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Comments: My involvement with Montlure Presbyterian Camp began when I was in Junior High in the late 1950's when I attended two summer camps. Since then, my children have attended camps there and both my husband and myself have been part of work camps at the end of the season to close down the camps. Our current church, University Presbyterian in Tempe, has been very active in its support of Montlure with several members serving on the Montlure Board. We also participated in winter camps at Montlure.

When the fire hit our camp over 10 years ago, we were devastated to hear that we would not be able to hold camps there until the mountain behind the camp made its recovery. We were sad to see the fire's destruction of part of the camp including the campfire worship area. Our church had lost three of our young people members who died in an auto accident on their way to camp years ago. That had inspired us to build a substantial altar using river rocks and a memorial plaque to the three. It survived the fire.

However, camp continued during this recovery and I did my part being a chaperone on the bus trips up and back from what ever camp we were able to rent for the season. It was a joy to the church family to at long last be able to use the camp again last summer.

I highly encourage the Forest Service to allow the reopening of the Monture Camp so many more young people can go to learn more about their faith in such a nurturing, inviting atmosphere.

Sincerely, Joyce Godfrey

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