

Sawtooth Servants

Camp Perkins • Summer 2012



About Camp Perkins

Camp Perkins is in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area in the Sawtooth Mountains in central Idaho. Originally founded in 1955 by the Walther League, the LLL, and the LWML, Camp Perkins was built by volunteers using Lodgepole Pine Trees from the site to build the original 13 cabins, 2 showerhouses, and lodge. All of the original building still stand and are in use. All cabins have been renovated within the past few years, giving it a rustic feel, but still a very comfortable and clean atmosphere. In the 1990's, the Retreat Center was built, further opening winter use and providing comfortable "hotel-style" accommodations to people of all ages. Today Camp Perkins serves close to 3,500 people each year, including 1,300 people in their summer programs alone.

The camp sits on 10.3 acres of land, but is bordered by plenty of open space including meadows, streams, and mountains. Camp Perkins also sits on the shores of Lake Perkins, which is a public lake, but sees very little public use and does not allow motorized watercrafts. The swimming area, canoes, kayaks, sailboats, and water-toys allow for hours of waterfront enjoyment! Additionally, Camp offers mountain biking, archery, a climbing tower, and many other summer camp favorites! Camp Perkins is 20 miles south of Stanley, Idaho and 40 miles north of Sun Valley, Idaho.

On-site Servant Projects for 2012

- **Slash removal-** The area around our "Lake Field" is great for playing games like Capture the Flag and Eagle's Nest, but there are lots of downed trees and slash piles. We would like to clean up the area to make it even better!
- **Reforestation-** The pine beetle has devastated the Sawtooth Valley in recent years. The beetle population is now declining, but mostly because it has run out of trees to kill. In 2008, over 200 new trees were planted on camp with a very low mortality rate. In 2012, we hope to continue to plant new trees and replace the saplings that did not make it through winter.
- **Erosion control and trail maintenance-** Although rain is not very common in summer, the past few summers have brought several flash floods to camp that washed trails into the lake and caused flooding in several buildings. We hope to create natural trail features to help minimize the erosion that happens during storms while making walking the trails easier at the same time! We also hope to do some work rebuilding trails around cabins 7-11 and installing some steps.
- **Retreat Center Landscaping-** Our Retreat Center is in need of some help! We would like to clean up the area in the front of the Retreat Center and encourage some plants to grow. We have a hillside that has lots of rocks to be removed, a section of trail that could use some help, and placing some parking barriers to direct people where to park. There are steps to be straightened, gravel to spread, and a lot to be done!

Off-site Servant Projects for 2012

- **Projects with the Sawtooth National Forest-** We not only want to help keep Camp Perkins looking beautiful, but also keep the forest around us healthy. A variety of conservation and trail projects exist in the area just around camp. We hope each group will have a chance for at least one day to work with United States Forrest Service (USFS) personnel on a local project.
- **Volunteering at the Hunger Coalition** - Would you like to make a difference by feeding the hungry in the Hailey and Ketchum area? One day may include a trip to town to help at our local food bank, sorting food in the warehouse facility, entering data, organizing food drives, and so much more! They even have a huge garden to work in!
- **Other Human Care Projects-** Another option for a day in the Wood River Valley may be working with on another human care project. You may help at the Blaine County Senior Connection or assist at a home of a local family that needs help around their house!

Cost

- \$195/person for the week
- Rafting is an extra \$80/person for a full day rafting trip w/ lunch on the river (www.whitecloudrafting.com)
- Horseback riding is an extra \$35/person for a 90 minute trail ride or \$65/person for a Half-day ride. (www.mysticsaddleranch.com)
- Cost covers staying in cabins at Camp Perkins Sunday night though Thursday night, meals Sunday dinner though Friday lunch, and least 2 staff members dedicated to the group for the week, and a summer theme shirt for each participant!
- Staying beyond Friday or coming before Sunday for more recreation at Camp Perkins or in the Sawtooth Valley is possible, call for availability and prices.
- We can accommodate up 40 people each week!

Dates

- We will host LCMS Servant Events June 17-22 and July 8-13.
- Other dates may be available, please contact the Camp Office for more information.

Other Recreation Options

The Sawtooth Valley is home to endless recreation opportunities! From rafting and horseback riding to mountain biking, fishing, and hiking there is always something to do! Other options locally include old mining towns such as the Sawtooth City, the Yankee Fork Gold Dredge, and the town of Custer. Backpacking may be an option depending on our other scheduled Ridges trips and group size.

Tentative Schedule of Events

This is a basic schedule highlighting the major events of the day. The servants will participate in daily camp life including camp games, activities, and campfire when not doing group specific activities.

Sunday

Check-in and orientation
Group building

Monday

Group building
On-site project

Tuesday

Service project in the Wood River Valley
Plan and lead Campfire

Wednesday

On-site project

Thursday

Recreation Trip!
Trip to Stanley Park

Friday

Depart for home!

For More Information

Visit our Web-site at www.CampPerkins.org! For answers to other, contact the camp office at 208-788-0897 or info@campperkins.org.