



GREEN SPACE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAMP EVERGREEN

APRIL-MAY 2016

SURPRISES!

Kim Green asked me if I wanted to give the girls a treat. The girls are April and Irish, our new Clydesdale team, and Kim (who did a great job, by the way) was here in fall and winter training April and Irish to behave themselves and pull the wagon. Kim also assisted our new head wrangler, Mikaela, in learning to drive the team. "I would love to give them a treat," I replied, fully expecting

some sort of large hay and oats granola bar type thing that one would pick up at your local UFA. Instead, much to my surprise, Kim gave me two white peppermint mints. Now when I say mints, I'm talking the same



ROOT BEER floats

Thoughts from the Director's Desk

ones my Grandma used to give me when she called me Bobby. And so I gave the girls each a mint. For those of you who have not had the pleasure of feeding small mints to large horses, be prepared for a good part of your hand to disappear (slurp) into their rather large lips. And then the best part ... wait for it... is their minty breath after they crunch the mints. Bev and I wish we could get our dogs to eat mints! Every time I can, I give the girls mints. April and Irish are starting to recognize me as the mint guy.

Sometimes we talk about being surprised at Camp Evergreen. We're surprised at how many campers come to know Jesus each summer. We're surprised about the growth that we see in our staff lives. We're surprised at how many volunteers are willing to give up of their time and resources to help us serve.

And sometimes Camp Evergreen surprises are not that great. Surprise - the power is out! You need to finish supper without



Kim with Irish & April

power and do dishes without power. Doing dishes at the best of times isn't that much fun, doing dishes without power is a whole new ball game. Or surprise - the main sewer line from the lodge is clogged - and yes there is a guest group on site.

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CAMP EVERGREEN

presents

Dinner and a Laugh

a fundraising event to invite your friends to,
featuring comedian **Leland Klassen**

Saturday, May 7th

at Dalhousie Community Church
5511 Baroc Road NW, Calgary

Tickets: \$100 (a portion is tax-deductable)

Enjoy a wonderful evening of laughs, great food, silent auction, and supporting camp ministry



Here are some of the figures Camp Evergreen hopes to raise to meet financial goals for 2016. Along with the Special Projects goal of \$30,000, camp would like to raise \$186,000 via General Donations, and also reach the goal of \$5,000 per month through regular monthly donors.

Donations are gladly accepted online, via cheque or call our office about setting up monthly donations.



Visit the **Support Us** page on our website.



a few memories of Ladies Retreat - April 2016



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7	Dinner and a Laugh with Leland Klassen
May 20	Seniors Day
June 10-12	Father & Son Retreat
June 25	AGM & Open House
July 3 - Aug. 19	Summer Camps
September 2-5	Family Camp
Sept. 30 - Oct. 2	Rise Up Sr. High Retreat

THE GREAT KITCHEN CHALLENGE

ATTENTION CHURCHES! Would you be willing to help us out? Would your congregation supply two adult helpers to volunteer in our kitchen for one week this summer? If each MB church in Alberta would meet this challenge to help us fill this need we would be set for summer!



Please contact our head cook, Ken at kitchen@camp-evergreen.com or give him a phone call if you have any questions or you are willing to organize this on behalf of your home church. Thank you in advance!

‘(Jesus) said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”’ Luke 10:2 ESV

Would you pray with us that the right spring and summer staff would be assembled to serve our guests and campers this year?

Thank you!



FATHER & SON RETREAT

JUNE 10-12

Camp Evergreen’s classic retreat just for the guys, with fun activities, chapels and awesome food!

It’s a great chance for sons and their dads to forget about school or work, and enjoy spending time with each other and the rest of the fathers and sons.

Space is limited. Register today on our website.



Our summer camps are really filling up quickly this year! We have campers coming from all over Alberta, and even some from other provinces. In this word search puzzles are the names of just some of the Alberta towns and cities that our camper call home. Sorry if we missed yours - we couldn't fit them all in!

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| CANMORE | LACOMBE |
| CLARESHOLM | LANGDON |
| COALDALE | LEDUC |
| COCHRANE | LETHBRIDGE |
| CONDOR | LINDEN |
| DEVON | MEDICINE HAT |
| DE WINTON | OLDS |
| DIDSBURY | RED DEER |
| DRUMHELLER | ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE |

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| SUNDRE |
| SYLVAN LAKE |
| TORRINGTON |

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That's one of the things I enjoy most about working at Camp Evergreen. There are not too many days that are the same, and pretty much every day has some sort of surprise in store.

As I thought about being surprised, I realized that there are certain things about camp that shouldn't surprise us. We shouldn't be surprised that God is at work in the lives of our campers and guests. We shouldn't be surprised that our staff are growing and learning how to lean on Christ more. We shouldn't be surprised at the generosity of our Evergreen fans. Look at the story of Peter healing the lame man and his response to the people who were surprised: Acts 3:11-13 NIV 'While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them, "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go."



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We are serving the same God here at Camp Evergreen. The same powerful God who is never surprised. As you trust the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in your own lives, don't be surprised when He shows up and works wonders! We will be looking for some great and exciting things again this summer, but I'm going to try not to be surprised!

Bob "Ranger" Kroeker Executive Director

SENIOR'S DAY

Friday, May 20th
11:00am to 4:00pm

Join with us as we host a day especially for you,

- Lunch
- Outdoor activities (optional)
- Staff testimonies
- Camp update
- Afternoon coffee
- Time to relax and visit

There is no charge for this event although we will be receiving an offering which will go toward offsetting our summer camp expenses.

Free charter bus transportation is being offered to and from Calgary. The bus will be picking up and dropping off passengers at Dalhousie Community Church.

Please phone or email camp to register for our Senior's Day, and to reserve a seat on the bus.



STAFF & VOLUNTEER NEEDS FOR 2016:

- ◇ Spring staff available to begin May 2nd
- ◇ Summer staff available to begin June 24th
- ◇ Nurse or doctor for July 10-15 & August 14-19

Contact our Program Director for more information at

taylor@camp-evergreen.com

- ◇ Kitchen help any weekend in April, May or June; midweek in May or June, or during summer camps in July & August.

Contact our Kitchen Manager for more information at

kitchen@camp-evergreen.com

To apply for any seasonal position please go to the **Work With Us** link on our website.

Please visit our website www.camp-evergreen.com

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