

**SPC UPCOMING EVENTS:**

April 12 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round Table Discussion @ SPC	May 2-4 <sup>th</sup> Children's Ministry Workers Retreat
May 10 <sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees Meeting @ SPC	May 16-18 <sup>th</sup> Young Adult Retreat @ SPC
May 17 <sup>th</sup> SPC Fellowship, Work & Dream Day	May 25 <sup>th</sup> First "SPC Sunday Evening Gatherin"
May 31 <sup>st</sup> First Annual SPC "Rummage Sale"	

Welcome to the "Simpson Park Camp Happenings," Issue number 2. Since you received the first issue of the Happenings the Simpson Park Membership Book has been published and distributed. It provides the names of the individuals who were approved as members at the November 2007 Board meeting, to be the voting members for the 2008 Association meeting. If you didn't receive your copy, call (586-752-3202) or email ([spcamp70199@sbcglobal.net](mailto:spcamp70199@sbcglobal.net)) the office to have one sent to you. In addition, the 144<sup>th</sup> Family Camp Brochure has been mailed out.

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION NUMBER 2**—The second Round Table Discussion was held on March 13<sup>th</sup> with the objective of looking very carefully at the first part of the Simpson Park Vision Statement—"Year-Round Bible-Based Ministry". The plan was to provide a further definition of the what and how of fulfilling this part of the Vision Statement. The session started out by asking each participant to look ahead and envision what Simpson Park looks and feels like when the vision is fulfilled. We challenge you to do the same and if you have a chance, share those thoughts with one of the Board members. We had lots of good discussion with the majority of the time focused on possible programs that could be offered.

A key area that came to light during this discussion was that the financial foundation needs to be expanded. We need to add members, get much more aggressive on fund-raising, seek grants, and create partnerships with independent Churches, in order to achieve an expanded season, and ultimately a year-round ministry. If this is to happen each of us must get out of our comfort zones, realize that we are the best salesmen for the camp, and open our minds and hearts to things we may not have thought about before. We need to expand by searching out programs that just need a place where they can happen, such as Summer Games, various Church retreats, rentals, day/evening events.

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION NUMBER 3**— is scheduled for **Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. 'til noon**, at camp. We will focus on the organizational structure that is needed to support the Simpson Park Vision and Mission, i.e., What committees do we need to accomplish our goals? How should they be created? Should they be "ad hoc" or "standing" committees? What should be their duration? How will chairpersons be selected? Who will they report to? Remember, these Round Table Discussions are informal affairs. Anyone is welcome to join us on that day.

**THE SPC SUNDAY EVENING ' GATHERIN' – on May 25, June 22, July 27 and August 31st-starting at 7 p.m.** (This came out of our Round Table discussion number 2). Invite your friends and neighbors for informal gatherings in the summertime in a beautiful outdoor setting. This is also a new endeavor for SPC. Perhaps you have a worship team at your church that would like to adopt an evening at SPC? Or maybe you are part of a band that would like some additional exposure? One of these nights may turn into a talent night to share God's goodness with others, with a special testimony times. The options are endless. We would love to have all different kinds of music, age groups, etc., represented. This event will be free to everyone, but a freewill donation will be taken, with all proceeds going to the camp. We are looking for someone to coordinate the sound system to make sure that we can all "hear"

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clearly, because there will be so many people in the tabernacle. We are also looking for "musical" volunteers. Coordinator is Amy Watson. Her phone number is (810) 479-1252, but e-mail is best [amwatson\\_hr@yahoo.com](mailto:amwatson_hr@yahoo.com)

**FUND-RAISING**—On Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup> we had SIMPSON PARK CAMP NIGHT at the local CiCi's buffet pizza place, which provided an opportunity for us to invite people to join us, have some food and fellowship. We talked about what is so neat about Simpson Park with folks we had invited who really didn't know anything about this camp. In addition, we raised some funds for SPC. There might be restaurants in your area that would allow a special emphasis night giving a percentage of the dinners purchased to SPC. Check it out.

**GOLF OUTING**—The next fund-raiser, on May 12<sup>th</sup>, is what has become our annual golf outing. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> time Mel Leach has put together the Marathon golf outing at Burning Tree Golf and Country Club located on 21 Mile Rd. and North Ave. in Macomb Township, complete with prizes, awards, food and beverages and a dinner afterwards. We encourage you to be a part of this outing, or to at least sponsor one of the golfers. Each golfer pledges to raise \$1000. If you need more information, contact Mel Leach (596-293-4794 or [jmleach16@hotmail.com](mailto:jmleach16@hotmail.com)).

**FIRST ANNUAL SPC RUMMAGE SALE-May 31, 2008-9 am to 1 pm.**—Are you wondering what to do with all those fabulous treasures you found during spring cleaning? Why not donate them to SPC? This will be a great way to bring some new folks to see the camp grounds and raise money. All items are welcome. The drop off area is in Hastings House, and large item pickup may be possible. We would like to have some kind of food concessions that day. Maybe a bake sale, chips, pop, etc. If you would be willing to coordinate this, please contact Amy or the camp office. The donation deadline will be Memorial Day weekend, and set-up for the event will be that weekend (May 25). Amy Watson is the coordinator of this event. Her phone number is (810) 479-1252, or e-mail at [amwatson\\_hr@yahoo.com](mailto:amwatson_hr@yahoo.com). E-mail is the best way to contact her if you are willing to volunteer, or call the camp office.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**—Diane Orchard is working to put together a promotional package for our 2008 Public Relations campaign. Ken & Sally Andrews have volunteered to share the good news about SPC in local Churches or other interested groups. If you have suggestions for places they can visit, let Diane Orchard (248-628-2738 or [dianeto@aol.com](mailto:dianeto@aol.com)) (know so we can coordinate these efforts. We have a story to share, and we need your help to open the doors.

**SPC FELLOWSHIP, WORK & DREAM DAY**—The SPC Maintenance Committee has set up Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, as Camp Clean Up Day. All those who are willing and interested are invited to gather at 8 am for a "King's Breakfast" provided by the maintenance committee. After breakfast we will clean up the campground and open various buildings so they are ready for the season. We will have lunch at noon followed by a presentation on the Future Development site plan by Bill Westrick, the consultant who has been instrumental in putting this plan together. This is a great way to show your support of Simpson Park Camp, fellowship with others of our camp family, and learn what is being planned for the future of our camp. If you have any questions, contact Don Brundage of the Management Team (586-677-6417 or [lauradom1967@yahoo.com](mailto:lauradom1967@yahoo.com)). In order to plan for the food, please let the SPC office know you plan on attending.

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