

CAMP JUNE 5-11, 2011

Episcopal Diocese of Kansas
Youth Ministries



Hold on tight! Something new for 2011.

Our diocese has provided a high quality summer camp experience for young people for many years now at Camp Wood YMCA in Kansas' beautiful Flint Hills. Our commitment to offering excellent programming at affordable prices has led us to consider some new scheduling options for 2011. We were excited to learn that with Camp Wood's recently added lodging and facilities, it would be possible to hold all three of our camp sessions during the same week!

So for one full week in 2011, campers from the Diocese of Kansas will have Camp Wood all to themselves! We're calling it "Mega" camp. It will provide students in grades 3 through 12 an exciting new camp experience with the same high quality that parents and campers have come to expect from the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas. Imagine Camp Wood full of 250 Episcopal campers and staff. We can't wait!

This flyer will help answer questions about this new camp experience for campers and their parents. Please read carefully, and don't hesitate to contact the Youth Missioner with further questions. You also can contact the youth minister or clergy at your local parish.

"Mega" camp highlights

- Individual program, schedule, and activities for grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12
- Both individual worship experiences and opportunity for all ages to join together in worship
- Separate lodging facilities for grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12
- Adult staff for each age group
- More than 50 adult staff members including Clergy Chaplains and Registered Nurses
- Exciting activities: horseback riding, climbing tower, water sports, and more
- Age appropriate religious education and faith formation
- One drop off/pickup time for all age groups

frequently asked questions

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Why the big change?

As costs to schedule three different camp sessions have gone up, to keep a balanced budget we'd have to greatly increase camp fees – and we didn't want to do that. As we looked for options, this one excited us the most. We love the idea of a camp FULL of Episcopal campers and the energy that experience will bring to everyone involved.

Will having different age groups at camp at the same time take away from a camper's experience with their peers?

Not at all. Episcopal camps have shared Camp Wood with other groups for many years, so our campers are used to having others in camp with them. But this time, they'll be sharing the camp with people from their own church, or others in the diocese, or even with their own family.

Will each group have its own program and activities?

Yes. Each age group will have its own program director, chaplain and nurse, as well as its own religious education program and worship. In addition, each age group will have its own scheduled activities, including horseback riding, climbing tower, water sports and others. We will always maintain an age-appropriate experience for everyone involved.

Does Camp Wood have sufficient lodging?

Yes. Camp Wood has nearly 300 beds in three separate lodging areas or "villages" on the camp site. We'll have plenty of room for everyone!

Where will each age group sleep?

Final arrangements will be made in the spring, but we plan to assign each age group to one of the three "villages" or lodging areas on the camp property. We'll use the same red cabins we've always used, plus newer lodging, too.

What happens if we outgrow the camp's capacity for a 1-week camp session?

If we grow beyond 300 campers and staff in one week, we'll need to add extra weeks as we've done in the past. We hope that will happen! It means more kids will be experiencing our camp program!

How can I register or get more information?

Registrations and more details will be available at your local parish and on the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas Youth Ministry website. The address is listed below. Parishes will receive more information about camp in coming months, but in the meantime, get the dates for Mega camp on your calendar now!

