

St. Francis Chapel
Camp Capers



Mustang Island
Family Camp



Professional Episcopalian
Duck Lake Trip



Duck Lake Youth Trip 1
Day Hikes



Duck Lake Youth Trip 2
Backpacking Trip



Friends,

As we move into fall and winter it is important for us to look back on the summer and reflect on how things went. Here are some facts: 1146 campers attended Camp Capers – this number sets a record for largest attendance in the 63 years camp has been in existence; 748 people attended Mustang Island Family Camp; another 40 adults and youth went to Duck Lake in Colorado.

Wow! That's almost 2000 people participating in our camping program during the summer of 2010. That's a lot of folks; but you know that's not the most impressive thing to me. What means more to me are the comments we heard this summer such as the ones below:

From a Camp Capers parent: "For our kids, the emphasis on spiritual development and camaraderie are just exactly what they want and need."

From a Camp Capers counselor when asked what she accomplished during the summer: "I loved. I loved every single one of my campers, even when they drove me crazy."

From a Mustang Island Family Camp family: "We have been coming four years and every year it gets better. The staff was awesome!"

From a Duck Lake camper parent who shared a story from her son,"... when my son reached the top of the mountain he looked back on what he had done, and he said, and I quote, 'Mom I can't explain to you how amazing it was, but I felt like I was eating lunch with God.' That brought me to tears. I can't thank you guys enough for the experience."

One other thing that was impressive – we were able to award over \$95,000 in scholarships because of the generosity of our parents, friends, churches and many others. Because of this, many children and families were able to participate in at least one of our camping programs. Thanks to these donations, we are changing lives and planting seeds.

We live in a generous, caring diocese that takes seriously its commitment to sharing the love of God in ways that are exciting and real, and form us as loving, laughing, living, giving Christians.

Peace to you,

Rob