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The summer of 2009 was a great success as many children, youth and adults experienced the love of God on the beach, in the Hill Country and in the beautiful mountains of Colorado.

Many thanks go out to all of you who responded to our Camp Capers evaluation survey. The information we got back was very helpful and we are using it to better serve you and your family. For instance, many of you commented in the survey about the burden of bringing to and picking up your camper during the middle of the week. In 2010, all of Capers' sessions will begin on Sunday and end on Saturday. Also, campers will draw from a lottery for their bunks rather than pick first-come-first-serve. This will eliminate the need for parents to arrive two hours early and sit in line in their cars outside the gate. Check-in will begin as soon as the gates are open, eliminating the wait under the Centrum.

Our programs in Colorado last summer were a huge success. Every single participant – youth and adult alike – said that the experience was incredible. Therefore, this summer we are adding a week in the mountains for a total of four weeks – two for clergy and two for youth. Keep your eyes open for registration information because these weeks will fill up fast – we had waiting lists for all three weeks last summer.

At Mustang Island we have many wonderful, new, exciting plans for you, including two more sessions of Family Camp. For the first time ever, we are offering a Spring Break Family Camp, March 15 – 18. Bring your family to the beach for a safe, fun filled, spiritually enriching family gathering. This summer we are adding another session of Family Camp, June 4 -7. This camp begins on Friday and ends on Monday to accommodate school calendars.

We are proud to announce that on January 2-6 an Artists and Writers Retreat will be held at Mustang Island. This retreat nurtures imagination and creativity through the gift of holy time and holy space for creative practice and artistic expression. We have several other retreats in the works for Mustang Island. You can read about them and about all of the camps and conference coming events on our web site.

We hope to see you at one of our sites this coming year!

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