

## **Camp Fitch Fall Reunion 2011**

A great time was had by the 21 retirees of the William S. Chambers Chapter of AYR at the “**Camp Fitch reunion.**” What a beautiful camp! Not very good weather, however, the rain held off for the day and all planned activities went off like we knew Dick Bennett could do. Thanks Dick for putting the reunion together for all of us.

For those who stayed in the Lodge, a great breakfast was shared with the outdoor education children attending camp. Others stayed at local motels and showed up at camp at 9:30 am for refreshments and registration.

The planned day began with a hayride tour of the camp by Greg Donahue, assistant Camp Director. The camp is located on the shores of Lake Erie and consists of one mile of shoreline and about 500 acres of prime real estate.

A warm welcome and an introduction to camp was given by Brian Rupe, Camp Director in the newly constructed Chapel. We got an in depth look at the “Past-Present-Future of Camping” and Tim Hilk, CEO of the Youngstown YMCA introduced Brian.

A “Camp Fitch Buffett” for lunch followed by a Dick Bennett game of Jeopardy. That was different. Our afternoon speaker was Tim Bolen a biologist with the Fisheries Division of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife speaking on the fish life changes through the years and the dangers of extinction of certain species of fish.

An Executive Committee meeting and General Session Meeting were held at the same time since time was limited and both had the same agenda. The “Retiree of the Year” award was presented to Chuck Zech by Dick Bennett and Dale Packer presented the “True Grit” award to Tom Patton in abstention. The following day, Dale visited Tom and presented him the award in his home.

The reunion concluded with the remembering of those who have left us: Jack Doughty, Jeff Sadowsky, Fred Fuerst and Wayne Farrar.