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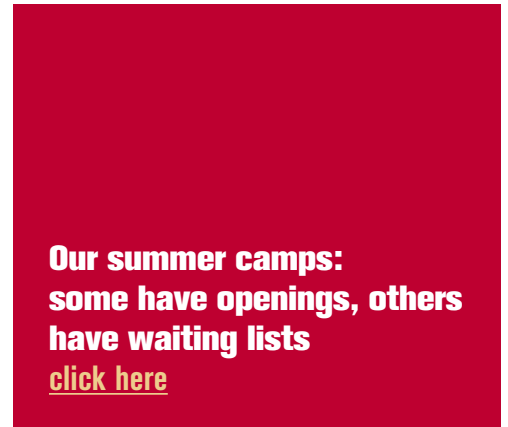
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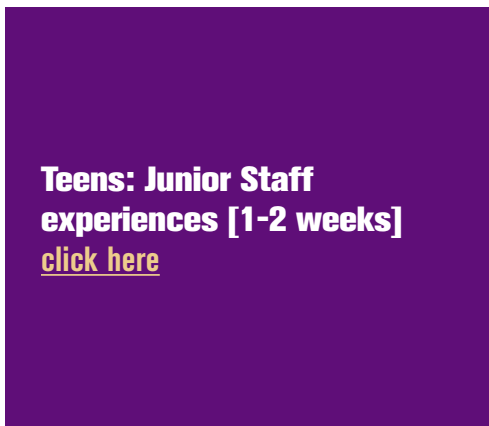
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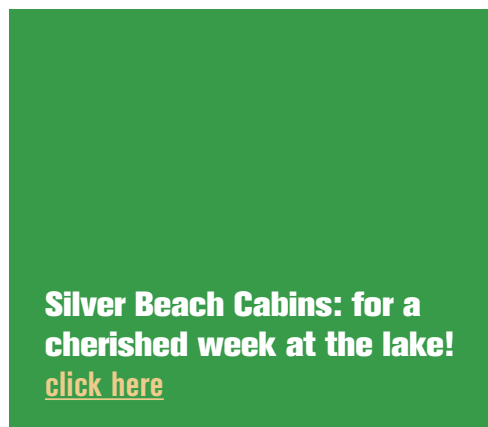
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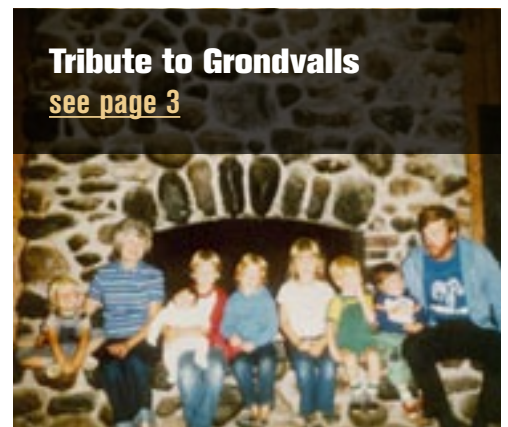
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CPBC playground gets new addition!

The existing playground at Covenant Pines was given by Kent and Jean Carlson in memory of Jean's son, Michael Youngren, who died several years ago just before he was to attend camp.

The Carlsons have graciously provided funds over the years to expand and improve the playground area—including the addition of a cable ride.

The latest addition was constructed by Cal Peterson and Brian Youngberg: a new fort and its fun additions are a great hit for kids - and for adults too!



The new tower added to the playground at camp (left) was built by Cal Peterson and Brian Youngberg (right).

SHORT TAKES

New care packages for campers

Looking for an great way to send a [care package](#) to your favorite youth campers this summer? We've made it easy for you! Just select the package of your choice, order online and it will be delivered to your camper upon his/her arrival!

Scrap 'N Stamp Retreat

Our first annual [Scrap 'N Stamp Retreat](#) was enjoyed by nearly 30 guests! What a great time scrapbooking, making projects and sharing/learning from each other. One gal even had a loving brother who paid for her way to come—so guys, think of giving a thoughtful gift to your spouse or sister for Scrap 'N Stamp Retreat in April 2008!

The gift of story

Camp Director's Column Josh Rude

We all see things a little bit differently. We each have our own experiences that shape our perceptions and shape us as people. While guiding a trip in the Boundary Waters I can remember a night where I was sitting around the fire with my guests as the loons began to call. I found this a welcomed sound bringing back great memories while others around the fire found it eerie and discomforting, for the sound was unknown to them.

While we all heard the same sound,



our past experiences shaped our present understanding. When I shared that the sound was actually a bird and further described the details unique to this

bird, then did my guests begin to join me in welcoming this sound. By sharing this story with my guests, our understanding gained depth and clarity. We all benefited.

[Click here to read full story.](#)

What we are searching for this summer

A message from Nick Youngberg Program Director

Ahoy thar, matey! Arrrr ye ready for a summer filled with high adventure, excitement and a jolly good time? Would you like to be a part of a daring crew of Treasure Hunters? Are you prepared to walk the plank and fight against the high seas? Are you willing the join the ranks as we head out on a dangerous journey!? Well then, batten down the hatches and swab the decks because this summer at Covenant Pines we be looking for treasure!

Join us at Covenant Pines Bible Camp as we embark on a journey "Searching for the King"! This summer we will



looking for treasure and asking ourselves the question "who is God?" Isaiah 33:6 tells us that "He will be the sure foundation for your times a rich store of salvation

and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure". We'll hope to unlock the key to that treasure as we head out searching for the one true King. We want to to help campers, both young and old, understand who God is and why we need to be searching after him each and every day.

[Click here to read full story.](#)

Tribute to one of Camp's Founding Families

In 1955, the first year of operation for Covenant Pines, the Gronvall family came to camp nearly every weekend for the whole summer building the fireplace for the dining hall.

Several generations of Gronvall's participated in collecting and lifting rocks for the fireplace.

The earlier picture shows Bob and Bert Gronvall, Jim's father and grandfather, alongside their completed project.

Nearly 50 years later, Jim and Linda Gronvall, the third generation of Gronvall's, came to repair the firebrick that had deteriorated over the years.

Jim and Linda have an interesting story: Both of their parents were dedicated workers in the development of Covenant Pines.

Bob Gronvall (Jim's dad) and Vern Franzen (Linda's dad) spent many weekends at camp building the dining hall and chapel from 1955 to 1957.

Their children, Jim and Linda, tagged along, eventually fell in love, and now continue their support of Covenant Pines Bible Camp—over 50 years and 3 generations later!

Are you passing down the heritage of Camp experiences within your family? Whether you are a first generation guest, or whether your parents and grandparents may have brought you to Camp long ago, we welcome you, along with about 6,000 guests of all ages annually!

Of special interest to families: check out our [Family Camps](#), [Silver Beach Cabins](#) and [Camp's History – Where Did It All Begin?](#)

Silver Beach dates still available

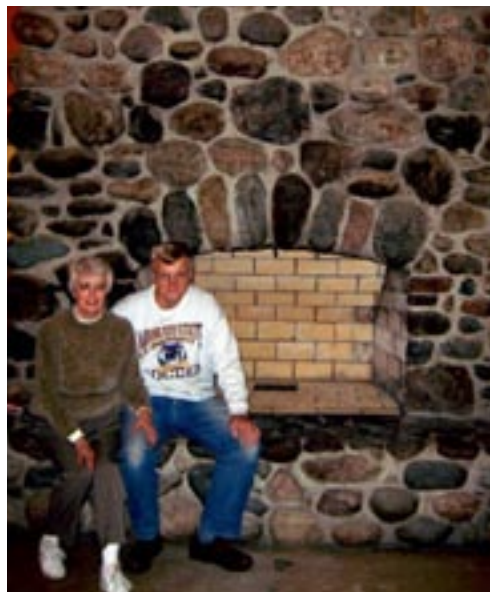
[Silver Beach Rental Cabins](#) at Covenant Pines offer a tremendous getaway opportunity for your family!

Check out [available dates](#) and off-peak discounts (during early summer & late summer).

Tents, RVs, Trailers and Campers: Looking for a fun place camp? Bring your



Bert and Bob Gronvall



Linda & Jim Gronvall

camper, trailer or tent to Silver Beach! Electric and water hookups, along with beach access and many opportunities for activities are sure to provide your family with a great time!

ATVs & Four-wheelers welcome—we're not far from the [Soo Line Trail](#).

OWNING CHURCHES

Covenant Pines Bible Camp and Adventurous Christians are owned and operated by the Twin Cities Churches listed below. Please be in prayer for each of these churches which own camp, that they may remain healthy and strong in proclaiming the Gospel. For links to churches, [click here](#).

TWIN CITY COVENANT CHURCHES

- Anoka Covenant Church**
- Bethany Covenant** (Richfield)
- Bethany Covenant** (Stillwater)
- Bethlehem Covenant Church**
- Bloomington Covenant Church**
- BridgePointe**
(formerly Eagan Covenant)
- Brookdale Covenant Church**
- Community Covenant Church**
- CrossRoads Covenant Church**
(Cottage Grove)
- Crosstown Covenant Church**
- Edina Covenant Church**
- Emmaus Road Church** (Hopkins)
- Excelsior Covenant Church**
- Fairview Covenant Church**
- Faith Covenant Church**
- First Covenant Church**
(downtown Mpls.)
- First Covenant Church** (St. Paul)
- Fridley Covenant Church**
- Frontline** (Maplewood)
- Good Shepherd Covenant**
(Blaine)
- Laotian Covenant Church**
(Brooklyn Center)
- Maple Grove Covenant Church**
- Maplewood Covenant Church**
- Plymouth Covenant Church**
- Redeemer Covenant Church**
(Brooklyn Park)
- Rice Creek Covenant Church**
(Shoreview)
- Roseville Covenant Church**
- Salem Covenant Church**
(New Brighton)
- Sanctuary Covenant Church**
(north Mpls.)
- The Well** (New Hope)

SHORT TAKES

New camp maps

Find your way around camp via our new [Virtual Map!](#) This Site Map is a great introduction to show friends who are coming for the first time! Can you spot the BLOB? (Hint: it's yellow and blue and in the water).

Join Prayer Calendar

Prayer is a key part of our ministry. Please pray for our staff, campers, leadership, finances, God's guidance and for safety throughout the summer as we minister to people of all ages. Using this [summer calendar](#), you can pick either one day, or a day per week, or multiple days on which you would like to devote time to pray for CPBC's ministries!

Sewing volunteers

A huge thanks goes to over 27 volunteers who worked for weeks to sew 106 curtains for cabins and to sew 10 pirate costumes! Volunteers sewing cabin curtains and costumes can be seen by [clicking here](#).

Fireside info display

When at Camp, if you're looking for info on camp's upcoming events, see our [Information Display area](#) inside Fireside Lounge. It's a great place to grab brochures to share with friends!

Family Camps are just what your kids always dreamed of ...

Fun with Mom and Dad, and friends too, in the Great Outdoors!

Family Camp is just what parents dream of too: meals prepared, camp staff ready to serve you and to love-up your kids, plus activities galore!

Where else can you just show up and enjoy a long weekend besides Family Camp? While heading to a family cabin or going camping do offer good getaways, lots of work is also involved. Why not relax and enjoy your family at Covenant Pines' Family Camps? Come enjoy the break you deserve! [Click here](#) for registration materials.

Memorial Weekend – Work & Worship
May 25-28

July Family Camp July 5-8

August Family Camp Aug. 16-19



Camp scholarships – Support needed

What a powerful and meaningful experience attending Bible Camp can be! For some families however, the possibility of sending one or more children is beyond their financial capability.

Some youth pastors have students they'd like to see exposed to the experience Camp offers, but resources may not be available. CPBC's Scholarship Fund helps children and families in these situations. To donate toward a child who needs assistance in order to attend Bible

Camp, just [click here](#) and check the box marked "Scholarship Fund."

Summer Camp Scholarship Applications. For those in need, applications for scholarship requests can be downloaded and mailed or faxed to camp's office. Please complete both your application form and summer camp registration form. Scholarship amounts are determined on an individual basis and are awarded after May 15. For those receiving county assistance, [see special instructions](#).

Friends of Covenant Pines

Friends of Covenant Pines was established for "People with a Heart for Camp" that are willing to commit to giving \$500 or more annually to the ministry. If you would like to join *Friends of Covenant Pines*, you can do so several ways

- Mail a check to Covenant Pines designating your gift; [click here](#) for mailing address

- Call camp's office to make a credit card donation (218) 768-2610, or

- [Donate online](#)

How can helping camp be this much fun?

On June 6, 2007, 144 Golfers will tee-off for the 12th Annual Covenant Pines Golf Tourney. Don't miss out on the fun at Crystal Lake Golf Course in Lakeville. Limited spaces are left for 2-somes or 4-somes. [Sign up to golf now!](#)



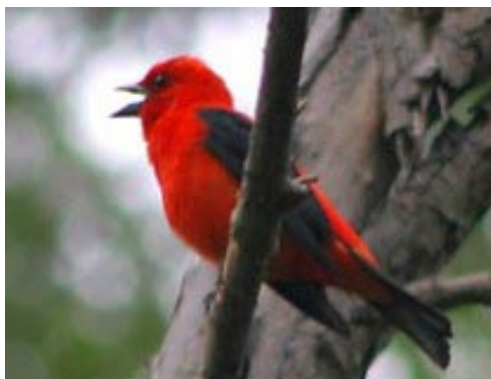
Your group will love experiencing the beautiful North Woods!

Adventurous Christians/Covenant Wilderness Center is a wilderness ministry under the umbrella of programs offered by Covenant Pines Bible Camp.

AC, located on the Gunflint Trail out of Grand Marais, provides an environment where people encounter God in creation and in a Christian community. AC offers year-round outdoor recreational opportunities to fit your needs.

Canoe Trips: Wilderness canoe trips are a great way to escape and experience pristine nature extensively. Come to AC and replenish your spirit, body and mind!

Family Exploration Trips: Is your family ready to explore the wilderness, but not up for a canoe trip?! Try using AC as a base point to explore northeastern Minnesota! Families can stay in our [Patten Cabin](#), with its overhead lofts, while experiencing day trips to see so much this area has to offer.



Bird Watching: AC is conveniently located in the migratory bird “highway” and



Getting to know the Nelsons

Mike and Nicole are both from Minnesota. Mike grew up in the cities (Excelsior Covenant) and Nicole spent her youth between Menahga and Bemidji.

Mike and Nicole are teachers by trade and spent four years in rural Alaska prior to making a commitment to lead AC.

They are fond of participating in physical games as well as thinking games (especially cribbage and 500). They both enjoy spending quality time outdoors while fishing, hiking, paddling and mushing.



with accessibility to miles of trails. It is a birder's paradise!

The Voyager Highway Experience—coming up in August 5-11, 2007—is a structured, high-adventure wilderness canoe trip open to anyone who's willing to be stretched physically and spiritually. Check it out!

AC hosts retreats year-round for groups including youth groups, families, home-school groups, Bible Study/small fellowship groups, and women and men retreats. You may contact Mike and Nicole Nelson at (218) 388-2286 or visit AC's website: www.adventurouschristians.org.



ON THE WEB

Links to points of interest near AC

Adventurous Christians/Covenant Wilderness Center
www.adventurouschristians.org

Grand Marais, MN
www.grandmaraismn.com

The Superior Hiking Trail – just 30 minutes from AC
www.shta.org

Gitchi-Gami Biking Trail
www.ggta.org

Grand Portage National Park – about 50 miles from AC.
www.nps.gov/archive/grpo/pphtml/planyourvisit.html

Fort William Historical Park in Thunder Bay, Ontario – about 95 miles drive north.
www.fwhp.ca/homepage.html

Northshore area recreation and events calendar
www.americasnorthcoast.org/