



this is *Whispering Winds*

WHISPERING WINDS CATHOLIC CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

SUMMER / FALL 2007

Celebrating God's Faithfulness

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, They fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou forever will be.*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

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If there is one thing we can hold to be unfailingly true, it is the faithfulness of God. *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever* (Heb. 13:8). No matter what inconsistency and change happens in our daily lives, the Lord remains steadfast: eternally loving and eternally merciful. He is our foundation, unmoving and secure.

In the beginning of 2007, we offered this year to God for ministry according to His will. As we close our program season, we celebrate the path Jesus walked with us for the greater glory of God. Every human experiences the call to stretch, to grow, to take risks, and to trust that He will remain faithful through our successes and our failures. This year, the Lord brought His people to the mountain to reveal His glory. He sent us forth, refreshed and renewed, so we will shine brightly, and attract more people to Him

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Heb. 10:23-24).

WHISPERING WINDS CALENDAR

WWWA Fall Reflection	Nov. 12, 2007
Thanksgiving	Nov. 22, 2007
Diocesan Confirmation Retreat	Dec. 7-9, 2007
Staff Day of Fasting & Prayer	Jan. 8, 2008
Diocesan Confirmation Retreat	Feb. 22-24, 2008
WWWA General Meeting	Mar. 15, 2008
CCCA Conference	Mar. 17-19, 2008
Dinner Dance Gala & Auction	April 5, 2008
Women's Retreat	May 2-4, 2008
Summer Programs	June - July 2008
Phone-a-thon	July 2008
Please see inside for more information...	

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY PRESENTS...

A Fall Evening of Reflection

Monday, November 12, 2007 at St. Gregory The Great Parish, 11451 Blue Cypress Drive, San Diego, CA 92131.

Whispering Winds Family Camp Director, **Paula Bott** will share Reflections of Light as we **prepare for Advent Season**. The Whispering Winds Male Vocal Group *Il Venti* will lead us in song and praise.

Open to both women and men.

Refreshments served. Registration: 6:30-7:00 pm, Program: 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Cost: \$10.00

For information, please call Cathy Sperrazzo at (858) 565-9100, Joni Deiters, (858) 586-1488 or Mary Jane Weismann at (619) 463-9743.

WHISPERING WINDS WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

His Love Endures Forever; His Faithfulness Continues Through All Generations

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful song! - Psalm 100:2

The Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary's theme for 2007-2008, Psalm 100, is one of life's spiritual cornerstones, a song of praise and thanksgiving. In praise of His name and thanksgiving for His goodness, the WWWA offers service with joyful hearts, be it through funding camp scholarships, running the Angels in the Wind gift shop, baking pies for Thanksgiving, or united prayer. Auxiliary members and friends are asked to pause every day at 7:00 am and 10:00 pm to praise God for His work begun in us at the camp and to thank Him for the success and continued growth of this lifelong project. United prayer is a powerful experience. - *Sharon Anderson, WWWA President*

THANKSGIVING DINNER & MASS

at Whispering Winds • Thursday, November 22, 2007

Mass: 11:30 am • Mealtime: 12:30 - 3 pm • Adults - \$12, Children Under 10 - \$6, Under 2 - Free

Reservations are required and space is limited, so call Whispering Winds as soon as possible at (619) 464-1479. Meals can be paid for at the door. For more information, visit www.whisperingwinds.org

Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good!

This Thanksgiving, forget the cooking and cleaning and come up to Whispering Winds for a relaxing day with family and friends. The fun includes a great Turkey Dinner, Miniature Golf, Playground, Fire Engine Rides, Recreation Hall & Games, Hiking, Basketball & Tennis, Treehouse & Slide. Our kitchen team from Dad's Catering will prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal with turkey, all the trimmings and dessert too! Revisit the camp, have fun and share in our celebration of Thanksgiving Mass with Msgr. Mark Campbell. The fresh mountain air and beautiful scenery await you!



FAMILY CAMP

"After the adult program, my husband and I had a wonderful, loving conversation and God was present!"

"God has brought us an energy and spirit that I haven't seen in a while."



FAMILY CAMP STAFF



Paula Bott
(Family Camp Coordinator)
and the **Santa Sophia** team



Anne Fishburne
(Children's Program)
and the **Santa Sophia** team



Jen Bedison
and the **St. Therese** team



Jane Winters
and **Joni Deiters**
and the **St. Gregory**
the **Great** team



Dennis & Barbara Dahm
and the **Imperial Valley** team

Special thanks to Paula Bott (Family Camp), Katie O'Loughlin (Kids Camp), and their teams for creating and leading fantastic programs, touching hundreds of lives this summer!

6TH GRADE CAMP



CONFIRMATION RETREAT



"I hear God better up here."

KIDS CAMP

"It was really special to see all of the kids change over the week... how they grew in their faith and how they acted together. These kids are amazing and mean so much to me!"



"My daughter is still singing camp songs, working on her lanyards, wearing her cross, telling us camp stories, trying new things to eat, is very helpful around the house (without me even telling her), and appears to have Jesus in her heart. She has always been a blessing to us, but I see a child who is even more happy and loving. Thank you!"



KIDS CAMP STAFF

Joyce Mendez
"La La Bird"

Most Precious Blood
Youth Ministry



Jane Alfano
"Peekaboo"

St. Luke
Youth Ministry



Rebecca Krawczak
"Little Foot"

Holy Trinity
Youth Ministry



Roger Brault
"Raja"

Our Lady of Grace
Youth Ministry



Allison Wilhite
"Reginald"

CIT Coordinator



Jennifer Smith
"Tumbleweed"

Integrity Stables



GUEST HIGHLIGHTS

Whispering Winds Welcomes Many Guest Groups



In June, the **Sweetwater Union High School District** brought over 350 of their student government (ASB) members to the camp for a leadership retreat. The newly elected students from thirteen high schools planned for the 2007-08 school year, as well as getting to know their new teammates. Sweetwater Union ASB was our largest overnight group and the biggest group to experience the Challenge Course to date!

Every summer, Marissa Esparza and the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry hold a 5-day leadership camp for teens at Whispering Winds called **Camp Emmaus**. The cycle of ministry continues – this year four Emmaus youth ministry programs were also our Kids Camp leadership teams!



The San Diego Civic Youth Orchestra held their fall rehearsal camp at Whispering Winds over Labor Day weekend. Says manager, Rebecca Washburn: "The orchestra grew musically, the students gained new friends, the staff shared the laughter and it is an experience that we all look forward to repeating annually. The Cedar Fire may have taken away trees and structures, but the spirit of the setting is still abundant and nurturing and for this orchestra, we hope to share it for years to come." For more information on the Civic Youth Orchestra, visit www.sandiegocyo.org or call Rebecca Washburn at (858) 484-9635.

Preach the Gospel at All Times, Use Words if Necessary

– St. Francis of Assisi

We would like to express our continued gratitude to you – our supporters. Because of you, Whispering Winds has increased occupancy, replaced burned trees, created a library, and begun building a pool.

Your support has allowed over 6,000 souls to grow closer to the Lord at camp this year. Thank you for preaching the Gospel through your generosity of time, treasure, and talent!

Many thanks, as well, to you bibliophiles who helped stock the shelves of our library. This is one of the most comfortable, relaxing spaces at the camp, full of books and couches. Donations of books are still welcome; visit the library next time you are at the camp!



This fall, Jen Bedison is transitioning out of her position as Program Director. For the last ten years, she has faithfully dedicated her summers and much of the rest of the year to serving at Whispering Winds through music and program ministries.

In taking the position of Program Director in 2003, she selflessly gave everything God asked of her towards ministering to the Whispering Winds community. We pray the Lord's richest blessings on Jen as she continues her full-time ministry to the youth of St. Therese Parish. Jen, thank you for being a witness to the love of Christ; you will always remain a part of our Family and in our prayers!

Photograph by Bob Forrest, St. Gregory the Great

WHISPERING WINDS IS THE PERFECT PLACE FOR YOUR GROUP!

Whispering Winds offers full dining, four meeting spaces, three-sided Climbing Wall, Low Ropes Challenge Course, basketball & tennis court, miniature golf and much more! For more information, see our website, www.whisperingwinds.org, or call our office at (619) 464-1479.



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