

Focus of Pocono Plateau

Summer/Fall 2008

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The EcoEternity Forest *at Pocono Plateau*

A service of consecration for an EcoEternity Forest at Pocono Plateau was held on June 18, 2006. The first of its kind in Pennsylvania, and only the second in the United States, the EcoEternity Forest is a burial concept for cremated ashes. The cremated ashes of the deceased are buried at the roots of a tree such that the nutrients from the ashes are absorbed by the tree. This natural and peaceful woodland setting is designated an EcoEternity Forest.,

This forest burial concept utilizes 2.5 acres of forest at the far end of Beaver Lake to create a cemetery ministry for the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church open to all denominations. Pocono Plateau at all times owns, controls, and manages the forest.

Causing no lasting disturbance to the forest floor, the EcoEternity Forest interment process preserves a natural setting that is different from the traditional cemetery but well within the spirit of the original church ministry. In a plot of mature growth forest, suitable trees are selected, and registered in a log. Interested parties visit the EcoEternity Forest by appointment and select a dedicated burial tree for an individual or a family. Based on the wishes of the family, graveside services are conducted in the forest at the time of interment. A 4 X 4 inch memorial plaque with family names is attached to the tree.

The ministry of Pocono Plateau began over 60 years ago with the vision of a group clergy and laity to create a place for young people to hear the Gospel message and grow in their faith - surrounded by God's beautiful creation. Since that time the mission of Pocono Plateau remains unchanged promoting Christian growth through a well-rounded spiritual and recreational program that shares an appreciation for God's creation.

Pocono Plateau impacts the lives of the very young through the very older. Children have grown up at the camp, young adults have served in its ministries, families have grown closer, and senior adults have shared

good-times - all while enjoying the beauty of God's wonderful handiwork.

There is no better place to reflect upon life's choices than being surrounded by God's creation. The EcoEternity Forest completes the circle of our ministry opportunities. This Forest allows the camp to impact lives on the most challenging aspect of life – preparation for death.

The beauty of this place will provide those who visit - the peace and comfort they seek, and we know, as Christians, is found in the hope of the Gospel message.

For more details see www.ecoeternity.com



Meditation Area

Pocono Plateau Camp & Retreat Center

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Welcome, Corrine Blattner Our new Program Manager



Corrine, also known as Cory, started working at the Plateau during the height of the summer camp season. Originally from the Philadelphia area, Corrine attended Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania and majored in Recreation Management. Though she is new to the Plateau she is no stranger to the camping ministry. She worked at Innabah for a number of years on summer staff. Corrine is very excited to be at the Plateau and looks forward to meeting all of you.



From the Kitchen

This summer was busy in the kitchen. There were a whole cadre of new kitchen staff, including a new cook, assistant cook, hill lady, hill man, hill boy and all the other kitchen staff. We did have the opportunity to perfect our house dressing and we want to share it with you now.

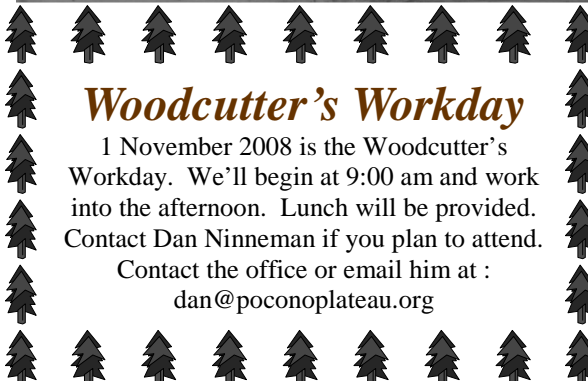
Pocono Plateau House Dressing

- 3 quarts of Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1 quart balsamic vinegar (add more to taste)
- 1 handful dried basil
- 2 tablespoons pepper
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons dried dill weed
- 6 minced cloves of garlic

Leave this mixture sit at room temperature for a while before refrigerating it. Of course, you may want to make a smaller batch, but up here we went through 3 gallons a week.

That's a lot of dressing!
Good luck with the math.





Woodcutter's Workday

 1 November 2008 is the Woodcutter's Workday. We'll begin at 9:00 am and work into the afternoon. Lunch will be provided. Contact Dan Ninneman if you plan to attend. Contact the office or email him at : dan@poconoplateau.org

Partners in Ministry

YES, I/We would like to become a contributing partner in the ministry of Pocono Plateau Camp and Retreat Center.

I/We would like the enclosed gift of: \$_____ to go toward:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Operating Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Plateau Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure 'Site Cabin | <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure Site Bath- | _____ |

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Church: _____

Please make your tax deductible gift payable to "Pocono Plateau Camp and Retreat Center" and mail it with this completed form to: **Pocono Plateau Camp and Retreat Center / RR 2 Box 2747 / Cresco / PA / 18326**

Plateau Year-Round Staff

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rev. Ron Schane—
Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Kniley—
Webmaster |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teri Hackman—
Executive Assistant
to the Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Shoe-
maker—Assistant
Manager of Mainte-
nance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Ellen Klein—
Office Manager | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Johnson-
Medland—Food
Services Manager /
Design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrine Blattner—
Program Manager | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dan Ninneman—
Manager of Mainte-
nance | |

Wish List:

- Adventure Site Bunk Maintenance—plywood for under mattresses—\$60 a bunk
 - A 5" Orbital Sander—\$150
 - A pneumatic air nail gun—\$125
 - 4—GPS units—\$100 @
 - New or used good condition washer and dryer
 - 2—Dutch Ovens for Adventure Site—\$75 @
 - 6—3 gallon pots for Adventure Site—\$30 @
- If you are interested in donating any of these items or funds toward the purchase of these items, please contact the Pocono Plateau Camp Office at: 570.676.3665.

Retreat Registration Form

Child's Name _____ Nickname: _____

Current Grade: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Male / Female

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

I would like to attend:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Retreat for Senior Adults | <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. and Sr. High Retreat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Retreat | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Retreat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Retreat | |

Bunkmate Requests:

A \$50.00 non refundable deposit is required with this registration form. The balance is payable at check-in.

Please make checks payable to: Pocono Plateau Camp and Retreat Center.

Mail to: Pocono Plateau Camp and Retreat Center, RR 2 Box 2747, Cresco, PA 18326

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Upcoming Fall / Winter Retreats

Fall Retreat for Senior Adults (55+) - \$135 per person
Tuesday, October 7th 2008, 10am- Friday, October
10th, 10am

Come join us for 3 nights, 4 days of fun and fellowship. Renew old friendships and create new ones during your time at The Plateau. Activities include Arts and Crafts, Bible studies, movie night, area tours. Explore the Tannersville Cranberry Bog. Live entertainment provided by Debi Irene Wahl.

Men's Retreat-\$85 per person
Friday November 14th 2008, 7pm- Sunday November
16th 2008 2pm

“Freedom, Restoration and Fellowship”- A Men’s Wilderness Weekend Retreat Director: Rob Loughery
Come together with men of all ages to deepen your relationship with Jesus. Learn how the word relates to everyday life as a son, husband, father, and even grandfather. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in the Climbing Tower or Leap of Faith. Challenge your faith and yourself at the Men’s Retreat.

See registration form on page 3

Children's Retreat (Grades 3-6) - \$80 per person
Friday, November 21, 2008, 7pm- Sunday, November
23, 2008, 2pm

Get away from the ordinary and come to camp for a weekend of fun! See old camp friends and make new ones at the Children’s Retreat, designed especially for 3rd-6th graders. Join us for games, singing, crafts, bible study and other exciting camp activities.

Jr.- Sr. Winter Retreat (Grades 7-12)
Monday December 29th 2008 7pm- Wednesday Decem-
ber 31st 2008 2pm

Come to the Plateau for a refreshing winter wonderland retreat. Sing songs, see old friends and meet new ones, play games, have fun in the snow (weather permitting) and spark that fire for Jesus. Renew your spirit for the New Year.

Young adult Retreat (college age+20-30-something)
Friday January 2nd 2009 7pm- Sunday January 4th
2009 2pm