

## **Episcopal Day Camp at St. Columba**

At St. Columba Conference Center, Episcopal Day Camp and an overnight camp attended by children that otherwise would not be able to attend camp run simultaneously. For three weeks, the center is a place that vibrates with the energy of children and young people who look forward to this annual opportunity to heed the call of St. Columba's wonderful 148 acres. Participants range in age from those just entering first grade to college graduates. Rising first- through sixth- graders are Campers; rising seventh- and eighth- graders are Junior Counselors in Training; rising ninth- through tenth- graders are Junior counselors; rising 11<sup>th</sup> – 12 graders are Senior Counselors; and High School graduates and older are Adult Counselors. The majority of these campers and counselors are from the diocese, but there is a variety of faiths represented. The overnight camp running concurrently with the day camp has 45 attendees over a three week period. Each week, 15 disadvantaged children stay overnight. Each of the three weeks, Episcopal Day Camp has as many as 250 campers and counselors participating. The camp staff is made up of former campers at Episcopal Day Camp. Deep and lasting friendships are made among campers and counselors alike. Episcopal Day Camp is a vibrant ministry of the diocese at St. Columba for both campers and counselors alike.