



GREEN SPACE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAMP EVERGREEN

June - July 2016

OUR TWELVE MONTH A YEAR MINISTRY

Soon Camp Evergreen's guest group ministry season will come to it's annual hiatus for summer camp. As staff we often get asked, "what kind of groups are coming to camp each year?" The past few years we've been averaging about 25 church groups, 50 school groups, 22 Scouts and Girl Guide groups and 15 other clubs, societies or family groups per year during our ten month guest season. In addition camp hosts seven different retreats and events on site during this time, and many other off site events at various churches, schools and conferences.

With so many guests coming and going our staff always have the opportunity to reflect the love of God through actions and words. How we deal with unexpected situations demonstrates a lot about our Christianity on a personal level as well as the corporate Camp Evergreen mission. Many of the children who come with a school class or their Cubs group return in summer as campers, where we can whole-heartedly share the Good News of

Jesus Christ with them. We are a mission field which draws in new people every year! What a



unique privilege we have been given to reach the unchurched.

Speaking of summer camp ... this summer we will be hosting 22 different camps and programs, plus two family camps, and the really exciting thing is that many of them are already filled up! There is still room in a few camps, though, so please don't hesitate to register soon.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & OPEN HOUSE

Saturday June 25, 2016

AGM for all society members and anyone interested in camp ministry

9:00am - 12:00pm

Child care is available during the AGM

OPEN HOUSE: Everyone is Welcome

1:30pm Activities are open

4:30-5:30pm Barbeque Supper

The Open House is an excellent opportunity for you to invite friends and neighbours who have never experienced Camp Evergreen.



A REACHING HIGHER Update from our Camp Board Chairman

It is almost one year since we launched our Reaching Higher campaign to build a new lodge and staff housing. While a lot has happened, one thing hasn't changed - we continue to grow! Summer camps filled up in record time this spring and we are now having to turn away campers. We are in desperate need of new and larger facilities.

Plans

We have solid plans for the new lodge which will be built over our current RV sites. The front of the new lodge will be facing the parking lot, so that it will be the main thing you see when you drive into camp.

The lodge will be 38,000 sq. ft., enough room to eventually double our summer camp numbers and significantly expand our guest group ministry. It features a new kitchen and dining hall which will meet our most pressing needs. Currently we are feeding over 200 people with a kitchen and dining hall designed for at most 150. It also features a gym with climbing wall, 25 lodge rooms with bathrooms, a fireside room, and meeting rooms. This will enable us to grow responsibly by expanding our guest group ministry alongside our summer camps.

Please visit www.reachinghigher.ca and click on "View Project Plan" for more details and renderings.

Breaking Ground

We are getting ready to break ground on the 2 new staff houses with a ceremony planned for our AGM on June 25th. Bob Thiessen, who will be leading the home builds as our interim building chair, is currently finalizing blueprints, lining up trades, and working on getting the building permits. We are looking for skilled trades to donate labour and/or materials to the builds, can you help?

We hope to break ground on the new lodge next spring and are working towards getting a project plan in place which will allow us to proceed confidently as funds come in. We are looking to have one million dollars donated and pledged before moving forward with blueprints and building permits.

Funding

This is a big project with a budget of five million dollars. As of May 23rd, we have 46 people who have pledged and donated \$207,412. This is a great start! At our fund raising event in Calgary on May 7th, we announced some large pledges toward the new lodge. Unfortunately, some of these were unconfirmed pledges and a large amount was withdrawn shortly after the event.

It will take all of us coming together to get this project done, and this includes you! Our focus right now is on getting the word out about the project. Camp Evergreen was built 50 years ago by many people who had a heart to see future generations raised up knowing and following Jesus. It is our turn now to come together and see that happen for the next 50 years.

One of the exciting ways you can get involved is by committing to a monthly pledge for one of the rooms in the new lodge. There is everything from \$25/month for a sitting area, to \$500/month for a lodge suite. Maybe you could get your small group or extended family together to build a room?

Are you able to host a meet-up with a few people to hear more about the plans and vision behind Reaching Higher? Would you prefer to visit over coffee? We would love to hear from you.

Thank you for your support!

Andrew Baerg

For more information, please contact one of the following:

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Thank you to everyone who participated in the three Pancake Breakfasts that took place in May and June. Linden, Lethbridge and Edmonton each hosted a Saturday breakfast in order to raise funds for our Campership Aid program. In total about \$11,900 was raised to help bring children to camp this summer!

If you are interested in hosting a pancake breakfast next spring (we supply the food) please contact Bob at

director@camp-evergreen.com

Hi kids! My name is **Blue** and I was born on April 27th at Camp Evergreen.

Kampers
Korner



At first I found it very difficult to stand up - my legs were just all over the place!



Almost there ...



Now I can run like the wind.



My mom, Delilah, takes good care of me, and is very patient when I'm hungry.



Sometimes I like eating grass, too, but it's hard when my legs are so long.



Some day I'll be big enough to take you on a trail ride, but for now I'm just going to have fun and be a little sassy and stick my tongue out at you!



I like to play Hide 'n' Seek. Can you find me?



I just love my naps, especially when I can lay in the sunshine.

Thank you to wrangler Katherina Toews for taking all these awesome pictures of me!

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STAFF & VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

- ◇ **Male Cabin Leaders** (ages 18 +)
 - ◇ **Nurse, Doctor or EMT** for July 10-15
Contact Program Director Taylor for more information at
taylor@camp-evergreen.com
 - ◇ **Kitchen Helpers** in June, July & August.
Contact Kitchen Manager Ken 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 10-12	Father & Son Retreat
June 25	AGM & Open House
July 3 - Aug. 26	Summer Camps
July 29 - Aug. 1	Family Camp
September 2-5	Family Camp
Sept. 30 - Oct. 2	Rise Up Sr. High Retreat

Our 2016 Summer Camp verse:

(Jesus said,) "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5 NIV

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.



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