



Dakota Dispatch

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NEW ADDITIONS TO CAMP MEETING LINEUP



Martin Weber, Communications Director for Mid-America Union Conference, will teach the adult Sabbath School lesson in the auditorium on June 13th. Weber, author of several books including *Adventist Hot Potatoes* and his most recent book *God Was There: True Stories of a Police Chaplain*, is also editor of *Mid-America Outlook* magazine. You can learn more about Weber on his blog at <http://martinoutlook.wordpress.com/>.

Youth & Young Adult Speaker for Camp Meeting

Pastor Cory Jackson was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, and became a Seventh-day Adventist Christian 12 years ago. He has been a pastor for the last seven years after being educated at the Black Hills School of Evangelism in 2001, and was ordained in June of 2006. Jackson pastors the Detroit Northwest and Farmington Seventh-day Adventist Churches in the metro-Detroit area. He loves street evangelism and ministering to young adults and youth, which have been his passion since entering the church. According to Jackson, there are five things you need to know about him: 1) He Loves the Lord with all his heart; 2) He loves his wife; 3) He loves his children; 4) He loves his church; and 5) He loves helping others by way of personal evangelism. Jackson is married to the love of his life, Stacey, and together they have 3 children.



Photo courtesy Michigan Conference

UPDATE: NORTHERN LIGHTS CAMP, WORK IN PROGRESS

Many of you might recall a special offering taken earlier this year to assist with improvements to Dakota Adventist Camps. One of the projects was the construction of two 900-square-foot cabins (one boys, one girls) at Northern Lights, each with indoor bathrooms (no more late night trips into the unknown). They will replace the existing cabins. Maranatha is working with Dakota Conference on this project, to be completed just in time for this year's camps. Below are photos of the work in progress. The old cabins were removed over Memorial Day weekend, with new foundations being poured. Plumbing still needs to go in before Maranatha arrives next week. Contact Camps Director Loren Nelson III (lnelson5@hotmail.com) or President Neil Biloff (605.224.8868) for more information.



Photos courtesy Loren Nelson III

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DAKOTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY®

GOODBYE SENIORS, WELCOME ALUMNI

RACHAEL BOYD, DAA DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



On May 24th, Dakota Adventist Academy held graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2009. Ashley Boyko, Emily Lindensmith, Laura Schaffer, Cody Schober, Tabitha Schumacher, Michael Stolz, Elliot Way, and James Yow passed through these halls one last time as students and received their diplomas to join approximately 3,000 other graduates from Plainview, Sheyenne River, and Dakota Adventist Academies.



Photo courtesy Dakota Adventist Academy


Several former teachers and mentors returned to see the seniors' graduation and present advice for the uncertain future. Former Bible teacher, Darrel Lindensmith, boys' dean, Stan Detweiler, and music teacher, Cyril Myers, provided the Consecration, Baccalaureate, and Commencement addresses throughout the weekend. Rich Carlson from Union College was present to award the seniors with scholarships to attend Union in Lincoln, Nebraska. The students, after receiving the scholarships, awards, and diplomas, spent the afternoon celebrating with family and friends as well as saying goodbye to classmates. Approx-

mately 250 people attended Sunday morning to celebrate with the new alumni.

The entire weekend focused on their class motto: *Small in number, mighty in wisdom, destined to be great.* And for this class of eight seniors, the motto was a perfect fit. These students have held a special place in our hearts at DAA for the past four years, and while it is sad to see them leave, we know God has big plans for them. We can't wait to see what He comes up with!

Odds & Ends from Around the Conference...

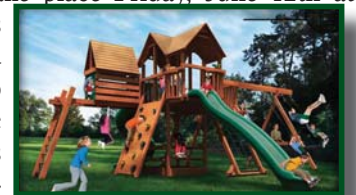
DAKOTA PATHFINDERS NEED YOUR HELP!



Dakota Conference Pathfinders have the opportunity to sponsor 35 visiting Pathfinders from Tanzania in the East-Central Africa Division during this summer's Camporee in Osh-Kosh, Wisconsin. While our conference youth and chaperones have easy access to food and supplies, these visitors to our country do not. Anne Wham, Dakota Pathfinder Director, and Valerie and Russell Haveman, from the Dakota Meadowlarks, are coordinating efforts to help manage this combined group. As such, they have put out a call for donations. **Sleeping pads** for the camporee are essential; no one enjoys sleeping on the hard earth for a week. Also, with increasing prices for food and beverages, **monetary donations** would be appreciated to help offset the cost of feeding the visiting Pathfinders. Donated sleeping pads may be dropped off during Camp Meeting in the receptacle near the Pathfinder table in the atrium. Monetary donations can be made by marking your tithe envelopes "Dakota Pathfinder Camporee." Contact Anne Wham for additional information.

FUN RUN/WALK SCHEDULED FOR CAMP MEETING

Children's Ministries Director, Anne Wham, and her **PlaySpace** team have scheduled a Fun Run/Walk during Camp Meeting. The event will take place Friday, June 12th at 2:30pm. Adults and kids alike may participate, or you may sponsor someone else to run in your place. Donate a fixed amount for all laps run/walked, or per individual lap. All proceeds go for



PlaySpace (a fun and safe playground for children located on the campus of Dakota Adventist Academy, described in the January/February *Dakota Messenger*). Be sure to register at the Children's Ministry table in the atrium during Camp Meeting. See Anne Wham for details.

CAMP MEETING LODGING UPDATE

Dorm rooms are completely full and a wait-list for reservations has begun (we often receive last-minute cancellations). RV and tent sites are still available. Please make your reservations ASAP. Contact Edith Priest at 605.224.8868 by Thursday at 5:30pm or 701.258.9000 after Sunday afternoon.