



CAMP PADDY RUN

# News

PADDY RUN OUTDOOR MINISTRY COMMITTEE

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## IT'S BACK TO THE FUTURE!

### October's GPS Challenge shares tomorrow's technology with good ole fashioned fun!

Last October, Paddy Run hosted its first youth Geocache Adventure: a high-tech scavenger hunt using GPS ( Global Positioning System ) units to guide the way. The course had teams competing to find various targets throughout the property in an 'Amazing Race' fashion. The teams had to find their clues and complete the various challenges—such as searching for 'lost gold'—before moving on to their next target.

The fun is returning as the PROM Committee hosts its second annual Geocache Adventure, October 4-5. Saturday's headliner event— the GPS course— will be followed by dinner, a cozy bonfire and perhaps another hilarious game of 'Spoons.'

The Geocache Adventure weekend is the perfect opportunity to 'unplug' your kids and have them engage in some good ole fashioned fun. For registration information and schedule of events, please visit our website, [www.CampPaddyRun.org](http://www.CampPaddyRun.org). As always, adults are invited and encouraged to join in the fun!



Above: Teen overnight campers gather for worship every evening at the Cross during Parish Day Camp.

## Fall Work Weekend just around the corner!

Again this year, you have the option to come for one or both days of the work weekend. This fall we have several tasks including painting cabins, removing brush and dead trees, cutting wood, landscaping the front of the lodge and staining bunk beds. If you are interested in helping out please let us know! Call Lori Orndorff at 540-751-1304 or visit our website, [www.CampPaddyRun.org](http://www.CampPaddyRun.org).

## WORK WEEKEND September 13-14

## GEOCACHE ADVENTURE October 4- 5

**CAMP PADDY RUN  
WORK WEEKEND**

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS!**





## LODGE UPGRADES COMPLETED

Several generous contributions from churches in Shenandoah Presbytery enabled the PROM Committee to realize their dream of lodge improvements a lot sooner than expected.

The early winter months were an ideal time to install new floors in the lodge's lower level. New industrial-grade plush carpeting was installed in the sleeping quarters and vinyl tiles covered the previously cement floors in the hallway and bathrooms.

Once the flooring was complete, several volunteers helped construct sturdy new bunk beds with ample 'head room' making the beds more functional than the old steel cots.



*Above: New carpet and bunk beds give the sleeping area a cozy feel.  
Below: the upper level of the lodge offers a multipurpose space for dining, meetings and relaxation.*

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE:

Here are some things that we could really use:

GPS Units: for future Geocache events. Prices begin at \$100.

Paint: \$25 per gallon (for painting cabins, pool area, lodge deck ) Quantity needed: 10 gallons.

Furniture Cushions: \$43 each for new covers. Currently the lodge has 2 chairs, a love seat and a sofa totaling 14 total cushions.

Plastic Tarps: \$10 each. ( 9x12 ) Quantity needed: 4

Mattresses: \$50 each. Quantity needed: 8

Cash donations are always appreciated.

Donated items can be picked up. Checks can be made payable to 'Camp Paddy Run' and sent to:  
Lori Orndorff  
35749 Roundleaf Court  
Round Hill, VA 20141





## PARISH DAY CAMP CONTINUES TO GROW

Once again this summer, Camp Paddy Run was brimming with over 100 children and teacher volunteers for the Parish of the Valleys Day Camp Program held June 23-27th. Nine churches of Shenandoah Presbytery participated.

The week-long program structures each day around Bible lessons, recreation, swim time, lunch and crafts. Singing, hugging and the occasional bug bite were all part of the mix. Every day volunteers from area churches would bring in lunches and spend time getting to know the kids and teachers.

New for this year, campers entering 7th grade and older were invited to stay overnight beginning Wednesday night. (Past years this privilege was reserved for only Friday night!) Each night over 30 teenagers enjoyed their 'extra' time at camp— cooking their meals over a fire, having twilight swim time, leading evening worship and even helping out in the kitchen— which they eagerly *volunteered* to do!



Above: Pool time is always a favorite activity at Day Camp

By Saturday morning, the bodies were tired but souls were alive and renewed as the final campers said goodbye to their new friends and headed home— some as far away as Colorado.

Below: Everyone gathers for a group photo on the last day.





## YOUTH OUTDOOR MINISTRY WORKSHOP AIMED TO INSPIRE & EDUCATE

This past April, the PROM Committee hosted its first Youth Outdoor Ministry Workshop— a 5-hour class geared at familiarizing youth group leaders with the property and facilities at Paddy Run as well as offer ideas and inspiration for programs.

The day consisted of a tour of the property, discussion forums and sharing the challenges of working with youth. Every participant received a curriculum guide entitled ' Engaging your Youth in Outdoor Ministry at Paddy Run.' This binder contained ideas for games, outdoor worship and campfire cooking recipes. Copies are available to all youth leaders free of charge for electronic versions, or at cost for printed versions.

'We realized that although a lot of adults want to bring their youth to Paddy Run, they aren't really sure what to do once they get here!' remarks Amy Tubbs, PROM Committee chair. 'This workshop is geared at hopefully conquering their fear and even rekindling skills that perhaps an adult hasn't had since they were in scouts!'



*Above: The massive field centering the property at Paddy Run is ideal for games, picnics and star gazing. Photo by Daniel Escher.*

## PADDY RUN HOSTS VOLUNTEER FARMERS

Over 25 eager volunteers from Church of the Redeemer in Mechanicsville, VA came to the valley to offer their help at the Woodstock Volunteer Farm. Just over 6 miles away, Paddy Run offered an ideal location to call home base. With the majority of the farm work being completed by noon, the volunteers were able to get a rest from the hot summer sun by swimming in the pool or cooling off in the waters of Paddy's Run.

For more information about this wonderful program, please visit [www.volunteerfarm.org](http://www.volunteerfarm.org).

### PADDY RUN OUTDOOR MINISTRY COMMITTEE

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## *Thanks for reading!*

- Paddy Run Outdoor Ministry Committee