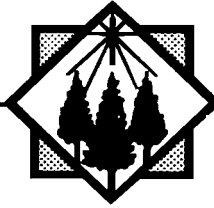


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## Summer 2003: *Discovering God's Greatest Treasure*

Wow! How great a summer did we have at Camp Gray?! Marvelous summer days and nights were filled with swimming, archery, arts and crafts, horse rides, stream hikes, Frisbee golf, canoeing, the Virginia Reel, raspberry picking, canoeing, slip n' sliding, campfires, tower climbing, gift extravaganzas, Capture the Flag, devotions, laughing, singing. . .hang on for a second while we catch our breath! After all, Camp Gray turned fifty this year, too.

We explored the theme of God's Greatest Treasure, and learned that His greatest treasure is us. We also learned to share our treasure, our gifts and talents, with each other. Thank you everyone for sharing your treasure this summer!

Fall brings cooler temperatures and a different set of programs. Read inside about our Environmental Stewardship Program for schools and about the brand-new Voyageur Expedition program for families and groups.

Check out our the tentative schedule for summer 2004 on page 7. Next summer promises to be even better! Look for applications in November's mail. Returning and waiting list campers, please call if you haven't received yours by December 1.

*From the athletic field to the tower—Camp Gray's got the power!*

*Trailblazer girls offer up their cabin gift during Friday Mass.*

*Way to make it over the gable! Campers are able to challenge themselves at the tower.*

*They're not superheroes but they're close. Michelle and Kristen are part of Camp Gray's super summer staff!*

**Inside: Capital Campaign  
Update! (pages 4&5)**

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## A few words from the director's desk. . .

The word of the day for me is "gratitude." In many ways, gratitude is something I feel more intensely during the fall. I'm grateful for a summer with record camper enrollment (at a time when many camps saw a drop in enrollment due to the sluggish economy), happy campers and parents, relatively cool weather, no serious injuries, wonderful staff, and significant faith growth. After such a busy, exciting summer, I'm grateful for the slower pace of autumn, with a chance for a family vacation, as well as the opportunity to reflect on what I've learned in the past year. I'm grateful for the cooler days of this season, as well as the beautiful colors.

I'm grateful for my wife, CW, and my children, Maggie and Christopher, who share constant love and encouragement with me, even during those long, busy days of summer when I'm not as available to them as I'd like to be. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve with a group of talented, dedicated, resourceful, fun colleagues – the staff of this camp. I'm grateful for the chance to live and work on this beautiful, holy piece of God's creation.

I'm grateful for those who, through their vision, hard work, financial gifts, and advocacy, have built this camp into the thriving ministry that it is today. This includes, by the way, our current families and supporters (that's YOU!). I'm grateful for the generosity of so many of you toward our "Live Out Loud" capital campaign, which is off to a great start (see article on page 4), and to our annual fund drive to support camper scholarships and yearly camp improvements. I'm grateful for God's blessing of Camp Gray's first 50 years of ministry, and look with excitement toward the blessing and challenge of the years ahead.

In a special way I'm grateful for the service of Melanie Carter Pfeil, who, after 6 years of service as camp's Associate Director, will be stepping down at the end of the year as she and Scott, her husband, welcome a daughter into their family (another reason to be grateful!). This doesn't mean we won't see Melanie around, though – she'll be working part-time this winter and spring to shepherd our "Live Out Loud" campaign to a successful conclusion. Thank you, Melanie, for serving Camp Gray with such dedication and passion!

I'm grateful to Joe Van Tassel, who volunteered with us last year and has served on our summer staff for the past four summers. Joe is stepping into the role of Assistant Director, and is anxious to learn and grow in his new role.

Enjoy the autumn, and take some time to make an assessment of those things for which you are grateful. Bye for now!

## . . .and a few musings from Mel

To my dear Camp Gray family,

This October we celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pope John Paul, II's papacy. One of the things I love best about "Il Papa" is his love, dedication, and challenge to youth. He constantly reminds us that Christ is counting on us to live lives of passion, depth, and holiness, not giving into the temptation to compromise our faith or "do what it takes to get by." He wants our ALL. Christ wants our all.

The past six years as Associate Director of Camp Gray, I've been constantly challenged to give my all. As camp has grown, it seems that I have been on constant contact with some sort of "baptism by fire." It hasn't been a comfortable time in my life, yet it has been one of the best seasons of my life. Giving my all has been different each day, and it has brought with it a richness of living. I am constantly blessed to be a part of this community.

As I move on to a new season of growth and challenge, I am at peace knowing that Camp Gray is in the most capable hands: God's hands. The board of director's hands. The staff's hands. The volunteers' hands. I can't think of a more rewarding way to finish up my official work at camp than by wrapping up our first capital campaign. It has been a real leap of faith for the board and staff, an opportunity and a challenge to reach out and ask for help, and a wonderful builder of relationships. It is yet another "baptism by fire."

Phil and I often tease each other about being the babies of our respective families, and "attention seekers." Oh, how I love to be in the spotlight. As I continue to "grow up," I continue to be called into more background roles. Soon I'll be joining the ranks of some of those wonderful people that I've been working with on our campaign: alumni and camper parents, in the role of support staff, stage-hand, or whatever title seems to fit. It is an honor to join them. Scott and I are eagerly looking forward to taking on the new roles of "mommy" and "daddy," too!

Thank you for your friendship and support as we begin this new season of our lives. Camp will never be far from our hearts.

With Gratitude, Mel

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## Wish List

**Camp Gray is committed to thinking "out of the box" to meet our growing facility and program needs in the most cost-effective way possible. If you or someone you know has access to a new or used version, or the professional connections to give one of the wishes listed below, please let us know. We appreciate your generosity!**

***SPECIAL REQUEST* - a 7 passenger MINIVAN to help our vehicle fleet match our current needs. Please consider Camp Gray if you are looking to donate or sell your old minivan.**

- Scholarships for low-income campers
- Full-sized truck
- Roof replacement: St. Patrick Cabin
- 4' Banquet Tables
- Card table & chairs
- Vacuum cleaner (bagless)
- Card table & chairs
- DVD player (2)
- Reseat windows: St. Vincent Retreat Center
- Resurface basketball court
- New exterior doors
- Paint
- Arts & crafts supplies
- Sports equipment
- Picnic tables
- Brooms
- Dust pans
- 4-Drawer dressers (5)
- Rubbermaid tubs
- Tupperware for kitchen

**Parents! If you would like to receive periodic updates and reminders by email of the happenings of camp (like when the brochure is sent out,) send your name and email address to: [joe@campgray.com](mailto:joe@campgray.com)**

# Program Highlight:

## Voyageur Expeditions: Bringing Families to the Wilderness

Have you ever wanted to try out backpacking and backcountry camping, but didn't know where to begin? Well, starting this fall, Camp Gray has the answer. Camp now offers guided wilderness trips for families and groups over long-weekends in the spring and fall.

These trips are designed to teach skills like low-impact camping, outdoor cooking, and wilderness survival, as well as simply introducing people to the beauty of backpacking in pristine old-growth forest. They offer a chance to grow together as a family or group as well.

Camp provides all the group gear like

*This group is ready to hit the Porkies!*

stoves, tents, filters, and food, and much of the personal gear including backpacks, sleeping bags and sleeping pads.

The first trip, led over the weekend of September 20th, was a huge success. Three families went on the trip and enjoyed a fabulous weekend in the Porcupine Mountains in da U.P., visiting places like Shining Cloud Falls and camping along the shores of Lake Superior.

We are excited to be offering more trips coming up this spring. The dates for these trips are:

- April 29th - May 2nd

- May 13th - 16th

Call camp at 1-800-711-4729 or email [joe@campgray.com](mailto:joe@campgray.com) if you are interested in learning more.

*Reba and Casey are ready for the trail in the Porcupine Mountains.*

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## Alumni Antics:

### Calling All Alumni!

The Alumni Association was created to maintain the connection between alumni and the Camp Gray community, to celebrate the history and tradition of camp, and to serve as a guide for the future stewardship of Camp Gray.

Camp Gray's 50th Anniversary Celebration at Founder's Day was a blast due to the hard work of many alumni. Camp Gray invites all former campers and staff to join to make the next fifty years at camp just as special as the past fifty.

#### Mark your Calendar for:

**Annual Alumni Meeting: October 25 - 10:00am—2:00pm**

At Camp Gray. We'll be discussing alumni business and carving pumpkins! RSVP Joe Van Tassel at [joe@campgray.com](mailto:joe@campgray.com) or 1-800-711-4729.

Look for Alumni Updates in the Spring Newsletter!

### The Camp Gray Alumni Association needs YOU!

**Help us reconnect with former staff and campers.** Contact Joy Bauman with names/addresses/phone numbers/email of Camp Gray alumni to update our database and mailing list.

Joy Bauman  
[joybjoyful@yahoo.com](mailto:joybjoyful@yahoo.com)  
608-836-9548

**To receive periodic information about camp and alumni events via email,** send your email address to Jon Dooley to be a part of our yahoo group: [jon.dooley@marquette.edu](mailto:jon.dooley@marquette.edu)

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# *Live out Loud!*

## **Your Chance to help Camp Gray change lives for another 50 years**

Camp Gray celebrated its 50th anniversary this summer. While this milestone was a time for looking back and reminiscing about all the songs, the laughter, the friendships, and the joy that has occurred on this holy ground over the years, it was also a time to look to the future and to work to ensure that camp will thrive for another fifty years.

Why should we be concerned with the future of camp? Well, camp is a place where youth feel safe to be themselves. It is a place where faith and fun are fused together. It is a place where the staff live the values they teach. It is a place where who you are is treasured over what you wear. It is a place where serving others is valued more than looking out for number one. It is a place where campers can take these lessons learned and apply them as they become the new leaders of the church. Camp Gray is indeed a holy place.

The *Live Out Loud* Capital Campaign arose in order to continue the important ministry of Camp Gray. While the Spirit is strong and alive at camp, many of the facilities are beginning to show their age. While kindling the personal and spiritual growth of campers and staff, camp has also experienced significant growth in these fifty years. Though well-maintained, key buildings like the dining hall and office are on the verge of falling apart from years of traffic. The campaign will remedy this situation.

Camp Gray is a ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Madison but is financially independent. We support our operations solely on camper fees, rental fees, and donations, and this campaign marks the first major capital campaign in camp's fifty-year history. Read the campaign update for a report on our progress.

We exhort our campers to "live out loud" - to share their faith in a way that shines forth the love of Christ. We encourage you to live out loud as well by making a pledge to the campaign. Your prayers and your pledge will ensure that Camp Gray will change children's lives for another 50 years.

*The staff serve as the catalyst for the Holy Spirit at Camp.*

### **Campaign Update:**

Thanks to the generosity of many supporters, the *Live Out Loud* Campaign is nearly at the halfway point of our goal of two million dollars.

The campaign has been buoyed in particular by the donation of several major gifts including: the entire cost of the Chapel construction from an anonymous donor, a new staff house from Gorman & Co., a new maintenance building from the Cleary family, the electrical work for the new office and dining hall from Krantz Electric, and all the site work from Terra Engineering & Construction. The Ken and Diane Ballweg family, the Dan and Marcia Smith family, and the Catholic Knights have also contributed prominent gifts.

While we have highlighted these leading donations, please take time to recognize all those who have contributed to the campaign. All of our campaign donors are listed on page seven. Every donation is valued and we thank all our donors for their generosity!

It is certainly an exciting and time here at Camp Gray. We are thrilled with the progress achieved thus far in the campaign, but there is still a long way to go. Please read on to learn more about how you can contribute to this effort.

**Please pray for the success of the Capital Campaign.**

# Capital Campaign

## Many Ways to Serve. . .

We hope that you are as excited as we are about the future of Camp Gray. Camp will continue to be a place where people come to learn and share their vibrant faith for years to come, and it will have the appropriate buildings and facilities to meet this vital need. In order to bring this vision to reality, we need your support. Fortunately, there are many ways that you can support the capital campaign.

First, the most direct way you can support the campaign is through a pledge. Pledges may be made over a five year period or as a one-time donation. There are a number of recognition opportunities (*listed right*) available for different sized donations. A pledge card is included in this mailing and more information is available on the next page. Please prayerfully consider the amount you can contribute, and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

Here are some other ways you can contribute to the campaign:

- Please come to a cultivation event to learn more about the mission and needs of camp. If you are interested in coming to an event, contact Mel at mel@campgray.com.
- Speak with grandparents, other family members, friends, etc. and ask for their support. Consider a Family gift where each generation of the family contributes a portion of the donation.
- Have your employer match a donation if you work for a company with an employee gift-matching program.
- Donate in-kind gifts such as construction materials or furnishings.
- Help us make connections with businesses, organizations, or foundations that have the potential desire to support Camp Gray.
- Pray for the success of the campaign!

## Recognition Opportunities

Camp offers many recognition opportunities as a chance to honor your gift to the capital campaign. These recognitions can serve as a means to:

- Memorialize a loved one in the family
- Teach your children about philanthropy
- Leave a lasting reminder of your commitment to Camp Gray

Below is an abridged list of the recognition opportunities offered. Please pay special attention to the highlighted items in the \$500-\$2,500 range. A complete listing of all the recognition opportunities can be found on our website at [www.campgray.com](http://www.campgray.com).

### Recognition Opportunities Listing

Dining Hall/Office Complex	
<b>Table</b>	<b>\$2,500 ea.</b>
<b>Chair</b>	<b>\$500 ea.</b>
Chapel	
Tabernacle	\$7,500
Crucifix	\$5,000
<b>Walkway Bricks</b>	<b>\$1,000 ea.</b>
<b>Standard/Net (4)</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>

*"We are honored to recognize our children and Sylvia's mother who passed away by naming Chapel walkway bricks after them. This camp and what it does mean a lot to us." - Wayne Miller, Camper Parent*

## Capital Campaign and Annual Fund

Camp Gray is still conducting its annual fund drive in order to pay for many of the day-to-day operating expenses of camp and to keep our camper fees as low as possible. The boxes below compare the two types of gifts. Please consider giving in this way as well.

### Capital Campaign Donations

- Used for large capital projects like the new dining hall/office complex, new chapel or new staff housing.
- First time occurrence

### Annual Fund Donations

- Used for smaller expenses like vehicle purchase, a new compressor for the cooler, or camper scholarships.
- Annual appeal

*Campers and staff are Living out Loud at camp - sharing fun and faith together.*

# \$ 796,853.72 raised so far, and still going. . .

## Thousands of lives changed. And still going!

*"At least for our daughter, the ways [Camp Gray] presents the topics or themes reaches her in a way we can't at home or at church."*

*- Camper Parent*

### Camp Gray 101: The Essentials

#### HISTORY

- Founded in 1953 by Monsignor Francis Gray
- Incorporated by the Diocese of Madison in 1968
- Accredited by the American Camping Association since 1995.

#### FINANCES

- Fiscally sound with a balanced budget history
- Camp Gray is financially supported entirely by fees and donations
- Increase in revenue 474% since 1993

#### ENROLLMENT

- Increase in the number of campers by 76% (to maximum capacity) since 1993
- Launched six new summer programs since 1993.
  - Explorers—focus on community as the group lives in the woods, cooks their own food, and does their own activities in Explorer village. (*Grades 10-11*)
  - Voyageurs—wilderness canoeing and backpacking trips off camp (*Grades 8-12*)
  - Pioneers—half week introduction to camp (*Grades 1-2*)
  - Ranch—equestrian program with a Western feel (yee haw!) (*Grades 7-11*)
  - Counselors-in-Training—leadership development for young adults (*Grade 12*)
  - Family Camp—camp session for the whole family over Labor day weekend.
- Facilities booked on weekends all year long

#### STAFF AND MINISTRY

- Increased from one full-time staff member in 1993 to ten full-time equivalent staff members in 2003; four are full-time volunteer program specialists
- Since 1997, 26 of 67 summer staff college graduates have served at least one full year in full-time volunteer programs; 30 now work full time in ministry.

**Online Auction!** - Coming up in June/July, Camp Gray is hosting an online auction with [www.wkowntv.com](http://www.wkowntv.com) under the heading "charity." We are looking for items like gift certificates, antiques, services, and art, to list a few. If you have any items you would like to donate, email Tricia at [tricia@campgray.com](mailto:tricia@campgray.com). Watch the Spring newsletter for more information!

### Campaign Timeline

#### Phase I

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Staff House	\$145,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Shed	\$70,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Dining Hall/Office	\$832,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapel	\$223,000
	<u>\$1,270,000</u>

#### Phase II

<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/Roads	\$100,000
<input type="checkbox"/> New Retreat Lodge	\$170,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Upgrades to Current Lodges	\$100,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Initiate Endowment	\$50,000
	<u>\$420,000</u>

#### Phase III

<input type="checkbox"/> Replace Helen Hall	\$100,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Second Staff House	\$145,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Second Phase of the Endowment	\$65,000
	<u>\$310,000</u>

**TOTAL** \$2,000,000

*"They don't stop talking about their experiences for at least a week, except when they sleep."*

*- Camper Parent*

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*We would like to thank all those who made a commitment to the Live out Loud! Capital Campaign. Every donation is appreciated and valued. God bless you all. Please support us with your prayers as well!*

## Welcome New Team Members!

Announcements, Announcements, Announcements! Camp Gray has a new group of volunteer program specialists.

Britt Cochran joins us from Baton Rouge, Louisiana via the mountains of North Carolina, where she graduated from Brevard College in 2002 with a degree in Organizational Leadership and Outdoor Education. Britt's servant heart is apparent in her favorite quote: "...Keep me ready to help others at some cost to myself...and so grow more like Christ" (part of a Camp Kahdalea Prayer.)

Jeff Hoeben hails from all over the place (most recently from Alaska!) and graduated last December from Xavier University with a degree in Organizational Communication. He discovered camp through a Camp Gray Nalgene water bottle he saw at a Youth Rally in Cleveland, OH.

Erin Koehler, from Bloomington, Illinois, is a 2003 graduate of Loyola University of Chicago with a degree in Theatre. At Loyola, Erin sang the national anthem at Wrigley field for a nationally-televised Cubs game as part of an a cappella group. We're blessed to have her and her beautiful voice with us this year.

Luke Smith joins us from West Des Moines, Iowa and served as a camp counselor here this summer. Well known around camp for "whooping it up," Luke graduated from Loyola University of Chicago with a degree in Theatre as well. His thespian training shows in his favorite quote from Shakespeare: "A coward dies a thousand deaths, the valiant taste death but once."

The team has been as busy as ever, facilitating Confirmation retreats, leadership retreats, and leading groups in the Environmental Stewardship Program (*see right*). We're thankful to have such an energetic and committed team for this ministry!

*Retreat Team: Britt Cochran, Jeff Hoeben, Erin Koehler, Luke Smith, and Brad Feider (Program Director)*

## Program Highlight:

### ESP: Teaching Students about God's Incredible Creation

The Environmental Stewardship Program at Camp Gray offers an environmental education from a Catholic faith perspective. Designed especially for grades 5-7, it uses such activities as exploratory hikes, eco-rotations, games, and prayer experiences to help students deepen their wonder, awe, and love for God's creation.

Over 500 students participated in ESP retreats last year and our retreat team is itch-

Don't forget to mention Environmental Stewardship to your Catholic or Christian School Principal!

*Top: In "May the Forest be with You," teachers and students examine the effects of forest management.*

*Left: Britt and a group of students do battle with some "Alien Invaders," a.k.a. exotic species.*

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## Tentative Summer Schedule 2004

SESSION	DATES	PROGRAMS
1	June 13-18	Sett, TB, PF, Explorers, Voy.I canoe
2	June 20-25	Pio (girls), Sett, TB, PF, Ranch I, Voy.II canoe
3	June 27 - Jul 2	Sett, TB, PF, Explorers, CIT (3 week)
4	July 6-9	**shorter session** Sett, TB, Adv. Ranch, Voy.II (2 week)*
5	July 11-16	Sett, TB, PF, Explorers (2 week)**
6	July 18-23	Sett, TB, PF, Ranch II, CIT (3 week)
7	July 25-30	Sett, TB, PF (2 wk option), Explorer, Voy.I (boy hike)
8	Aug. 1-6	Pio (boys) Sett, TB, Ranch I (girls), Voy II hike
9	August 8-13	Sett, TB, PF, Ranch I, Voy I (girl hike)

**Program Descriptions:** (*abbreviations in parentheses*)

**Pioneer Program (Pio):** grades 1-2; 3 days and 2 nights; Sun. – Tues. or Wed. – Fri.

**Settler Program (Sett):** grades 2-5, traditional camp program

**Trailblazer Program (TB):** grades 6-8, traditional camp program with new activity options like mountain biking, tower climbing and horseback riding lessons

**Pathfinder Program (PF):** grades 8-10

**Ranch Program:** grades 7-8; **Ranch II:** grades 9-10 (Advanced Ranch must have Ranch I or II or advanced skills)

**Explorer Program:** grades 10-11. (\*\*Expoyageurs spend their first week as an explorer and second week on a voyageur sampler trip: mountain biking, canoeing, and hiking.)

**Voyageur I (VoyI):** Trips for grades 8-9. Look for the all boy/all girl hiking trips

**Voyageur II (VoyII):** Trips for grades 11-12; runs Saturday to Friday (dates listed are Sun to Fri.) \*\*NEW - 2 week trip focusing on leadership

**Counselors-In-Training (CIT) Program:** grade 12; 3-week leadership program offered sessions 3-5 and sessions 6-8, excluding weekends. Special application required.

## Camper section:

- ✂ We here at camp love to hear testimonials about how Camp Gray has affected your life. If you have written anything for school or for yourself about what camp means to you and would like to share it, please email us at [joe@campgray.com](mailto:joe@campgray.com) and tell your story.
- ✂ Do you miss that feeling about your faith you had during your week at camp? Stay on fire with the weekly email devotion. Send an email to [brad@campgray.com](mailto:brad@campgray.com) if you would like to sign up.

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St. Francis Xavier, St. Ignatius and Holy Redeemer, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph's CCW, St. Peters Ladies Guild, St. Raphael Cathedral, St. Joseph of Baraboo.

### Thank you to the chaplains and health care managers of 2003.

Thank you for blessing us with your time and talents. We appreciate you!

Priests: Fr. Larry Bakke, Fr. Paul Ugo Arinze, Fr. Micahel Resop, Fr. Bart Timmerman, Fr. Felix Oehrlein, Fr. Jason Hesseling, Fr. John Hedrick, Fr. Michael Richel, and Fr. Randy Timmerman

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## **Please Pray For:**

\*World leaders, for humility and guidance, and a true desire to work for peace and justice.

\*Our Church, for healing, reconciliation, and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to cleanse and enliven her members.

\*Young men and women to answer the call to a vocation to priesthood and religious life with an enthusiastic YES, and for the support resources for them to live this vocation to its fullest measure.

\*Camp Gray, in thanksgiving for the beautiful, safe place to grow in friendship and faith.

\*Campers and their families, for continued spiritual growth.

\*The success of the Capital Campaign - that Camp Gray will be able to touch the lives of children for another 50 years.

\*Camp Gray's board and leadership for wisdom in decision making.

\*Successful recruitment of faith-filled young adults to serve as Camp Gray staff and volunteers.

## **Luke 22:26 Volunteer of the Year: Chad Bauer**

*"Let the greatest among you be as the youngest, the leader as the servant."*

Our servant of the year in 2002 is Chad Bauer. Chad was a counselor here in 1998 - 1999 and has been an active member of the camp family ever since. Chad was extraordinarily generous with his time during the summer of 2002 as he volunteered at camp every Sunday to assist with check-in and then help the kitchen crew cook dinner. He is currently working as the youth minister for St. Francis Xavier Parish in Cross Plains. We are eternally grateful for his heart of service.

### **Mark your calendar:**

**Saturday - October 25:** Camp Gray Alumni Association Meeting

10:00 am—2:00 pm at Camp Gray  
Contact: Joe Van Tassel 1-800-711-4729

**April 29th - May 2nd:** Voyageur Expedition Trip  
Contact: Joe Van Tassel at joe@campgray.com

**Saturday - May 8th:** Camp Gray Day of Service  
Bring your tools, families, and helping hands to assist the Alumni Association and staff in preparing Camp Gray for summer! (We might have a little fun, too.) :)

**Sunday - May 9th:** Camp Gray open house for prospective campers (11am—2pm)

**May 13th - 16th:** Voyageur Expedition Trip  
Contact: Joe Van Tassel at joe@campgray.com

## **Wish List Answers**

**Thank you for helping us find creative ways to reuse items, for securing donations from your workplaces, and for offering to purchase needed items for camp! These are items from our wish list that have been donated to camp:**

**Scholarships for low income campers  
Pentium computers  
Lawn mower  
Roof on St. William  
Exterior doors  
VCR  
Craft supplies  
Sports equipment**

**(We apologize if any gifts or givers have been inadvertently left out.)**