



CAMP PADDY RUN

# News

PADDY RUN OUTDOOR MINISTRY COMMITTEE

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## YOUTH AT WINCHESTER FIRST LEND A HAND

Sunday, March 25th was unseasonably warm and sunny for a group of enthusiastic volunteers from Winchester First. Sixteen youth, from middle and high school, and eight adults made the most of this beautiful weather by getting back to nature.

The group's mission was to begin re-blazing hiking trails that encircle the entire 375 acres of Camp Paddy Run. It is by no means a small task, but the group made tremendous progress—transforming the meager dirt paths into a hiking super highway! Fallen trees were used to line the trail and volunteers pruned thorny outcroppings along the edge. Even the adults seemed to be enjoying themselves over the hum of their power tools!

The 'Perimeter Trail' as it's called was the vision of former camp director, Simon Scott. During his camping years, 1992-94, the trail was mapped out and blazed to follow along the camp's property line. All in all, it takes about 3 hours to walk the entire perimeter trail. There is still more work to do, so please consider making this a service project for your youth group or organization!

**Thank you, Winchester First,  
for blazing the way!**



*Above: A section of the blazed trail lined with fallen trees.*

*Below: When it comes to Paddy Run, there's always time for play.*



*Above: Youth and adults from Winchester First—still smiling despite a hard day's work.*





## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

### Better than Ever!....

#### Ongoing Improvements to Paddy Run will make for Happy Campers!

It was just last fall that the Paddy Run Outdoor Ministry (PROM) Committee had to report a leak in the camp's well system after struggling through a whole season without water. The setback hindered our enthusiastic group that was eager to welcome folks back to Paddy Run. We adapted with bottled water and port-o-johns, but the situation made it difficult to host the kind of programs we envisioned at our camp.

Now, it is with great joy that I can report that we are back up and running! The well has received a new pump and pipes, and the refurbished filters will reduce the iron and acidity, making the camp's water a high-quality drink! We are so grateful to Shirley Well Drilling of Stephenson for doing such a diligent job.

The well isn't the only improvement at the camp. The April work weekend focused on fixing up cabins 1 & 2— giving them a fresh coat of paint both inside and out as well as newly painted roofs. The bright and beautiful 'Hilltop Outpost' was officially named and awaits its summer visitors!

Another exceptional improvement is the upgrade of the lodge bathrooms. The downstairs showers and floors have been tiled and new fixtures have been added. Private donations and some volunteer labor funded this mass transformation... and if you remember what they looked like before, you won't believe your eyes now!

In the past year we've had groups from all over interested in the beautiful scenery and remote location that Paddy Run has to offer. Visitors are constantly amazed as they come back for a tour of the grounds, "I can't believe you have all this!" they often exclaim. That's exactly the way I feel.

If it's been some time since you visited Paddy Run, I encourage you to stop in and take a look around. The sprawling acres and limitless field



Above: The newly named 'Hilltop Outpost' boasts 2 freshly painted cabins, a picnic shelter and fire circle.

are ideal for all sorts of meaningful outdoor ministry programs. Simply being here in the midst of such a glorious creation, I feel closer to God than anywhere else.

Stop by and visit us during the Kickball Tournament, June 2-3rd. You don't have to stay for any of the events, but if you'd just like to take a look around, there will be committee members on hand to give you a tour!

I hope to see you all very soon!

Amy Tubbs  
Chair, PROM Committee



Above: PROM Committee Chairman, Amy Tubbs, helps rust coat the cabins during the April work weekend.



**We hope you can join us for a great weekend!**

The Youth Kickball Tournament and Campout weekend officially ushers in the summer season at Camp Paddy Run.

Saturday's Campout will provide a true outdoor camping experience— complete with a campfire-cooked dinner, S'mores and flashlight games. Also this year, the pool will be open and available for use, weather permitting. Sunday morning, a worship service will be held...where else? outdoors!

Sunday's tournament kicks off at 2pm. If you don't plan on staying over Saturday night, join us Sunday afternoon for the food, fun and prizes. There is no fee for this event, but registering ahead of time is required to help us get an accurate head count. There is more information on our website, [www.camppaddyrun.org](http://www.camppaddyrun.org)

## *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!*

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## Saying Goodbye to a Dear Friend

The PROM Committee joyfully congratulates our dear friend, Cheryl Duke, who has accepted a call to Russellville, Kentucky First Presbyterian.

Cheryl joined the Paddy Run Task Force in 2004 to help study the options for use of the camp. At the time, she had never even been to Paddy Run before, but her experience with Girl Scouts instilled a love of camping and the outdoors that made her want to be a part our mission. Cheryl has been an active member ever since, serving on the Paddy Run Review Group in 2005, and now as our Marketing Chair since 2006.

We will miss you, Cheryl!



Above: Paddy Run 's worship site. Below: The picnic shelter at Hilltop Outpost— an Eagle Scout project.



### OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE:

Here are some things that we could really use:

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 )

Basketball hoop and net: \$40, used item is OK )

Fire ring for Lodge area: \$250 is the catalogue price. ( However, one can be built with an extra large tire rim and grate. If you have these items, please contact us! )

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

### 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!