



CAMP PADDY RUN

News

PADDY RUN OUTDOOR MINISTRY COMMITTEE

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GEOCACHE ADVENTURE WEEKEND COMBINES HIGH TECH WITH THE OUTDOORS

The October weekend brought beautiful fall weather, creating the perfect backdrop for Camp Paddy Run's Geocache Adventure. 'Geocaching' is the latest craze for outdoor enthusiasts- combining a Global Positioning System device (GPS device) with hidden treasures or 'caches.' In other words, it's a scavenger hunt with satellite technology helping you navigate!

After an orientation on how to use their GPS devices, the female dominated teams set off in search of their targets. Six targets were set up throughout the property. The challenge was not only in finding the hidden clue at each location, but also completing a special task. At the 'spider challenge,' participants searched for realistic plastic spiders to find their next clue. For the trivia challenge, teams had to answer questions about a variety of nature topics, with an odd array of punishments if they answered wrong. Down at the run, teams had to scavenge the banks along Paddy's Run in search of legendary 'gold.' Overall, the course took about 2 hours and every team finished on time.



After the GPS course concluded, youth and adults alike were treated to a special presentation by Tommy Heslop who amazed us with his demonstration entitled, 'Get a Grip, God is the real Strength.' His incredible feats included bending wrenches, tearing a phonebook in half and punching a nail right through plywood using only his fist! His presentation included Bible verses and his own personal testaments.

The fun-filled day finished off with a cozy bonfire and of course, s'mores. Several groups have inquired about the Geocache Adventure. The PROM Committee is planning to host another event in the spring. If you'd like to host your own event with your youth group, we'd be happy to show you how!



Above: It's all smiles at Sunday's worship service during the Geocache Adventure weekend.





Above: 'Charlie and Friends' played bluegrass and gospel at the Summer Splash with Jesus event.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Looking back on 2007

Wow!... what a year for Camp Paddy Run and the PROM Committee! With water finally being restored to the camp in early springtime, the committee hit the ground running to make 2007 a great camping season. Looking at our group's objectives, we strived to accomplish several things:

- 1) Continue much needed improvements to the property and facilities
- 2) Host programs to get youth involved with outdoor ministry.
- 3) Help members of Presbytery get to know Paddy Run.
- 4) Continue promoting the camp and outdoor ministry to Shenandoah Presbytery.

I feel we accomplished all these goals and then some!

Springtime saw the second annual Kickball Tournament and campout to kick-off the camping season. Over 35 people attended the Saturday overnight- featuring outdoor worship, campfire cooking and lots of time at the pool. The Sunday tournament, despite the sudden downpours, had 4 teams battling out for the trophy. Everyone left with a prize and some great memories.

The Parish of the Valleys summer day camp hit record numbers with over 100 children in attendance each day. They followed up their success with the 'Summer Splash with Jesus' event. Featuring the Vermass family from Tennessee. Their 'tent revival' style of preaching inspired

several youth- and an adult- to come forward and openly accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. It was an incredibly moving and inspirational moment for all who attended.

Overall rentals for the year have been superb- earning close to \$3500 in rental income from individuals and groups both within and outside the Presbytery. We are so pleased to see the word is getting out and people want to come to Paddy Run.

Lastly, 2007 continued to see much needed improvements to the property. Two work weekends and many volunteer hours helped us get things checked off the 'To-Do' list such as putting up new gutters on the lodge and tiling the showers. The lodge's deck was stained and trees were cut down from the septic field to restore the beautiful view from the back deck.

With reservations through Thanksgiving weekend and winter just around the corner, Paddy Run continues to offer year-round beauty and peacefulness for groups of all sizes.

I am so very proud of our accomplishments as a committee and am so thankful for the experiences I've had over the past year. God has truly blessed the ministry at Paddy Run!

Amy Tubbs
Chair, PROM Committee



Above: Children at the Parish Day Camp enjoy Bible study, crafts, swimming and recreation as part of their daily schedule.



EAGLE SCOUT RETURNS TO CONTINUE GOOD DEEDS.

Almost ten years after a Winchester First Eagle Scout completed construction of a picnic shelter at Paddy Run's cabin sites, Rob Montgomery contacted the PROM Committee to offer his help once again.

He put his construction skills to use and headed up the building project for the well system's new shed. The 10 x 12 foot structure is designed with special doors that will make future maintenance on the well possible without needing a crane to lift off the shed. A second storage area will house recreational equipment and tools.

Over the course of the Geocache Adventure weekend— and with the help of a few more volunteers, Rob and the crew worked diligently all weekend to complete the project.

We are so grateful to ALL our volunteers who share their talents!

Right: two tanks filter iron and acidity from the camp's well water.



Below: Shed construction is almost complete after a long weekend.



You're Invited!

To all church groups of Shenandoah Presbytery: You can hold meetings at Paddy Run free of charge! Contact our Reservations Coordinator, Lori Orndorff, for more information: 540-751-1304.



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We'd love to hear from you!

Visit www.CampPaddyRun.org



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

We're always looking for more volunteers to help out!

Do you have a general love for nature and recreation? Do you have special skills that can be used in an outdoor setting? Woodworking, using a GPS, identifying plants, bird watching? We'd love to hear from you! Currently, we're searching for a Programs Chair- someone that can help coordinate activities and events at Paddy Run.

Want to be a 'Friend of Paddy Run?'

Volunteers are also needed in a variety of other ways too: cooking, data entry, making phone calls, conducting research. There's so many small things to do that make a BIG difference!



Above: The run was a great place to cool off after the Winchester First youth spent the day clearing trails.

Below: Rock hopping along Paddy's Run is still a favorite activity.



OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE:

Here are some things that we could really use:

New flooring: for the downstairs sleeping area.

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

Paint: \$25 per gallon (for painting cabins, pool area, lodge deck) Quantity needed: 15 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

Volleyball net: \$75. (32 feet long, used item is OK)

Cash donations are always appreciated.

Donated items can be picked up. Checks can be made payable to 'Camp Paddy Run' and sent to:

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Thanks for reading!

- Paddy Run Outdoor Ministry Committee