



GREEN SPACE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAMP EVERGREEN

DECEMBER 2015

A SEASON OF THANKFULNESS AND REFLECTION

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever". 1 Chronicles 16:34

We truly have many reasons to be thankful at Camp Evergreen. As 2015 draws to a close I would like to take a moment and say thank you.

First a big thanks to God for His leading and provision this past year. It's a joy to part of His camping ministry here at Evergreen.

Thanks to our staff, both seasonal and permanent, who have worked long and hard hours through our busy guest group and summer camp seasons, often giving above and beyond what was required.

Thanks to those of you who have prayed for us this past year. I truly believe that it was your prayers that protected and kept us safe all year long.

Thanks to those of you who have supported Camp Evergreen's ministry financially. We are truly blessed by your generosity.

As a result of us serving together we have once

again seen lives transformed by the power of Jesus. We have told the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done.

Campers have come to know Jesus and have deepened their relationship with Him. Staff have gained valuable leadership and life skills while growing in their spiritual walk, and guest groups have been positively influenced by our staff.

As we look to continued growth in 2016, we ask that you continue to journey with us. We will need your prayers and support stronger than ever. May God richly bless you and your family this Christmas season.

In His Service,

Bob Kroeker - Executive Director



SUMMER CAMP 2016

Dates & Rates are on our website NOW
Registration goes live on JANUARY 4th

We are getting excited as we plan for this retreat, taking place February 26th - 28th, 2016. Yes, in the middle of winter! But that is the nice thing - you get to experience camp in the winter. We have a skating rink, snow-shoeing and red-neck curling! If you bring your own toboggans then you can do that as well!

Along with these fun winter activities, we will attend chapels, play fun games, hang out with old friends and meet some new ones and connect with Jesus.

Who can attend? Anyone in Grades 6-9! So bring your friends!

We accept individual registrations. This means that if you don't have a youth group to attend with or maybe your youth group is unable to attend, you can still come as an individual. Visit our website to find registration forms for individuals. If you're coming with your youth group register through your youth pastor or sponsor. Got questions? Phone camp or email our program director at taylor@camp-evergreen.com.

The cost for the weekend is \$94.50 (GST included) per individual. The cost for youth sponsors, leaders or pastors is \$63.00 (GST included) per individual.

We hope that you all can make it. It will be loads of fun and we don't want anyone to miss out!

RISE 'n' SHINE

February 26-28





REACHING HIGHER UPDATE

We launched our Reaching Higher Campaign at our Annual General Meeting at the end of June. Our desire is to build a sustainable future for the next 50 years. Since the launch in June:

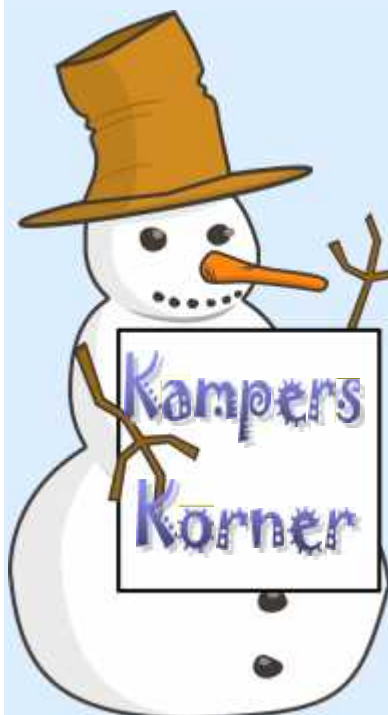
- ◊ We have seen our land re-designation go through from Agriculture to Parks and Recreation zoning.
- ◊ We have changed our plans from renovating and building onto the existing lodge, to a stand alone building.
- ◊ Dr. Ken Dyck, former pastor and church planter has joined our team and will be providing leadership to the project, both in the area of fundraising and as chairman of our building committee.

Just this week we dug some test holes for the new septic system we will need. Not very glamorous work, but definitely something needed!

To date we have raised **\$107,150** via donations, bricks or pledges. Please visit www.reachinghigher.ca for more information. We have also released a video which can be viewed at www.vimeo.com/campevergreen



Welcome to winter! We have lot's of snow at Camp Evergreen. Hopefully these snowman jokes don't leave you out in the cold!



Q. Where does a snowman keep his money?
A. In a snow bank.

Q. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
A. Frosted Flakes.

Q. What do you call an old snowman?
A. Water.

Q. What do snowmen wear on their heads?
A. Ice caps.

Q. What do you get if you cross a snowman and a shark?
A. Frost bite!

Q. What do snowmen call their offspring?
A. Chill-dren.

Q. Where do snowmen go to dance?
A. To snowballs.

Q. How does a snowman get to work?
A. By icicle.

Q. What do snowmen eat for lunch?
A. Icebergers.

Q. What happened when the icicle landed on the snowman's head?
A. It knocked him out cold.

Q. How do snowmen greet each other?
A. Ice to meet you!

Q. What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?
A. Freeze a jolly good fellow!

Q. Who is a snowman's favourite relative?
A. Aunt Arctica.

Q. What do you call a snowman in the Sahara desert?
A. Lost.



It's back!!! Our seventh annual Three-on-Three Pond Hockey tournament hits the ice on January 8th and 9th. This is one of Camp Evergreen's major fund raisers of the year, with proceeds going directly to our 2016 operating budget. This helps us keep fees for summer campers and retreat participants affordable, while continuing to offer high quality programming using safe, exciting and strong infrastructure. Operating funds cover everything from ropes for the climbing wall, arrows for the archery range, and feed for the horses, to the money we need to bring in great speakers, fantastic worship bands and maintain a top-notch staff team. In 2015 we raised just over \$30,000. This

year we're setting the goal for \$40,000!

Some teams may play a few games under the lights on Friday night, and all players and spectators are invited for an exciting day of hockey and other fun on Saturday. We hope that the mellow tones and tunes of the organ will be back, as well as our colour commentators to provide play-by-play and extra entertainment!

We want you to play hockey! Have fun! Score goals! Raise money! We have space for up to ten teams, so register before it's too late. Teams can be made up of four or five players, men or women, but all players need to be at least 16 years of age.

Spectators are FREE! Besides cheering for your favourite team, lunch and dinner are provided. Don't forget your wallet for the silent auction and draws. Please register (online or via phone) yourself and your family as spectators so we can prepare enough food for the day.

Kids, once again we'll have a mini skills completion so don't forget your skates! There will also be some organized games inside the Activity Centre.

For more information on participating and donating please go to our website or call our office.



WINTER STAFF 2015-2016

*Wishing you a joyful, Christ-filled Christmas
from our family to yours!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 8-9	Pond Hockey Tournament
February 26-28	Rise'n'Shine Jr. High Retreat
April 1-3	Ladies Retreat
May 7	Dinner and a Laugh with Leland Klassen
May 20	Seniors Day
June 10-12	Father & Son Retreat
June 25	AGM & Open House
July 3 - Aug. 19	Summer Camps
September 2-5	Family Camp
Sept. 30 - Oct. 2	Rise Up Sr. High Retreat

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