

September 28, 2011

Greetings in Christ!

What a glorious day God gave us up here at camp. We've been blessed with many of them lately. It would be a wonderful time to come out and enjoy fall colors.

Creation and Life issues in the news: WASHINGTON (September 16, 2011) – A ban on the issuing of U.S. patents on human embryos was enacted into law today – the culmination of an eight-year effort in which National Right to Life played a key role.

The pro-life policy was enacted as part of a bill called the “America Invents Act” (H.R. 1249). The bill, which runs 58 pages in its final form, makes numerous changes to the laws that govern the granting of patents in the United States, which is a function of the U.S. Patents and Trademarks Office (USPTO), part of the Department of Commerce.

A patent is a government-conferred property right that gives an inventor exclusive rights to manufacture or use his invention for a defined period, usually 20 years. The patent holder can license others to employ his patent for a fee, called a royalty.

Early in the year, when it became clear that Congress was likely to take up a sweeping revision of the patent laws, NRLC insisted on inclusion of language to codify (make permanent) a previously enacted temporary prohibition on any patents being issued on human embryos. To read more, follow this link: <http://www.nationalrighttolifeneews.org/news/2011/09/ban-on-human-embryo-patents-culminates-8-year-nrlc-effort/#more-4667>

Nature Watch: Our roadkill watch has had a sudden influx of deer recently. We've also spotted a fox several snakes, two turtles, an opossum, lots of raccoons and skunks, two cats, and a squirrel. We've spotted lots of migrating birds recently with the flying V wedge of geese prominent in the skies. The last of the hummingbirds has probably left now. Lots of crops have been harvested already. Corn is well under way, as are the potatoes. Sugar beet fields are being opened up.

Program Information: We have a Creation Photography Workshop coming up October 7-9. Give us a call to register. It's a great program with nationally know outdoor photographer Brad Veenstra. Brad will just be returning from the Albuquerque, New Mexico balloon festival. We'll photographing at the Island, at Christ Serve Ranch and at other selected locales.

Don't forget our upcoming ‘Responding to Evolution’ retreat. Follow this link for more information: http://islandcamp.org/content_98.php#responding

Bulletin insert: Take time this week to enjoy the beautiful colors that God gives us in the leaves, the northern lights, the various blues, oranges and reds of autumn sunsets. Each is a reminder of the order and wonder of God's creation.

From the Task force: The Task Force met a week ago Monday and received updates on programs and progress on purchasing the property. They set their next meeting for November. We rejoice in having gotten word of another pending large gift for the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch. They also heard a report on the new Equine Assisted Learning and Leadership program being developed at camp. Pastors Del Meyer and Gary Rehborg are two of the volunteers who have been trained. They'll be

working with two camp staff that have been trained as well as Angela Montana who has had extensive training in the program.

God's Word: ³¹ The horse is made ready for the day of battle,
but victory rests with the LORD. Proverbs 21:31

Prayer List: 1.) Give thanks for the dedication of our task force and they many meetings they have attended at their own cost. 2.) Please continue to remember the staff in your prayers as we enter an extremely busy time of the year. 3.) Give thanks to God for His generosity through those who have given and invested in the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch . 4.) Ask God to lift up more volunteers for the many projects we are planning. 5.) Praise God for the beauty that is surrounding us in these early days of fall.

Link of the week: <http://crev.info/>



Resource of the week: Throughout history butterflies have fascinated artists and philosophers, scientists and schoolchildren with their profound mystery and beauty. In **Metamorphosis** you will explore their remarkable world as few ever have before.

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The superbly engineered body of a butterfly is magnified hundreds of times to reveal compound eyes made of thousands of individual lenses, wings covered with microscopic solar panels that warm the insect's muscles for flight, and navigational systems that unerringly guide Monarch butterflies on their annual migration from Canada to Mexico.

Question and Answer:

Question: Will there be more adult creation programs next year?

Answer: Yes, we'll be looking for input from some of you as to what kinds of programs you'd like but our planning has already put quite a few on to the summer 2012 schedule.

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