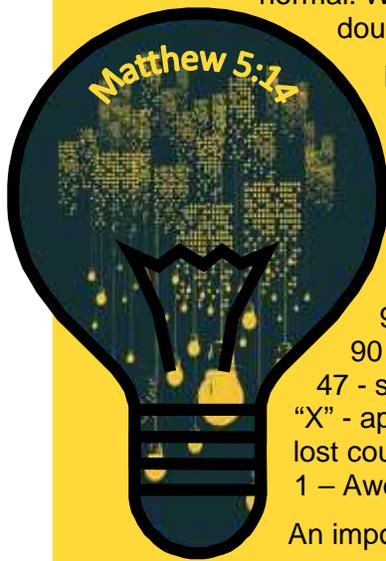


CAMP EVERGREEN SUMMER CAMP 2017: SHINE!

Summer 2017 has (almost) come and gone. As I reflect back on my 22 summers of camping ministry, this summer was definitely one of the best! We had a great staff that seemed to really buy into that summer camp is for the campers. And while we did have a few hospital runs, we didn't have as many as the last couple of summers. Stressful situations happen every summer, but there didn't seem to be as many as normal. We are thankful for the many prayers that were offered up on our behalf. There is no doubt in my mind that we had a blanket of prayer this summer.



Here are some numbers for you:

- 23,400 - plates of food were served from our kitchen this summer
- 14,112 - approx number of tuck consumed by our campers, staff and volunteers
- 944 - total number of children and youth campers
- 476 - significant faith decisions/spiritual growth
- 204 - loads of laundry for the kitchen and lost 'n' found (thanks Doris!)
- 176 - Bibles given out to campers
- 99 - volunteers joined us throughout the summer
- 90 - more summer campers than last year
- 47 - seasonal and permanent staff
- "X" - approximate number of servings of ice cream Bob and Helmut had this summer (we lost count)
- 1 – Awesome God that we were able to serve this summer

An important number is 476. 476 campers that we know of made either a first time decision or expressed growth in their walk with Jesus. How awesome is that. We know that each camper was clearly presented with the life transforming message of Jesus Christ. Some of our campers expressed that they were just not ready to make that decision, but the seeds of the Gospel have been planted.

Highlights for me? Trying to keep up with Helmut when it came to ice cream. The story of Autumn, one of our seasonal staff members, who waded in the canoe pond (people don't typically choose to wade in our canoe pond) so a camper with autism could experience kayaking. Seeing Jeff – who's camp name is Juice Box – wear his cardboard juice box for every wide game. Hearing about a camper who made a decision to follow Jesus shortly after leaving camp. Barbeques in the field on Wednesdays. Seeing God once again work in and through us as a staff.

Summer camp continues to be one of our strongest methods of evangelism, discipleship and leadership development. Our staff are gaining valuable life skills that they will be able to use in whatever vocation God calls them. The very people we want to reach in Alberta are asking to come to Evergreen. God is not finished with Camp Evergreen. I believe He has much more for us as a "place of refuge" from our crazy world.

Thanks for your continued support. We appreciate and need it very much. Please pray for us as we transition back into our guest group ministry, that God would continue to give us the strength, energy and excitement that we need to encourage our guests to come back as campers.

Bob "Ranger" Kroeker
Executive Director



BIKING FOR EVERGREEN

August 12-26

Here are the numbers...

- 1,731 kms
- 287 supporters
- \$62,269 raised for Reaching Higher and the new lodge at Camp Evergreen!

Thursday evening after I arrived at camp, I made a fire out at the teepee site and was reminded what it takes to get a fire really going - the ones where the stones around the fire are hot and you can throw a big log on and not have to stoke it. First I collected a lot of little twigs, some with small bunches of dried moss on them. Then I built a log cabin around the twigs and a teepee over the twigs with thin pieces of wood. Since the wood was a bit wet, it took a number of matches before I got out some paper which finally caught the twigs on fire and then the teepee and then the log cabin. I quickly had to add some more small pieces of wood and continue to stoke the fire and add larger pieces. After an hour or so, there were enough hot coals that I could add a couple of big logs without having to stoke it. The fire was really going!

On the tour, I was told stories of what it took to get Camp Evergreen going and to build the current lodge in the 60s and 70s. The many truck loads of gravel that were brought in to make roads, the weeks that fathers spent away from their families building cabins, the sacrificial giving, big and small to buy the land, and the volunteer work bees to finish the lodge. It took many people giving in both big and small ways. It really "got a fire going", so that the generations that came after could benefit from what was built. Over 50 years later, we've outgrown what was built!

Now it's our turn to do the same for the generations to come! One thing we know for sure is that there will be more kids and youth in ten, twenty and thirty years than there are now. The new lodge is like a bigger fire ring that we need to get a fire really going in. It will take a lot of people giving in sacrificial ways, both big and small. Like the two little girls in Linden who each brought me a loonie and signed the pledge sheet!

We are projecting that it will cost \$5.5 million to build the lodge and we want to have it completed by 2020. We are looking for people to make monthly pledges for the next three years so we can move forward with confidence. If everyone who has supported the bike tour turned their one-time donation into a monthly pledge for three years, we would have over 2 million dollars raised!



Please consider your role in building Camp Evergreen for the next generations. \$28/month for 3 years amounts to a \$1,000 donation. You can make your pledges at biking4evergreen.ca, on the Camp Evergreen website or by calling the camp office.

Thanks again for joining me on this adventure!

Blessings,
Andrew Baerg



**VOLUNTEER NEEDS FOR
AUTUMN 2017:**

- ◆ Kitchen Helpers mid-week and week ends
phone or email Lane at staff@camp-evergreen.com
403-638-4230

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camp-evergreen.blogspot.ca

2017-2018 CALENDAR

Sept. 29 - Oct. 1	Lead Retreat (Jr. & Sr. High)
January 13	Pond Hockey Tournament
February 16-19	Winter Fest Family Camp
April 6-8	Ladies Retreat
May 27	Daughter Day
June 8-10	Father & Son Retreat
June 23	AGM & Open House
July 3 - August 24	Children's Summer Camps
August 4-6	Mid Summer Family Camp



Designed to help students Learn, Equip, Aspire, and Do. Not just that - it's camp, so you better believe that there's also a heap of fun, great food, and community to go with it.

Join us for our
LEAD Retreat

Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2017

Start your year off right at Camp Evergreen.

We're starting something new here at Evergreen. This fall, we've got a weekend full of amazing speakers and workshop presenters, times of worship, wide games, food, and memories just waiting to happen. We believe that every student is able to be used by God in amazing ways. Join us in a weekend preparing to do just that.

Learn → *Equip* *Aspire* *Do*

Specifically for Junior and Senior High Students we invite **Youth Groups** of all sizes (first come, first serve). **Individuals** may register by calling our office - we will be seeking to make connections between individual registrants with youth groups attending the weekend.

\$99 + GST for students. \$65 + GST for Sponsors and Leaders.

If you are local to Camp Evergreen and only coming for the program, please contact the office for a different price.

This weekend will be full of all your favourite events such as fun **activities**, amazing **chapels**, great **night games**, and scrumptious **food**, all packed into one weekend.

For more information feel free to call our office at **403-638-4230**.



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\$768,658
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