

NOVEMBER 1st, 2009 Camp Updates:

1. Chop! Chop!
2. 5,382 Bushels/161 Tons
3. ABC Award
4. Military- Support our troops
5. Donors / Volunteers Groups
6. Revenue generating & expense reduction committee

1. **☐He who cuts his own wood is twice warmed☐** We had our best Lumberjack turnout ever and all our woodsheds were filled for the winter. Those who chopped, cut, stacked, split, hauled, sawed etc include: Anchor Point & Trinity E Free youth from Wabasha & Plainview, Marty Luhmann, Rusty Fiek, John Regehr, Wayne-Tracy-Brandon-Brogun Pollock, Robert-Jason-Steve Mallan, Deny D☐Jock, Roger Langworthy, Steve Greene, Connie Jensen, Garrett-Michael Springer, Dawn Zollman, John Kleeberger, Norman Hemerick, Sam Jones, Mark, Lisa and Isaac White, Larry Knutson and several IBMers. Our retreat groups and visitors will be warmed by these fires all winter long.
2. **5,382 Bushels/161 Ton:** You know ☐Sow a Seed and Reap a Harvest☐. A bountiful harvest I might say. We have several generous farmers and Ag related businesses who give their time, tilling, seeds, fertilizer, combining, hauling and drying. Last week, John Steele called and said they were coming to harvest the corn. Hoping for five semi truck loads, we got eight! We were so abundantly blessed with a check for \$18,000. God gives the increase, doesn't He? Thank you. John, Chris, and Matt Steele, Dave Erickson, Sargeant Grain Elevator (Don Larson), Larry Larson, Central Coop, Laures farms, and Jackie Stoeckel.
3. **ABC Award.** Ability Building Center. **The Mission of ABC** is to improve the quality of life in Southern Minnesota by providing rehabilitation and employment services for persons with disabilities and other special needs. For the past year, we have hired ABC people to clean the Miracle Lodge each week. We were honored to have been chosen to receive the EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD at their banquet. I called **ABC - Awesome Bunch of Cleaners!**
4. **Military -Operation Welcome Home:** Our new 2010 color brochure is on the website or can be mailed to you. We are grateful for all the sponsors. **Major Sponsor:** Tee it Up For the Troops! **Generous sponsors:** Minnesota Jaycees (Baskets filled with goodies & funds), Daughters of American Revolution (DAR), Blue Star Mothers of America, DAV Chapter Mayo #28, Chaplain Buddy Winn, Ivan Stringer Post 164, Tom & Catharine Miller, UPS, Quilts of Valor, SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS, CHURCHES AND FAMILIES. 2010 Dates: April 30-May1, May 7-9 and Sept, 17-19. We will also be hosting Operation Military Kids camp next summer.
5. **October Donors:** IBM employees fund, Moore foundation-Indianapolis,IN, Tee It Up For The Troops, Warren/Ann Lopour, Arlen/Joanne Heathman, Scott/Daisy Forsberg, John/Jodene Avant, Mark/Julie Place, Mike/Luann Olson, United Way, Steve Lenius, Glenn/Lorriane Ryberg, Ruth/Dale Fiek, Richard/Delores Nelson, Cornerstone Baptist Church/Mesquite, TX, Lighthouse Community Church, Rosemount, MN, American Express, Helen Davey, Darlean

Ploeger, Jean Bardwell, First Presbyterian Church/Hayfield, MN, Grace E Free Church/Stewartville, MN, Robert/Debra Anderson-Kinnelon, NJ, Dave/Joann Runkel, St Paul Jaycees, Ferman/Doris Lanning, Rochester Area Foundation.
TOTAL AMOUNT: \$4,688.84

IN KIND DONATIONS: Nearly new Golf Cart-Shjon Podein Children's Foundation, Bevis Rope/Atlanta, GA (new towrope for snow tubing), Big Red Chair/Tami and Steve, Farm Equipment/Charles Bishop, Davies Printing, RSC □ rental Equipment, McNeilus Steel. A&A Underground trenching. Jason Davis & Associates (BBQ/furniture) TOTAL AMOUNT: \$5,800.00

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS: All the Lumberjacks, IBMers. 75 people/410 estimated hours.

6. **Revenue generating & expense reduction committee:** It seems we are always wanting and asking for more and more. I believe there should be a balance of wanting, asking, growing and living within our means. We really don't have this committee, but then again all of us should be committed to be good stewards of what we are given and maybe need to be more CONTENT with what God provides. God supplies our needs in the most amazing ways from the generosity and sacrifice of so many. Having said that, of course, we continue to share our needs, fund raise, seek grants, and are always looking for funds to pay our bills, see our ministry grow as well as sustain what we have been given. Let's all strive to be more CONTENT and COUNT OUR BLESSINGS.

HAPPY THANKGIVING. Oh give thanks unto the Lord for He is good!

Spreading joy - changing lives
Bob Bardwell