Appendix C-2a Montgomery Center Spring 2022 Report



Montgomery Center Welcoming All

PRESBYTERY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

MAY 3, 2022

We are excited! We are excited that Presbytery is once again meeting at Montgomery after a 30 month absence due to Covid. We are excited to welcome you! Come, see what improvements have been made over the past 30 months. Come, take a tour before the meeting or after the meeting, we are excited to show off the improvements made possible by your support.

We are excited to welcome Nora Corbett to our staff as our Interim Program Director. Nora grew up at the Weirsdale church; spent summers at Montgomery as camper and counselor; then went to Camp Albemarle in NC. Nora brings much enthusiasm and we look forward to a great summer under her leadership. Nora's husband, Jesse, will be our summer activity director. Both are certified in all the activities we offer and they are also certified in tree climbing -- a new activity may be coming to Montgomery.

We are excited about our first Presbytery Youth retreat, Light the Fire, happening April 29- May1. Our keynoter and music leader were center stage for Montreat last summer. We are excited about the opportunity to do this type of programming through a grant from the Presbytery.

We are excited as summer approaches and we are introducing several new camps. We have a Wild Water Adventure Camp, a Service Camp, and bringing back an old faithful, the Night Owl camp for our middle and high school aged campers. Registration is open now and our summer staff reports the week of May 22 to get ready for an awesome summer exploring God's good creation and sharing in the joy of summer at camp.

We are excited as many groups are discovering Montgomery. We continue to reach out to the local community as we host both the Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club each week for breakfast. We welcome the local DAR for their monthly luncheon. We hosted an international tree climbing group with folks from all over the world climbing in our trees. It seemed everywhere one looked, someone was up a tree. They helped do some needed maintenance on our High Ropes challenge course. We hosted a Friday Fish Fry each week during Lent and welcomed around 60 folks each Friday evening. We now host RV's and have 5 beautiful spaces available. So everyone, come and spend a few days at Montgomery. We are already booking groups for 2023 so reserve your date for the fall 2022 and spring 2023 for a church retreat, picnic, meeting, or just a sabbatical in God's good creation.

We are excited about all the volunteer help we are receiving from the churches. Every 3rd Friday of each month is a volunteer work day around the camp. We have so much to do and we appreciate all the help we can get. It doesn't have to be on the 3rd Friday of each month, just call John at 850-339-7559 and tell him when you are coming out to help and what skills you bring. We need painters, electricians, plumbers, roofers, and just general help. Come one, come all, and enjoy God's beautiful creation at Montgomery.