

Pineapple Square Bars

Ingredients

For Dough:

- * 3 cups flour
- * 2 tsp. baking powder
- * ¼ tsp. salt
- * 2 sticks margarine
- * 3 egg yolks
- * ½ pt. sour cream

For Filling:

- * 2 cups crushed pineapple, drained
- * 1 cup sugar
- * 4 tbsp. cornstarch

For Royal frosting:

- * 2 large egg whites
- * 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- * 3 cups confectioners sugar, sifted

For Topping:

- * ½ cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Directions

To make dough:

In a bowl add flour, baking powder and salt; set aside. In a large bowl, add butter and egg yolks; beat until combined. Add sour cream and mix until combined. Beat in flour mixture. Wrap dough in cellophane and refrigerate for 24 hours.

To make filling:

In a large pot; add pineapple, sugar and cornstarch. Cook until thicken (about 7 minutes); stirring frequently. Set aside to cool.

Preheat oven 350F and set aside an 11 x 15 cake pan.

Divide dough in half. On a floured surface roll dough out to fit cake pan. Line bottom of pan with dough. Evenly spread pineapple mixture over top of dough. Roll out 2nd piece of dough to fit cake pan. Carefully place dough over top of pineapple filling. (Pierce 4 slits in the center). Bake in oven for 45 minutes; until lightly golden. Let bars cool completely

To make frosting:

In the bowl of your electric mixer (or with a hand mixer), beat the egg whites with the lemon juice until combined. Add the sifted powdered sugar and beat on low speed until combined and smooth. The right consistency is reached when a ribbon of icing falls from the beaters into the bowl and remains on the surface for a few seconds before disappearing. The icing needs to be used immediately or transferred to an airtight container as royal icing hardens when exposed to air. Cover with plastic wrap when not in use. Spread frosting over cooled bars and sprinkle with chopped walnuts or pecans.

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Fall 2015

Upcoming Events:

- **Falltastic**
October 2—3, 2015
- **Senior Adult Retreat**
October 21, 2015
- **FUSION, MS/HS Youth Group Retreat**
November 13—15, 2015
- **Christmas Retreat**
December 18—20, 2015
- **Mission: Encounter**
January 17—18, 2016

Visit our website for more information on these and other programs that Cedarkirk offers.

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The Seasons of Cedarkirk

I was recently asked which season of ministry at Cedarkirk I preferred: the year-round retreats or summer camp. This is a tough question. On one hand, more than 14,000 guests come out on retreat with their church families and have the opportunity to grow closer to one another and God. On the other hand, the busy pace of summer, with nearly 1,000 children and youth coming together and living in Christian community provides daily reminders of God's work in our world and lives.

While very different in many ways, both seasons share the same foundation and result: God's transforming ways are at work. Lives are changed at camp, whether they are here for a day or a week. During the summer or in year-round retreats, God works through community building, fun, challenges, quiet moments, joyous laughter, and new and old friends.

We regularly hear of experiences in this special place apart when someone shares: "This is where I'm reminded that God loves me no matter what"; "God is calling our church to do something new and wonderful"; "God is at work in my life and is calling me to do something more"; and "this is where I can truly be myself." Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we witness lives changed and hearts opened to the love and grace of God.

Cedarkirk truly makes an impact in the lives of God's children of all ages and your partnership makes a difference in the ministry of this special place. Thank you for sharing with others about what happens at camp. Thank you for praying for our campers, staff, and guests. Thank you for your support, which enables us to accomplish so much. Thank you for being a part of this unique ministry.

We are grateful for the connections and relationships that strengthen Cedarkirk to build up the body of Christ in love. To learn more and keep up with all that is happening at your camp and conference center, please follow us on Facebook or Instagram, visit our website, or subscribe to our e-newsletter.

Camp Continuum

Campers' clothing might have changed over the years, but the



Thank You, Summer Camp Volunteers



We are blessed each summer to work with skilled volunteers who love (and live) to serve Cedarkirk and its campers. These wonderful individuals donate their time, talents, and love to serve as worship leaders, camp nurses, check-in volunteers and Reach Out staff.

Summer camp would not run nearly as smoothly or effectively without help from these folks. We are grateful to each of you and for the ways you have enhanced our ministry. Thank you for all you

have done - and continue to do - to make camp a meaningful place for our campers and staff, and by being good stewards of God's grace.

Mark Burgan, Margie Byers, Karen Childs, T.J. Childs, Laura Combs-Saluga, Maryellen Combs-Saluga, Rachael Cutler, Nancy Donovan, Laurie Gallo, Roxanne Gallo, Scotty Gillingham, Rev. Helen Heffington, Rev. Claudia Henderson, Holly Jorgensen, Kristin Koller, Rev. Sung Lee, Cara Millburg, Kris Monette, Chris Pabst, Donna Reynolds, Jessie Sereda, Jimmy Steele, Sheryl Taylor, Cheryl Track, Allison Vartanian and Caroline Wherley.

Save the Date!

**Cedarkirk
Christmas Retreat
December 18-20, 2015
Campers in grades 1st-12th
are invited to attend.
Register online today!**



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Cedarkirk's Summer Camp Programs Conclude

Cedarkirk was blessed with another exciting and transforming summer camp program this year. During seven weeks of programs, 875 children, youth, and adults experienced the love of Jesus in God's beautiful creation. More than 60 staff and volunteers contributed their gifts to make this summer special.

Our theme for the summer, CLIP IN, centered around connecting more fully to the Holy Spirit. Campers explored how the Spirit guides, instructs, and strengthens us so that we all can

make a positive difference in our communities and in the world.

We owe much gratitude to our gifted and dedicated summer staff, who gave of their time, energy, and love as they led our campers through weeks of excitement, challenge, and growth. We also couldn't have run things as smoothly without our volunteers who served as worship leaders, nurses, and check-in helpers.

Cedarkirk would like to thank the members and churches of Peace River Presbytery and the

Presbytery of Tampa Bay for your continued support of our summer programs. You have sent campers, provided volunteers and financial support for scholarships, and you have held this place apart in your prayers.

For a glimpse of what community looks like during summer camp at Cedarkirk, pull up our YouTube channel (CedarkirkVideos) to watch our end-of-the-week videos. It's the best way to see the grace of God at work in the lives of our young campers!

Christmas International House, December 2015

***Above all hold unflinching your love for one another,
since love covers a multitude of sins. Practice hospitality ungrudgingly to one another.***

I Peter 4:8-9

We have all seen the images, stories, and statistics of the Syrian refugee crisis the media has covered so much in these past weeks. There have been many difficult conversations about how to provide much needed hospitality and refuge these and so many around us.

Though the level of need may be vastly different, hosting international college students over the Christmas holiday is one way (and much less controversial) we can meet God's command to "practice hospitality ungrudgingly to one another". This year Cedarkirk will be partnering with families

within the "Cedarkirk family" to host 13 international students studying around the country. Cedarkirk will host all 13 from Dec. 18th-23rd and Dec. 27th-Jan. 2nd. We are asking families to host one or two students from the evening of the 23rd to the afternoon of the 27th. As of this writing, we have accepted our first student from Japan. She is studying in Cedar Rapids so I'm sure she will be looking forward to the Florida weather by then!

We hope you will consider hosting a student or two and partnering with us in this ministry of hospitality. This

entails picking up your student from Cedarkirk, having them be a part of your family's tradition and daily routine, providing a small gift for them on Christmas day, and returning them to camp. Any family that is interested is given a brief profile of prospective students in order to find the right match. If you are interested or have more questions, please contact Mark Orendorf at:813.685.4224, ext. 4 or mark@cedarkirk.org.

Merry Christmas!

Nuts and Bolts



Cedarkirk had a great summer! Besides cutting the grass, clearing the brush and trimming the trails, we took time to build, repair and install some new items for the greater good. New lighting was installed to lighten and brighten the way to and from Pine Lodge; a pole light and outlet were

installed at Pine fire circle; and, installed a new cross made from a rescued cedar tree on the lawn behind Cedar Lodge. A big thank you goes to the Senior High Leadership summer camp program for their hard work in making and installing the new cross. Next time you stay in Pine Lodge, you will notice that the bathroom faucets and counter tops on

the first floor have been upgraded.

Do you have volunteers in your church who might like to help Cedarkirk? We have a number of opportunities and special projects for groups to lend a hand and support the ongoing ministry at Cedarkirk. Please contact Kevin at the church office to discuss the projects still on our list.