



# the GREEN SPACE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAMP EVERGREEN

SUMMER 2017

## SO WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

This week I'm entering my 20<sup>th</sup> summer of camp ministry. Wow, time flies when you're having fun! For my husband Bob it's at least his 22<sup>nd</sup> summer as camp staff. So what could I possibly have left to say about this upcoming summer that hasn't already been said before? Well, a lot, I guess!

For starters none of us have ever been able to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Canada before. I'm so thankful for the privilege of being a Canadian.

Next, Camp Evergreen has never had as many summer campers attending as we will this year (well over 1,000). For some children this will be their first time coming to camp, and for some their first time sleeping away from home. Along with our returning staff there are some new faces who will

be serving alongside us. Also we have a new generation of German volunteers joining us (and thankfully a significant number of returning ones as well - much to our delight they just can't stay away!)

Most significant is that there are going to be children and teens who will hear for the first time about the Good News of Jesus Christ, and some making the decision to give their lives to Him. Please also lift up the children in prayer, that they would be kept safe and that their hearts wouldn't be too hard or too scarred to realize and accept the best life God has in mind for them? Pray for soft hearts. Would

you pray for us as staff this summer? Would you pray that each staff member would be receptive to the Holy Spirit's prompting in our lives as we serve God.

Do you know what else is new? God's love, mercy and faithfulness. Yes, these have been characteristics of Him throughout the ages, but for us He promises, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV He allows us to hit the 'refresh' button every day on our walk with Him -



He's just that generous and loving! He doesn't give up on us.

One more thing we will ask of you: get ready to receive these new hearts back into your community once they've finished their week at camp. They need a strong, supportive group of Jesus followers to

help nurture and disciple them the other 51 weeks of the year! That's you. That's your local church. Thank you for partnering with Camp Evergreen in ministry. Guess what? God doesn't need us, but He chooses to work through us, so let's take this privilege to heart.



Want to follow what's happening at Camp this summer? Follow all our updates on Facebook and our Green Spot blog!  
[www.Camp-evergreen.blogspot.ca](http://www.Camp-evergreen.blogspot.ca)

## VOLUNTEER NEEDS FOR SUMMER 2017:

- ◆ Kitchen Helpers
  - ◆ Barn Helpers - must be able to saddle and be a competent rider
- phone or email Lane at [staff@camp-evergreen.com](mailto:staff@camp-evergreen.com)

# 2017 Annual General Meeting & Open House



A spectacular Saturday both in weather and spirit was enjoyed by many people on June 25<sup>th</sup> for our Annual General Meeting in the morning and Open house in the afternoon. With more than 90 society members in attendance the morning meeting accomplished what the board and staff had hoped for.

We welcomed new and returning board members Don Quapp, Keith Thiessen and Kevin Thiessen, while bidding adieu

(for the time being) to Andrew Baerg and Bob Thiessen. Both Andrew and Bob have capably and wholeheartedly served on the board for many years: the absence of these godly men will be felt.

Reports were heard from departing chairman Andrew Baerg, program team leader Courtney Armstrong, executive director Bob Kroeker, former director Walt Loewen, as well as a finance report from Kevin Thiessen and Barry Langendoen. Heartfelt testimonies were shared by two current seasonal staff: Julia Plett from Rosemary, AB and Julian Wenzel from Mundelsheim, Germany.

Among other things Andrew shared about his Biking4Evergreen trip planned for this August in which he will be cycling around Alberta raising awareness and funds for Evergreen's Reaching Higher capital campaign. Courtney shared some exciting program updates about our High School retreat weekend in fall, a new Family Camp planned for February and some new summer camp options in the works for summer 2018. Stay tuned for more information via camp's blog, Facebook posts and emails sent directly to you from Courtney and Ranger Bob.

We were treated to the premier showing of camps new Reaching Higher video, and Walter hosted various people sharing about the importance and impact that camp had and still has on themselves and their families and friends. Even the financial reports were a joy to listen to as Kevin and Barry presented them - who knew numbers could be so fun and interesting? Besides giving out some door-prizes and the ever-popular ice cream, Bob encourages us as a camp to keep up the good job of hosting campers, guests groups, and growing staff into mature leaders. He emphasized the need to live and work in the present, and not be distracted from effective service today by distractions of the past or future.

The last item on the agenda was the dedication of the two new staff homes which should be nearing completion this fall. Many people took the opportunity to tour the homes.

Many more families joined us for the afternoon Open House. Archery, wagon rides, vertical playground and other activities kept everyone happy and busy. It was a wonderful afternoon to visit, relax and connect with each other. For many it was their first visit to Camp Evergreen. The afternoon ended with a delicious outdoor barbeque and we already look forward to next year's AGM and Open House planned for June 23, 2018. We hope you'll join us!

## 2017-2018 Camp Evergreen Society Board Members

Alex Fay - Vice Chairman	Lethbridge, AB
Marni Hatch	Calgary, AB
Cody Hoffman	Calgary, AB
Barry Langendoen	Rocky Mtn. House, AB
Paul Mclean	Calgary, AB
Don Quapp	Sherwood Park, AB
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Julia Taylor	Calgary, AB
Keith Thiessen	Linden, AB
Kevin Thiessen - Treasurer	Calgary, AB
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Want to know more about becoming a  
Camp Evergreen Society member?

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Here are some of the figures Camp Evergreen hopes to raise to meet financial goals for 2017. Along with the Ministry Expansion goal of \$30,000 camp would like to raise \$186,600 via General Donations, and also reach the goal of \$7,000 per month through regular monthly donors.

**\$739,328**

as of June 30<sup>th</sup>

**REACHING HIGHER CAPITAL PROJECTS**



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



\* formerly called SPECIAL PROJECTS



- Q. How would you get four deer in a car?  
A. Two in the front and two in the back!
- Q. And how do you get four bears in a car?  
A. Take the deer out first.
- Q. Why did God only make one Yogi Bear?  
A. Because when he made a second one he made a Boo-Boo.
- Q. What's the difference between a moose and a snowball?  
A. They're both brown, except the snowball.
- Q. What do you give a deer with an upset stomach?  
A. Elkaseltzer.
- Q. What do you get if you cross a grizzly and a harp?  
A. A bear faced lyre !

- Q. What do you call a flying skunk?  
A. A smellicopter!
- Q. How do you make a moose float?  
A. Two scoops of ice cream, root beer and one moose.
- Q. What do you call a bear without ears?  
A. A B.

A man in a movie theater notices what looks like a moose sitting next to him. "Are you a moose?" asked the man, surprised. "Yes." "What are you doing at the movies?" The moose replied, "Well, I liked the book."

Our wrangler Mikaela was out riding horse at Camp Evergreen one day when she accidentally dropped her Bible in the woods without realizing it. Three weeks later a bear wandered into the barn area with the Bible in it's mouth and dropped it at Mikaela's feet. "It's a miracle!" she exclaimed. "Not really," said the bear. "Your name is written inside the cover."

**JUST KIDDING!**



# BIKING FOR EVERGREEN

August 12-26

1,600 KMs

18 Church Communities

1 Goal



Now that your curiosity is piqued check out  
[biking4evergreen.ca](http://biking4evergreen.ca)

or contact Andrew Baerg at  
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403-669-8017

find out how you or your church  
can become involved



It looks like this little **evergreen** has caught the Reaching Higher vision! We may, however, need to transplant it to a more

## 2017-2018 CALENDAR

Sept. 29 - Oct. 1	High School Retreat (Jr. & Sr.)
January 13	Pond Hockey Tournament
February 16-19	Winter Family Camp
April 6-8	Ladies Retreat
June 3	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
Aug. 31 - Sept. 3	Summer's End Family Camp



The thrill of victory ... the agony of defeat!  
An exciting Pine Car Derby was held during our  
Father & Son Retreat this past June.

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