



A Look at our Heritage
Memorial Day Retreat

MDR, as this event is fondly known, has been a main stay of our youth program since 1979 when Freda Ricord was the speaker. Over 2300 youth have participated in this retreat. MDR is often mentioned by WSPC students that it was here that they committed their lives to Christ, decided to take their faith seriously, recommitted their lives to Christ, or where they experienced unconditional love when they needed it. In addition, students are confident and eager to share MDR with their unchurched friends.



mdr memories ♦ immersion baptism in the Sound at Fort Casey ♦ super heroes at the “soccer field” ♦ blowing up an enema bag until it popped ♦ medieval games ♦ girls on boys shoulders attempting to crush the egg taped to the guy’s forehead using a 12” trout ♦ sling shot water balloons ♦ a former student’s first experience counseling, so contrite over the “pranks” he’d played as a student ♦ “reporting questions” that help identify where a student is spiritually ♦ quiet time – kids sitting on fences, tree roots, basketball courts, steps, by themselves communing with God ♦ Joe Killgore and the water tower caper ♦ tying speaker Tom Speckhart inbetween mattresses while asleep ♦ girls’ cabin bathrooms with stuff everywhere ♦ worship services at the chapel in the woods ♦ Yelm – the one camp we were asked NOT to come back to ♦ dancin’ Duncan ♦ counselors talking one-on-one with kids about spiritual things ♦ Mildred Roberts running through the woods during the “Safari” game ♦ open three-sided cabins in the rain at Ramblewood ♦ student created, directed, and acted mini movies for retreat themes ♦ loudly singing the “Duck” song ♦ first-time 6th graders vs. seniors doing their last time – looking out for each other ♦ scores of kids who invited friends, made new commitments, shared in small groups, and were introduced to the Creator and Lord for the first time ♦



Above: **MDR 1990** - Camp Yelm; 81 youth; 31 leaders.
 Left: **MDR 2009** - Camp Seymour; 83 youth & 35 leaders.
 Today: **MDR 2010** - Miracle Ranch; 83 youth & 36 leaders.