

Baked Macaroni and Cheese

Ingredients

- * 1 (16 ounce) package elbow macaroni
- * 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- * 2 eggs
- * 1 (8 ounce) container sour cream
- * 1 teaspoon seasoning salt
- * 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- * 1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- * 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- * 1 tablespoon butter

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain and rinse with cold water.
3. In a bowl mix milk, eggs, sour cream, seasoning salt, and pepper. Layer macaroni, cheddar cheese, and milk mixture until pan is full. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese and pour melted butter on top.
4. Bake in a preheated oven for 20 to 30 minutes or until milk mixture is done.

Serves 10.



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Summer 2014

Upcoming Events:

- **Summer Camp**
June 8—August 8
- **Homecoming**
August 29—31
- **The Gathering**
September 19—20
- **Senior Adult Retreat**
October 14th
- **Christmas Retreat**
December 19—21

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

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Join us for Cedarkirk's Homecoming 2014

Homecoming 2014

Don't miss Cedarkirk's annual family retreat weekend!

August 29-31, 2014

Join us for:

- line dancing
- campfires
- zip lining
- delicious food
- worship
- swimming
- hayrides
- rock climbing
- games
- fellowship
- activity tournaments

Stay for the entire weekend or join us just for Saturday's events! Check out the Homecoming registration form for a full list of lodging and meal options and pricing.

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welcome regardless of how many times you have been to camp.

For over five years now we have been offering a homecoming event on Labor Day weekend. This year we are highlighting certain eras. This year, we will be lifting up those who attended or felt most connected to camp between 1971-1974 or 1995-1998. In 2015 we will highlight '75-'78 and '99-'02, and so on.

If you fall into the highlighted category for this year, please make a special effort to invite your Cedarkirk friends to join you for a great weekend of

It is once again time for our annual **Homecoming Retreat** over Labor Day weekend, **August 29th to 31st**. Homecoming is when we welcome all those who love Cedarkirk to come home for a weekend of laughter and connecting with family and friends.

In addition to reminiscing about past fun and reuniting with good friends, there are lots of activities to create new memories. All are

shared memories and camp experiences. Of course this doesn't mean that you can't attend if you are not part of the "highlighted era" crowd. There is plenty of room for all to join us.

Please visit our website, www.cedarkirk.org, to see our schedule and online registration information. We look forward to seeing you in August.

SEPT 19th-20th

Spend time at Cedarkirk growing closer to God and the good people in your youth group.



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Board Member Corner—Rev. Dr. Earl J. Smith

Cedarkirk: A place apart to build up the body of Christ in love.

Cedarkirk has been a very special place for me and my family. My wife, Judy, and I bought our first home in Brandon in the early 70's about the time the Cedarkirk property was purchased. It was through First Presbyterian Church, Brandon that we were introduced to Cedarkirk. I fondly remember church family weekend retreats at Cedarkirk. One year we decided to have a bike-a-thon. We would start at the church and ride bikes the 15 miles to Cedarkirk, have a picnic lunch, then return to the church via cars and trailers hauling the bikes. Dale Jordan and I were into running, so we decided to forgo the bikes and run the whole way down Lithia Pinecrest road to Cedarkirk. Needless to say back then the development along Lithia Pinecrest was almost nonexistent and we were able to ride and run

with ease. And, at that time First Presbyterian would have their Easter Sunrise Services at Cedarkirk. That was always a very special time and place. God's presence in the rising of the sun over the cross in front of Cedar Lodge was a wonderful thing to experience, which was always followed by a great breakfast, thanks to Cedarkirk. My family has made wonderful use of the Cedarkirk facilities over the years. My oldest son Tim loved Cedarkirk so much that he insisted on having his wedding there, even though his wife's family lived in Tennessee. It was a wonderful wedding. The ceremony was held at the "sands." Out of town family members and friends stayed at Cedar Lodge, and that is where the reception was held. It was a wonderful time for everyone in a place apart meant to build up the body of Christ.

Friends Make A Difference!

On May 3rd, the Cedarkirk staff and Board gathered with many of the Friends of Cedarkirk to thank these vital supporters. Our time together featured slideshows about the impact of the Friends gifts and updates about improvements and additions to the program and facility over the past year.

The event was highlighted by the presentation of some of our current needs. The Friends of Cedarkirk then designated this

year's fund of \$7,422 to help purchase new items for the kitchen, to make improvements at the pool and throughout the facilities, and to add several new resources for the summer program. The complete list of items designated by our generous Friends can be found on our website. Not included in these funds was the donation of \$5,000 for the creation of a 9-hole disc golf course.

While not all of our Friends and supporters could come to celebrate with us, we are incredibly grateful to all of you who help support this unique ministry. Your gifts make a difference and enable Cedarkirk to provide life-changing faith experiences for all of God's children. Thank you! For more information on how you can become a Friend, please visit our website.

I have had many other life changing and life renewing experiences at Cedarkirk. I served as worship leader for a Jr. High Canoe Camp one summer that was very memorable. In '87 when I was serving as the Hunger Enabler for Southwest Florida Presbytery, Cedarkirk hosted a meeting of the national Hunger Program Committee. I was the host for that event, and shared one of my first sermons there prior to going to Columbia Seminary as a candidate for ministry. The encouragement I received from them, and from God who is so very present at Cedarkirk, gave me the affirmation I needed to pack up my family and all our stuff and move on to follow the calling I had from Jesus Christ. And that is what Cedarkirk is all about. Come and experience for yourself this wonderful place apart.

Summer Camp 2014 Has Begun!



Cedarkirk's summer programs kicked off on June 8th! Year-round staff and counselors have been preparing for another exciting summer of ministry – prepping cabin villages, working on Bible study curriculum, learning new games, tuning guitars, and laying

in enough s'more supplies to fill the bellies of a thousand campers. Our twenty-six summer staff have spent two weeks preparing spiritually and physically to nurture, guide, and care for our campers – your children.

Cedarkirk offers more than forty programs for campers who have completed first through twelfth grades, with varied experiences to suit almost any interest. Our small-group, residential programs provide campers with opportunities for adventure, fun, creativity, and faith-building within a loving and nurturing community and the natural backdrop of old Florida. Many of our camps have filled, but there are still spaces available in some of our programs. If you are looking for a Christ-centered camp experience for your child, please visit www.cedarkirk.org for more information, a list of programs with current availability, and online registration. You may also call the Cedarkirk office at 813.685.4224 with any other questions.

Nuts and Bolts



Cedar Lodge has a new and improved look as our staff are wrapping up improvements to the upstairs dining room. This renovation was made possible by a very generous memorial gift. We started with a fresh coat of paint and have added a wainscot treatment to the lower portion of the wall. Light fixtures and new flooring will be installed after summer camp wraps up. Stained glass window art now hangs in both stairwells as another part of the gift. This is an exciting time for

the lodge as it has been quite some time since the last upgrades were made.

We also invite you to come and enjoy the new disc golf course that has been installed around the camp.

Numerous volunteers from FPC Brandon have been working hard to help prepare the site for our summer camp program. We are very grateful for all their help. If you or a group from your church would like to volunteer at Cedarkirk, please contact the camp office.

DTS Wrap Up

For the past four years, Cedarkirk has been my home for the summer. This January I had the opportunity to experience Cedarkirk in a different way by participating in the Discernment Through Service Program. This program is geared towards recent college graduates who are discerning future direction and God's call for their life.

I am grateful for the time that I spent in conversations and for the friendships with the staff that helped mentor me. Cedarkirk is a special place that has taught me the value of community and service. — Sam Wismer