



CAMP PADDY RUN

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ROCKFISH MUSIC FESTIVAL BRINGS TOP-NOTCH TALENT TO STAR TANNERY

It's not every day that Camp Paddy Run goes high-tech. But with electric guitars, sound mixers and amplifiers, it was anything but a typical day. Paddy Run's first ever Rockfish Music Festival—hosted by the PROM Committee on May 14, 2011— was designed to bring in a broader range of guests to experience the camp in a new way. “We wanted to appeal to adults and families as well as youth,” explains Amy Tubbs of the PROM Committee. “We realize not everyone is into camping, so we wanted to provide a fun day of entertainment in a beautiful environment.” And with the main stage set up amidst the camp's 40-acre field, there was plenty of room to spread out, run around... and make some noise.

The festival's theme was ‘*Good Music. Great Outdoors. Glorious God.*’ And despite the stormy forecast all weekend, the venue never saw a drop of rain. And Rockfish was able to ‘rock-on’ and deliver over 6 hours of non-stop music as well as provide concessions, activities for smaller children, and even a s'mores-making station.



Above: Members of the Marc Francis Band from Winchester captivated the crowd with their inspiring songs. Photo by Kaitlyn Duckworth.



Above: The Fulsom Prisoners performed a set of toe-tappin' favorites ranging from country to rockabilly. Photo by Kaitlyn Duckworth.

The performers ranged from a 17-year old soloist to a 7-piece ensemble. The styles varied from folk, to rockabilly, to Christian rock and gospel. A special thanks to all those who contributed their talent to this wonderful event:

Mark Francis Band
Fulsom Prisoners
The New Stone Duo
Steve DeVries
The Red Letters
Orange Warbears
Disaster in Numbers
Alexandra Williams



CAMP ALUMNI TAKE ON THE STARRING ROLE

The Parish of the Valleys Day Camp Sees Former Campers Take On Leadership

One of the joys of being involved in the Parish Day Camp for so many years is getting a chance to see the campers grow up. And for several of the former campers, Day Camp doesn't have to end just because high school does. This year, several of the older youth— now in their 20s— continue to come back and lend a hand to the summer event that meant so much to them.

Several of these youth came out to assist with setting up – a huge undertaking that involves clearing brush, raking trails and hanging the quintessential parachute-converted tents. But their efforts didn't stop there: during the weeklong event that hosts over 100 people every day, these 'alumni' contributed in so many ways— helping with trash and clean-up, assisting with lunchtime and snacks, running errands and litter patrol. Some even helped run recreation activities for the younger groups.

"It's so wonderful to see these young men and women stepping up and taking leadership for their camp. I think they see all the volunteers that go into making this day camp so special and realize they have an opportunity to contribute to its success," remarks Lori Orndorff, the camp's reservations coordinator.

"It's bittersweet," she adds. "You want to see these kids succeed, but you hate to see them go." Lori commented further on how several of the campers from her first year at day camp in 2005 have now gone on to go to college, get married, and start families of their own. Some have moved as far away as New York and Texas.

If you're a Camp Paddy Run alumni, join us on Facebook!



Above: The Friday overnight featured a special musical ministry by Donnie Carter. Pictured here, alumni camper Jon Holland shows off his skills on the microphone. Below: It's all smiles as another morning at Day Camp begins!





CAMP PADDY RUN: NOT JUST FOR CAMPING!

It may surprise you to learn that over the last 3 years, Paddy Run has seen its fair share of youth retreats, picnics, and Boy Scout troops— but it's seen its quite a few weddings as well. In fact, looking back on the 2011, the camp hosted TWO weddings this past season!

With a picnic shelter, lodge with full-kitchen, and ample space for parking— Paddy Run offers something a little different to couples that want to keep things simple. Beautiful sunsets and star filled nights are romantic and peaceful. To reserve YOUR wedding, recommitment ceremony, or family event— just give us a call!



Above: A local resident chose Paddy Run as the backdrop for his "I Do's."



More Photos from 2011 Day Camp. Above left: Swim time is always a highlight for campers. Above right: Campers gather for vespers—an informal evening worship out at the cross— where youth contribute to the service by leading prayers, songs and benedictions.



LAST WEEKEND'S FALL YOUTH RETREAT FOCUSED ON EMOTIONS

'Emotion Commotion' was the title of this fall's overnight youth retreat- hosted by the Paddy Run Outdoor Ministry Committee- as peers delved into the topic of destructive emotions and behavior brought on by feelings such as jealousy, fear and anger.

Activities and Bible studies were geared at helping youth respond to their negative emotions in a more positive way- using cues from the Bible and prayer. Everyone kept a prayer journal for the weekend that they wrote in often. Skits illustrated how there are always more than one way to handle a situation, and youth were tasked with figuring out how Jesus would tackle many of these present day dilemmas.

A highlight for many of the participants was Saturday's candlelight processional to the cross as we remembered loved ones no longer with us. A memory quilt was made to commemorate those lost and to glorify the promise of our Risen Savior.

Thanks for reading!

-The Paddy Run Outdoor Ministry Committee



Above: Two youth enjoy the splendor of a fall afternoon at Paddy Run.

REMINDER: OPEN ALL YEAR!

Winter time is a great time to get away to Paddy Run. Be surrounded by scenic beauty while you enjoy the warmth of the woodstove from inside the lodge. Bring board games, cards, hot cocoa and lots of friends.

As always, reservations are made on a first- come, first-served basis.

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