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## Can we send youth and families to your church?

Greetings! My name is Barry Rudesill and I am the Camp Director at Crescent Lake Bible Camp in Rhineland, Wisconsin. I know that usually when people receive a letter like this, they think that we are going to ask for something. Well, that's true in this case, but we don't want money, support or even campers. Instead, we are asking if we can send people to your church!

God has been doing an incredible work through Crescent Lake Bible Camp! In 2009, we added Wilderness Trips around the country and Mission Trips around the world. Through new partnerships with the Northern Lakes Impact Center, we are reaching into public schools across the Midwest and, each year, many unchurched students return to take part in our Summer Camp programs! For our 2012 season, we have added a new partner called *The Trek* which seeks to help people understand who they are and who God wants them to be! We have been blessed with incredible growth and opportunities to minister!

While all of the new programs are a positive thing, my goal for camp is not to be a one-time, one-week experience. If we work to change lives and then people return to the same environment as before, the changes will be ineffective or temporary. I need to find some way to get these people plugged into a local church and change their lives; not just provide a "mountain top" experience. That's where you can help!

I would like to invite your church to join the Ambassador Program. If we have someone from your community who attends our programs – either through Crescent Lake Bible Camp, the Northern Lakes Impact Center or *The Trek* – and who is looking for a home church – or simply for a place to call to ask questions about God – we want to be able to put them in touch with the Ambassador in your congregation. (We prefer the personal contact rather than simply saying, "Call the church office...") We are looking for anyone in your church who is willing to talk to those in your area who are looking for more information about what it means to be a Christian.

Another benefit to the Ambassador Program is that while we have a Scholarship Fund here at Crescent Lake, we don't know the needs of people within your church. The Ambassador can call me and tell me that there is a youth or family who really needs to attend one of our programs, but cannot afford it. In 2011, we gave out over \$16,000.00 in scholarships to help people attend. I wouldn't mind doubling that number in 2012 because we can't minister to empty beds! If you know of a need, please let us fill it!

We will send the Ambassador updates on our programs and what is going on at Crescent Lake Bible Camp to either post or to put in the hands of people who need it. Please understand, if you already support a camp, we don't want to compete against them. All I would ask is that the Ambassador prayerfully considers our programs to see if they might meet the needs of people in your church. (If you don't wish to do that, simply recycle our brochures.)

Thank you for all of the work you do! May God bless you and your ministry and, if we can ever be of service, please do not hesitate to call! If you have any questions, you can reach me at (715) 203 – 0504 or by email at [barry@clbc.net](mailto:barry@clbc.net). God bless!

In Christ,

Barry Rudesill