletter Story #1
- 6 Church Bulletin Release #4
- 13 Church Bulletin Release #5
- 20 Church Bulletin Release #6
- 27 Church Bulletin Release #7

### APRIL

- Church Newsletter Story #2
- 3 Church Bulletin Release #8
- 10 Church Bulletin Release #9
- 17 Church Bulletin Release #10
- 24 Church Bulletin Release #11

### MAY

- Church Newsletter Story #3
- 1 Church Bulletin Release #12
- 8 Church Bulletin Release #13
- 15 Church Bulletin Release #14
- 22 Church Bulletin Release #15
- Summer Camp Open House!!**
- 29 Church Bulletin Release #16

### JUNE

- Church Newsletter Story #4
- 5 Church Bulletin Release #17
- 12 Church Bulletin Release #18
- 19 Church Bulletin Release #19
- 26 Church Bulletin Release #20

### JULY

- Church Newsletter Story #5
- 3 Church Bulletin Release #21

### JUNE 19

Are you an adult in need of vacation? Then gather together with other adults as you "Break Away from Everyday Life", July 31-August 5. The amenities of Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center are greatly enhanced by the community and program which includes Bible study, book talks, music, interesting discussions, crafts, swimming, boating and plenty of free time and relaxation.

Also remember the staff at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center as they begin two weeks of intensive staff training today! They are preparing to provide faith filled summer camp opportunities for children, youth, families and adults this summer.

For more information on this and all of Holmes' programs, visit us at [www.HolmesCamp.org](http://www.HolmesCamp.org) or pick up a 2011 camp brochures at (**add your location**). If you have any questions, please contact the Holmes office by email at [Holmes@HolmesCamp.org](mailto:Holmes@HolmesCamp.org) or by phone at (845) 878-6383.

### JUNE 26

Are you a creative camper? There are several camps for you. Let's Get Crafty Camp will let your imagination run wild as you create a new project each day! Or maybe you like spending time in the kitchen trying new things and learning new recipes. Then Culinary Creations is for you! Each day will bring a skill and recipe to life. You will enjoy tasting and sharing your creations with the camp community. Don't miss out on the fun of this or other programs at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center!

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### JULY 3

The summer camping season at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center begins this week! Hundreds of young people have signed up for one or more of the camps offered at Holmes. Two weeks ago, the summer staff arrived for an intensive training orientation. Please pray for the summer staff this week as they prepare themselves to minister to young people, family and adults this summer. There are still a few camper openings - check out a brochure and register to join us for a week! Camp brochures are available (**add your location**).

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MAY 29

Nine Day Camps add to the experience!! If you are a Junior or Junior High camper and one week of camp is just not enough, come enjoy Nine Day camp at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center. You will have more time to get to know each other and build community. There is more time to enjoy your favorite camp activities like archery, arts and crafts, Bible Study, boating, swimming, worship cookouts and more! You will have a laid back weekend and lead worship at a nearby church! Come kick back and relax!

For more information on this and all of Holmes' programs, visit us online at [www.HolmesCamp.org](http://www.HolmesCamp.org) or see the 2011 summer brochure. Camp brochures are available (**add your location**). If you have any questions, contact the Holmes office at [Holmes@HolmesCamp.org](mailto:Holmes@HolmesCamp.org) or by phone at (845) 878-6383.

JUNE 5

Grandparents, there is a great opportunity to create lasting memories for you and your grandchildren at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center, July 5-8. There is a perfect blend of group activities and time apart for relaxation, respite and renewal as you enjoy the wonders of camp! This program is prepared for grandchildren ages 6-12. Don't miss out on the fun!

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JUNE 12

Are you a camper entering 5th-9th grade and an aspiring actor looking to learn and share your gifts and talents? Then Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center has a camp for you, Music, Art and Drama (M.A.D.) Camp. Spend half of your day participating in improvisation, musical theatre and performance technique workshops led by instructors and special guest artists. There will be time included for your favorite camp activities. This event includes a trip to a nearby theatre to enjoy a show.

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## NEWSLETTER STORIES

(Text is available as a pdf at [www.HolmesCamp.org](http://www.HolmesCamp.org))

### NEWSLETTER STORY #1 (MARCH)

#### **REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER CAMP AT HOLMES PRESBYTERIAN CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER**

Holmes, your camp and conference center, is pleased to announce that registration for the 2011 summer camp program is now available. Go to [www.HolmesCamp.org](http://www.HolmesCamp.org) to see all of the programs that are available for children, youth, family and adults and then register. You have the option of printing out a registration form from the website and registering by mail or through our online registration program by making a secure payment with a credit card.

The 2011 summer camp brochures are also available here at church (**add your location**). Camps fill on a first come, first serve basis, register early to get your first choice of program offerings, go to [www.HolmesCamp.org](http://www.HolmesCamp.org) or pick up a brochure today.

If you have any questions, please contact the camp office by email at [Holmes@HolmesCamp.org](mailto:Holmes@HolmesCamp.org) or by phone at (845) 878-6383.

### NEWSLETTER STORY #2 (APRIL)

#### **REGISTER EARLY FOR HOLMES!**

What do you think of when you hear Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center? A hike to the Lemon Squeeze? The square dance at the lodge? Swimming? Arts and crafts? Building your home in the woods? The hike to the gazebo? Archery? Climbing on the High Ropes? Cookouts? The smell of the campfire? S'mores? The sound of laughter? Vespers? Voices joined together in songs of praise to God?

Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center is all of these things and more. June, July and August may seem a long way off but the staff at Holmes is already gearing up for another exciting summer filled with fun and spiritual growth. Don't miss out! Brochures are now available (**add your location**). Look one over and check out all of the exciting camping opportunities being offered this summer for entering 1st graders through high school graduates, families and adults, or visit us online at [www.HolmesCamp.org](http://www.HolmesCamp.org). Come share the magic of Christian camping at Holmes this summer!

### NEWSLETTER STORY #3 (MAY)

#### **SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CAMP YET?**

With summer fast approaching, camp is just around the corner! Plans are well underway for another great summer at Holmes and we want you to be a part of the fun. The programs this summer have something for everyone - outrageous games, creative worship, fun in the lake, new friends, cookouts, campfires and conversations that will help you discover God's presence in the everyday, ordinary moments of life! Many camps fill early so register today!

If you have any questions, please contact the Holmes Presbyterian Camp office by email at [Holmes@HolmesCamp.org](mailto:Holmes@HolmesCamp.org) or by phone at (845) 878-6383.

### NEWSLETTER STORY #4 (JUNE)

#### **COME EXPERIENCE HOLMES!**

Imagine yourself standing amongst the trees, surrounded by God's creation, preparing for a prayerful walk on the Labyrinth with your family group. Your gaze follows the trees at the center of the Labyrinth toward the sky. The sun warming you as you stand awaiting your turn. You listen to the birds chirping in the distance and the rustle of leaves at your feet. What a peaceful moment to reflect on God's presence in your life! All of this in the midst of your busy day filled with laughter, games, songs, swimming and growing friendships. You can hardly wait to share the next experience with your new friends. What lays ahead for the rest of the week at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center?

To find out how you can make this experience your own, pick up a Holmes Summer Camp 2011 brochure from (**add your location**) or visit us online at [www.HolmesCamp.org](http://www.HolmesCamp.org).

### NEWSLETTER STORY #5 (JULY)

#### **SUMMER CAMP FUN BEGINS!**

Summer is here!!! Put away your pencils and notebooks, it is time to sign up for camp at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center! You don't want to miss out on the valuable experiences that Holmes has to offer! There are still a few openings available. Whether you are registering for the first time or to come back to camp this summer, Holmes has the camp for you!!!

Please keep camp as part of your prayer life, praying for safety, fun, and that God is present in the lives of the campers, staff, and volunteers through the programs, environment and community.

Summer camp ends on Saturday, August 13th, but Holmes programs and facilities are year-round. Visit our website [www.HolmesCamp.org](http://www.HolmesCamp.org) or call the camp office at (845) 878-6383 to stay informed of the many retreat and program opportunities available to youth and adults at Holmes year round.

### MAY 8

Do you want to come to camp but aren't really excited about leaving your family? Then come to You and Me Camp (entering 1st-3rd grade at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center on July 27-30 and bring an adult companion! You will live in family community with other campers and their adult companions as your counselors lead you in camp activities. You will enjoy time creating arts and crafts, boating, swimming, hiking, playing games, singing around a campfire and learning about God as you strengthen your special relationship with your adult companion.

For more information on this and all of Holmes' programs, see the 2011 summer brochure. Camp brochures are available (**add your location**). If you have any questions, please visit us online at [www.HolmesCamp.org](http://www.HolmesCamp.org) or contact the Holmes office by email at [Holmes@HolmesCamp.org](mailto:Holmes@HolmesCamp.org) or by phone at (845) 878-6383.

### MAY 15

Do you enjoy serving others? This summer Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center is offering Mission Possible camp for Junior and Senior High Campers. Mission Possible will serve the camp community as well as nearby communities as they take part in mission projects such as helping in a soup kitchen, home renovations, church projects or beautifying camp. Register online at [www.HolmesCamp.org](http://www.HolmesCamp.org) or pick up a camp brochure here at church (**add your location**).

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### MAY 22 Summer Camp Open House Today 2pm - 5:30pm

Are you an experienced camper who is looking for some adventure? Then Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center has the camps for you! We are offering Archery, Canoe and Adventure Camps for entering 5th -10th grade. You will combine all of the fun of camp with learning adventure skills from archery to canoeing to wilderness survival! Your skills will be put to the test here at camp, on Lake Dutchess, on a nearby river or travel to join the Camp Wilmot campers and staff at a wilderness area. Enjoy the fun and wonders of God's creation!

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## APRIL 17

Looking for a fabulous, faith-based, affordable family vacation? Look no further! Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center is offering Family Camp this summer July 9-12. Enjoy all of the great Holmes' traditions together as a family. We create a place for grandparents, parents and children to have a fun, stress-free time together.

For more information on all of Holmes' programs, see the 2011 summer brochure. Camp brochures are available **(add your location)**. If you have any questions, please visit us at [www.HolmesCamp.org](http://www.HolmesCamp.org) or contact the Holmes office by email at [Holmes@HolmesCamp.org](mailto:Holmes@HolmesCamp.org) or by phone at (845) 878-6383.

## APRIL 24

Are you a Junior High or Senior High who likes to stay up late and sleep until noon? Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center may have just what you are looking for... Night Owl Camp! You will eat breakfast at "lunch time", eat lunch at "dinner time", cookout dinner late at night and worship under the stars appreciating God's creation of nighttime.

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## MAY 1

**Open House at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center** is just three weeks away! **Sunday, May 22, 2011 from 2 pm-5:30 pm.** If you are not sure what camp is all about or can't spend enough time at camp, come join us for a fun filled afternoon! Our open house is a chance for parents, campers, Sunday school classes, youth groups and old and new friends to enjoy a day sampling some of the varied activities at Holmes. Come meet the staff and if weather permits, we plan to go boating, play games, go hiking, etc. Food will be grilling and available all afternoon. Sign up for camp at Open House and receive the early bird registration discount.

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### FEBRUARY 13

The 2011 Holmes Summer Camp Brochures have arrived. Are you ready to go? This year Holmes is offering 43 different programs for all ages and interests. You can pick up your camp brochure here at the church **(add your location)** or go to [www.HolmesCamp.org](http://www.HolmesCamp.org). If you have any questions, contact the camp office by phone at (845) 878-6383 or by email at [Holmes@HolmesCamp.org](mailto:Holmes@HolmesCamp.org).

### FEBRUARY 20

Are you 18 or older and looking for something different this summer? Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center is looking for dedicated Christians who love working with children to come spend the summer working as cabin counselors, lifeguards, waterfront director, environmental educators, assistant program directors, kitchen staff, bakery coordinator or ropes course facilitators. First year staff members earn \$250 per week, but the true benefit comes in the growth experienced in Christ. Being on summer staff at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center is a life-changing experience!

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### FEBRUARY 27

Camp does kids a world of good! Make new friends, gain confidence and enjoy the outdoors at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center. Holmes is offering varied camping experience this summer for all ages. Elementary camps include: Day Camp, Discovery Camp, Elementary Camp, Let's Get Crafty Camp or Culinary Creations. Junior Camps for 2011 are: Day Camp, Junior Camp, Nine Day Camp, Nature Explorer, Saddle Up!, Junior Canoe Adventure, Culinary Creations, On Target! or M.A.D. Camp. For Junior Highs the camps are: Junior High Camp, Nine Day Camp, Sustainability Camp, Night Owl, Adventure Sampler, Saddle Up!, Junior High Canoe Adventure, On Target!, M.A.D. Camp or Mission Possible. For Senior Highs this summer, there's L.I.T.E., Night Owl, Adventure Sampler, S.A.L.T. or Mission Possible. There are also camps for Grandparents, Families and Adults.

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## MARCH 6

Are you looking for an outdoor Christian Day Camp opportunity? Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center has seven week-long Day Camps for campers entering 2nd-6th grade. Day campers enjoy swimming, hiking, crafts, games, Bible study, singing and good friends for which Holmes is known. On Friday evening, Day Campers are invited to spend the night and enjoy our closing campfire. Parents are then invited to join us on Saturday for closing program. Why not rent a van and carpool!

For information on Day Camp and all of Holmes' programs, visit us online at [www.HolmesCamp.org](http://www.HolmesCamp.org) or pick up a camp brochure at **(add your location)**. If you have any questions, contact the Holmes office by email at [Holmes@HolmesCamp.org](mailto:Holmes@HolmesCamp.org) or by phone (845) 878-6383.

## MARCH 13

Where do you go when you want to learn about God's creation? Outside! The program at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center gives children, youth and adults the opportunity to live and learn surrounded by God's love and creation. This summer, Junior Campers will enjoy Nature Explorer. From stream studies to hikes to star watches each day will bring a new adventure. Junior High Campers will experience our Sustainability Camp. This camp includes hands-on opportunities for campers to plant and harvest in the camps garden and hear about God's call for us to be good stewards of creation.

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## MARCH 20

Are you a youth entering 10th grade - High School Graduate who would like to develop your leadership skills? Sign up for Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center's Service and Leadership Training (S.A.L.T.) or Leaders in Training Experience (L.I.T.E.) programs. S.A.L.T. campers will have the opportunity to serve the greater camp community while learning skills in teambuilding, problem solving, communication and servanthood. L.I.T.E. campers will spend one week in leadership training, the second week will be spent learning counseling, support staff, challenge course or lifeguarding skills. With successful completion of the program, L.I.T.E. campers are invited to volunteer as junior counselors or lifeguards.

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## MARCH 27

Are you a horse lover? Do you also love God and the outdoors? Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center is the place for you this summer! Saddle Up! camp is a program being offered for entering 5th-9th graders. Each day campers will receive lessons in basic horse care, safety and riding techniques at Crosswinds Equestrian Center in LaGrangeville, NY [www.crosswindsequestrian.com](http://www.crosswindsequestrian.com). The remainder of the day will be spent enjoying camp activities.

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## APRIL 3

When you're entering 2nd-4th grade, a whole week can seem like a long time to be away from home. That's why Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center offers half-week Discovery Camps for these camping newcomers. These half-week camps allow campers to "discover" what an overnight camp experience away from home is all about!

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## APRIL 10

There are just over two weeks left until the early-bird discount deadline at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center. Register now to get into the camp of your choice at the reduced rate! There are still many camping opportunities available check out the 2011 summer brochure for more information. Camp brochures are available **(add your location)**.

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