

THANKFUL FOR WHAT 2016 BROUGHT AND EAGER FOR A NEW YEAR OF MINISTRY

As 2016 winds to a close we are as a camp staff extremely thankful and humbled by the way our God has made His presence known in big and small ways. He has shown His love to us by the provisions He supplies, the joy and peace filling our hearts even when life's circumstances would prompt us to say, "No, I can't bear this right now," if we were left to the world's standard of living and self-entitlement. We don't know what 2017 holds, but we can rest assured that Romans 8:38-39 is true for us today; ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We are thankful for the privilege of ministering to more campers and more guests in 2016 than ever before. Will 2017 bring even more people to Camp Evergreen? We believe so! In anticipation work on planning our best summer camp yet is underway. More than 80% of our anticipated guest groups for 2017 have already claimed dates for their retreats and school trips. It's always exciting to see the young adults that join (and return as) our seasonal

staff each year. We as a camp find that God has clearly called us to become a ministry training ground for youth and young adults. Everything we do is about Reaching Higher towards the goal of seeing lives transformed by the power of Jesus!

camp evergreen
reaching higher

Our two new staff houses are coming along well. One house is nearing the lock-up stage and framing on the second one will begin



soon. After both are to lock-up construction will continue on them as funds allow. It would be wonderful to have them both ready for occupancy by this coming summer. Construction on the new lodge/dining room will begin once the majority of funds have been raised for this capital project.

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COME ONE, COME ALL
to the 8th annual
POND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
Saturday, January 14th

Cheer for your favourite team, and the other teams, too!
Enjoy good food and non-stop hot chocolate.
Have fun bidding on silent auction items.
Take home warm fuzzy memories of fun times with friends & family!

We're looking forward to seeing you on the 14th. Dress warm.



For 2016 we are expecting a second solid financial year in a row with our general fund. Simply put, we have brought in significantly more revenue than expected. Our summer camp, guest group and donation revenue have all exceeded the budget. That is great news! Exceeding the budget in revenue

directly translates to being over budget in some of our expenses as well, most notably our groceries and staffing. When you have more guest groups and campers than anticipated, you have more groceries to buy and need more staff to service them! Exceeding the budget also means that we can continue to re-invest back into program and facilities.



Our Reaching Higher capital project fund continues to grow as well. To the end of 2016 we have a total of \$440,563 raised through donations and pledges. We've spent approximately \$164,067 on the two staff homes and ground work for the new lodge.

Thanks for your continued support. As I look back over this years financial numbers I am humbled by your generous support. It is a

privilege to be part of the ministry here at Evergreen and a joy to have a part in seeing so many lives transformed by the power of Jesus!

The conversations I hear about camp as I travel our province are positive. The majority of people in our churches know about Camp Evergreen and seem excited to support what our ministry is doing. One of my personal challenges this year is continuing to promote Camp Evergreen and give updates in an ever increasing, clearer voice.

As a staff we wish you God's richest blessings for 2017.

Sincerely,

Bob (Ranger) Kroeker,
Executive Director



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



2017 CALENDAR

- January 3 Summer Children's Camps
Online Registration Opens
- January 14 Pond Hockey Tournament
- February 2 Summer Family Camps
Online Registration Opens
- February 24-26 Rise 'n' Shine Jr. High Retreat
- March 31 - April 2 Ladies Retreat
Register Online Now
- May 6 Dinner and a Laugh
Fundraiser
- May 23 Senior's Day
- June 9-11 Father & Son Retreat
- June 24 AGM & Open House
- July 4 - Aug. 25 Children's Summer Camps
- August 5-7 Mid Summer Family Camp
- September 1-4 Summer's End Family Camp
- Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 Rise Up Sr. High Retreat

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If you are willing to pray for camp in 2017 it would be greatly appreciated. Here are a few specific items to uphold us in prayer with:

- ◆ Pray that management staff and the board of directors would seek God's will for each aspect of the operation of Camp Evergreen and make decisions accordingly.
- ◆ Pray for strength, wisdom, compassion and health for all staff and volunteers as we minister to those who come to Camp Evergreen.
- ◆ Pray that all who come to Camp Evergreen would encounter God in a personal way in their lives, whether it be through the beauty of nature He has created, the spoken word, or/and the passion of our

staff as their lives are on display. May our lives reflect the character of Jesus.

Has it been a few years since you've visited on site at Evergreen? If so consider this your official invitation to come in 2017 and see it for yourself! Please take a look at our events calendar and plan to join us for one or more encounters.



Can you fit all of these wintery words into the snow-globe?

- blizzard
- boot
- cold
- flurry
- freeze
- frosty
- hockey
- ice rink
- icicle
- jacket
- hibernate
- hot chocolate
- mitten
- shovel
- skates
- ski
- slush
- snowflake
- snowshoes
- toboggan
- toque

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Now is the time to think about
SUMMER CAMP 2017
 at Evergreen!

Many of our camps fill up really quickly
 so don't put off registering your child
 or your family too long.

Online registration for **children's camp** goes
 live on our website on January 3rd
 and for our **family camps** begins
 online on February 2nd.

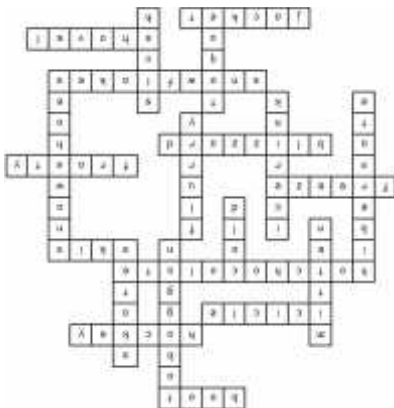
For more details please check out our
 2017 Summer Camp brochure or our website.



The snow-filled Willsonball court lays in wait
 for warmer weather when rambunctious
 campers will play endless rounds.

Find the camp that suits your age and interests best:

CAMP	GRADE	DATE
<i>entering in Fall 2017</i>		
Sparks Jr.	1-3	August 8-11
Explorers	2-4	July 4-7
Explorers	3-5	July 30-August 4
Roughin' It Girls 1	4-6	July 9-14
Roughin' It Boys 1	4-6	July 16-21
Roughin' It Boys 3	4-6	August 13-18
Trail Blazers 1	5-7	July 9-14
Trail Blazers 2	5-7	July 23-28
Roughin' It Girls 2	5-7	July 23-28
Roughin' It Boys 2	5-7	July 30-August 4
Ignite 2	6-8	August 13-18
Ignite 1	7-9	July 16-21
Trails Away 1 (girls)	7-9	July 4-7
Trails Away 3 (girls)	7-9	August 20-23
Charge 1 (boys)	7-9	July 9-14
Charge 3 (boys)	7-9	August 8-11
Charge 2 (boys)	8-10	July 23-28
Impact	8-11	August 20-25
Trails Away 2 (girls)	9-11	July 30-August 4
Pit Crew 1	9-10	July 4-7, 9-14
Pit Crew 2	9-10	July 16-21, 23-28
Pit Crew 3	9-10	July 30-August 4, 8-11
Pit Crew 4	9-10	August 13-18, 20-25
Internship Program	11-12	July 9-August 18** **most Saturdays excluded
Mid Summer Family Camp	All ages	August 5-7
Summer's End Family Camp	All ages	September 1-4



the green spot blog

Did you know that we update our GREEN SPOT BLOG on our website (almost) every week? Get the latest scoop from various staff members or look back into the archives for blogs you may have missed. Some of our best musings and photos are on our blog!



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