

the **CAMP EVERGREEN** lives transformed by the power of Jesus **GREEN SPACE**

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAMP EVERGREEN

SUMMER 2014

Summer 2014 started this year with our third annual AGM on Saturday, June 28. It was a great meeting where we heard from a couple of our seasonal staff about how camp has impacted their lives. New for this year was giving away ten camp sponsored events and lots of swag!

After a brief financial report and election of board members we were excited to present some plans to the members that the board is working on for the next fifty years entitled "We're In The Middle of Something Amazing". We divided into small groups discussing the presentation and the board will be working hard this coming year to finalize the solid plan. Stay tuned for more details.

The highlight of the afternoon Open House was the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for our ten new cabins! We are very thankful to be using our new cabins this summer. A huge thanks to all who participated in our Cabin Fever building project. Discussion on new cabins started in 2008 and it's great to be finally using all of them. Now that the cabins are completed we can move onto new projects (underway and on the drawing board) as we strive to improve our facilities.



At the dedication of Camp Evergreen's ten new cabins Kevin Thiessen and Kurt Shellborn cut the ribbon in front of Dalhousie Den.



ROOT BEER *floats*

Thoughts from the Director's Desk

Our camper numbers are slightly ahead of last summer with a total count to date of 745. We are seeing lives transformed by the power of Jesus as eight campers made a first time commitment to follow Jesus and 40 campers made a re-commitment in their walk with Jesus in our first week of camp. Praise the Lord!

We need your help in two practical ways. First we need your prayers. Pray that God would continue to prepare our campers hearts and transform their lives. Pray also for our staff. We know that the enemy is not happy with what is going on here at Evergreen and will try and disrupt in any way he can. Pray for our staff health, pray for unity and strength that we will be able to continue serving without any distractions.

The second practical way you can help is with your finances. August and September are traditionally our hardest months financially. Summer sees our biggest expenses, and our guest group revenue in fall takes at least a month to start coming in. If you could help us out this summer with a tax-deductible donation it would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks for your continued support as we minister together. I continue to be amazed at what God is doing here at camp, in and through us. The cabins are completed and being used this summer. Campers lives are being changed. We continue to work on various projects, including the archery range, and our camps across the creek. We're seeing growth and leadership skills being developed in our staff. Our goal continues to be very simple... to see as many lives transformed by the power of Jesus Christ as we can!

In His service,
Bob Kroeker

Get ready to

RISE UP 2014

For Sr. High Youth Groups

October 3-5, 2014 at Camp Evergreen

Danny MacKay, the National Ambassador for I AM SECOND, will be joining us as our speaker for the weekend.

Visit iamsecond.com

If you don't belong to a youth group don't worry! We are holding spots for individual registrations.

Contact the camp for more information.

Cost is \$125+GST for Youth and \$75+GST for Sponsors

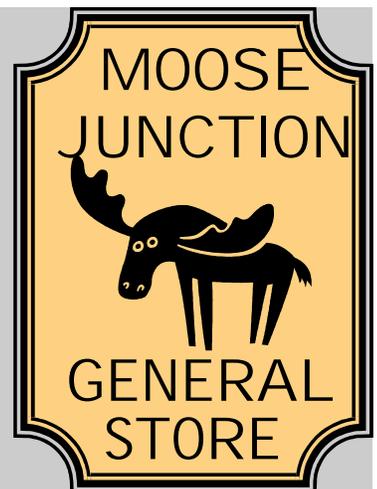


Our 2014 summer staff is made up of more than seventy young adults from Alberta, BC, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Germany who all have one thing in common: they all love The Lord and want to serve Him this summer. Please pray for safety, spiritual and physical health, boldness and compassion to make the most of all opportunities to share the love of God with each camper, their parents and their fellow staff members.



We have lots of new items at the Moose Junction General Store. Here are some good reasons why you may want to buy a custom Camp Evergreen hoodie, T-shirt, toque, cap or whatever:

- ◆ You will be a walking billboard for Camp Evergreen around the province of Alberta and beyond! I've had store clerks and others tell me they've been a camper at Evergreen, or ask about camp - it's a great conversation starter about camp and it's ministry)
- ◆ You will look über cool! We're bringing in new designs all the time.
- ◆ Our stuff really is affordable! Our prices are similar to or cheaper than your favourite store in the mall.
- ◆ Camp Evergreen merchandise makes great gifts and support a worthy cause: all profits go straight back to Camp Evergreen and it's ministry.



TRANSFORMATIONS, TRANSPORTATION, RECREATION & PANCAKES!

Lendrum MB Church and Linden MB Church each hosted pancake breakfasts during the month of May to raise funds specifically for campership aid. These monies help children attend camp who otherwise wouldn't be financially able to come. More than \$6,000 was raised! On behalf of Camp Evergreen and these campers we say thank you to everyone who participated.

It's been a busy spring full of work projects for our staff, volunteers and trades people. The highlight was the completion of the final six cabins. Again, our deepest thanks to everyone who took part in this huge project and saw it through. The new paintball/trails away areas saw extensive fencing and renovations, as well the transformation of an old cabin into our new

audio/visual studio. Three new Willson Ball courts have been built, as this has turned out to be one of the most popular games enjoyed by campers, staff and guest groups alike. We are also thankful for the volunteers who sewed some new aprons for the kitchen and curtains for the new cabins. Even the little things help to make camp an inviting place where people want to be!

Through the help of some generous donors we are now the proud owners of a new four seat Gator (see the picture on the next page.) Besides being fun to drive, it's proven to be a very useful vehicle for transporting people, tools and supplies to areas of camp which are less accessible by conventional vehicles. During the summer months it will be used more as an "emergency" transport for the nurse.



**Fun at the
AGM and
Open House**

**We have this
HOPE
as an
ANCHOR
for the soul,
firm and secure.
Hebrews 6:19**



It's hard to think of winter when we finally have some beautiful hot weather, but we are still seeking donations of ice skates of all sizes, as well as hockey sticks and hockey gloves. If you love garage sales please keep us in mind next time you go!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 6 - Aug. 22 Summer Camp
- Aug. 29 - Sept. 1 Family Camp
- October 3-5 RISE UP Sr. High Retreat
- January 10 Pond Hockey Tournament
- February 20-22 Rise 'n' Shine Jr. High Retreat
- April 10-12 Ladies Retreat
- May 11 Seniors Day
- June 12-14 Father & Son Retreat

SENIOR'S DAY IS A BLESSING TO OUR STAFF

"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done." Psalm 78:4 On May 14th our camp staff was privileged to host about fifty people from the Edmonton, Linden and Calgary areas for our annual Seniors Day. Many of these are the people who have shared God's



goodness with our staff, led us to a saving knowledge of Christ - they are the ones who have been our examples of how to live a life honoring to the Lord, and that is why we cherish them so much. Our task this summer is to continue to train up the younger generation of

staff so they can effectively share the Good News. What a precious heritage we have in our seniors!



During our day together we shared songs, stories, great food, memories, camp trivia and the beautiful outdoor scenery Camp Evergreen itself offers.

Please check out the blog on our website to read more about this wonderful day and see many more pictures!

camp-evergreen.blogspot.ca

We invite all seniors to join us again next May 11, 2015. To all of our current and past staff who can't wait that long, why not hug a senior today and tell them how much you appreciate the impact they have made on your life!



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