



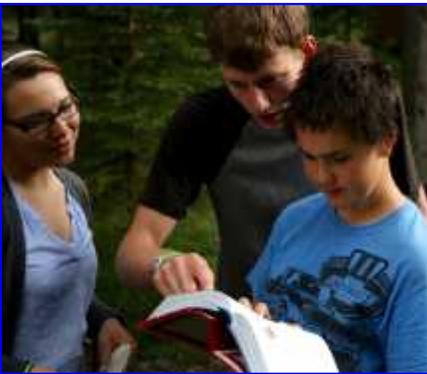
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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAMP EVERGREEN

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2015

THE UNIQUENESS (AND WONDERFUL SAMENESS) OF SUMMER 2015

What made the 2015 summer camp unique from the previous 52 summers of children's camp at Evergreen? Well for one thing, there were practically NO MOSQUITOS! What a treat that was for all the staff and campers to not be constantly donating blood to such an unworthy cause. Another fact was that we have continued to host more campers each year : 813 this summer to be exact. Camper registrations came in faster than ever, and before we knew it most of our camps were filled right up, with waiting lists for many of them. In all we offered 21 different camps this summer, including seven "regular" in-cabin camps, five Roughin' It camps, three Trails Away Camps, three Pit Crew camps, two Charge camps and one Intern camp. While we ran many of them simultaneously it was wonderful that we could keep each camp on site, yet spread across the beautiful 480 acres that makes up Camp Evergreen.



Another first for us was having so many new and returning volunteers from Germany on staff this summer. In fact, by the end of August, we had returning German staff from each of the four years we've been involved in this fantastic program. We do love our Germans, and it seems like they love us, too, because they keep returning! Of course we still cherish our very many Canadians who make up the majority of our staff. Canadians rock, eh?

While change and growth is good, the best thing about summer camp 2015 was nothing unique at all, but instead was that the same, everlasting truth of the gospel was shared with each and every camper. The goal this summer was, and always has been, to share the Good News and provide an opportunity for campers to respond to these God truths. Some campers will have heard for the first time, or heard for the hundredth time but allowed it to make a new impact on them and their lives. This summer we were excited to find that 267 invited Jesus into their lives for the first time, or made the significant decision to once again allow Him to be Lord of their lives.

For those of you who love statistics (and we know you're out there!) here are a few more from this summer at Evergreen: Of the 813 campers this summer 40% were first time summer campers and 60% were returning. 46% were boys and 54% were girls. 37% came from un-churched backgrounds - what an amazing opportunity camp ministry has to reach so many kids! Calgary and the greater Calgary area is home to 60% of our campers, while another 34% came from central Alberta and the Edmonton area. The final 6% came from southern Alberta and out of province. Throughout the summer we had the help of almost 100 seasonal staff and volunteers.



Thank you to everyone who prayed for us at Camp Evergreen this summer - your prayers were felt and appreciated. Thank you also to the many volunteers and staff who gave up a week or the entire summer to serve here in the unique ministry of camp. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have allowed us as staff to build into your children's lives. Thank you to God for His grace to allow us to be servants for Him, for the wisdom, safety and strength He bestowed on each one of us.

We have one more weekend of family camp before we close the books on Summer 2015 with 105 more campers arriving on September 4th. Without skipping a beat we will go straight into our autumn guest group season with an anticipated 2,400 guests expected before the end of November. Please continue to pray for us and partner with us in the busy, exciting and unique ministry of this place we call Camp Evergreen.

WHAT OUR GUESTS ARE SAYING...

When we're not running summer camp and our own weekend retreats Camp Evergreen hosts many rental guests groups throughout the year. At the end of each retreat we ask guests to fill out an evaluation form. Our guest's candid comments keep us informed as to what their highlights were as well as areas in which we can improve our service, activities or facilities. As we gather this information it helps us to provide the best experience at camp that we can.

Sometimes guests share a comment with us which reminds our staff that yes, this is why we love serving at camp. These are some comments made in the last year by guests:

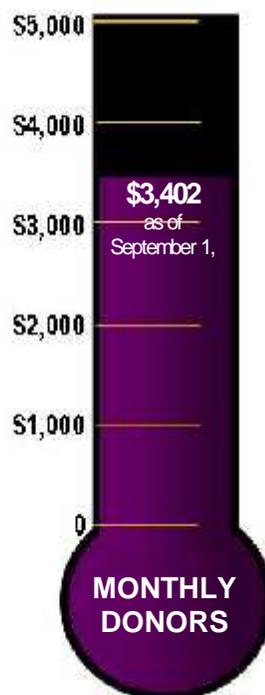
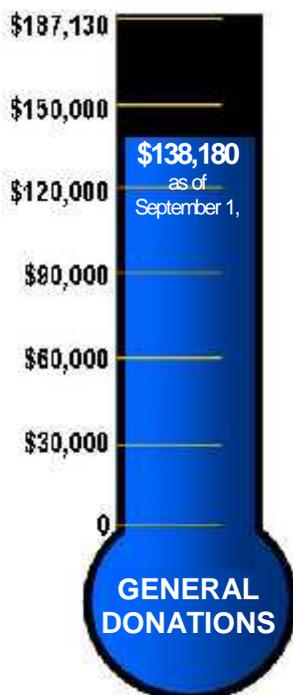
"You can feel that this is a Christian camp; it was a comforting environment filled with the Holy Spirit even without anyone talking about it." ~ a first-time Beavers group from Calgary, AB

"The hosts were very nice, food was great, clean cabins, it was awesome." "We loved all of the activities and we also loved the scenery." "Rusty the horse does not like to turn left."
~ Grade 5 & 6 students from Spruce View, AB

"The staff were really friendly and good with the kids." "Great facilities!" "Whoever made the bacon, it was fantastic!" "Thank you for helping me become closer with God." ~ a church youth group from Calgary, AB

"I appreciate the flexibility of the staff and the incredible acceptance of all our members. It is a retreat anticipated by all and we appreciate being able to attend." "The horses were my highlight." ~ a special needs adult groups from Central Alberta

"Everyone was so happy to serve. It was a relaxing environment with awesome cabins!" "I'm gluten-free and soooo appreciated not having to provide my own food." "I loved seeing the dogs." "I appreciated the atmosphere and spending time with God." ~ a ladies group from Airdrie, AB



We are well on our way to meeting our budget for 2015. Please continue to help camp reach it's goals!

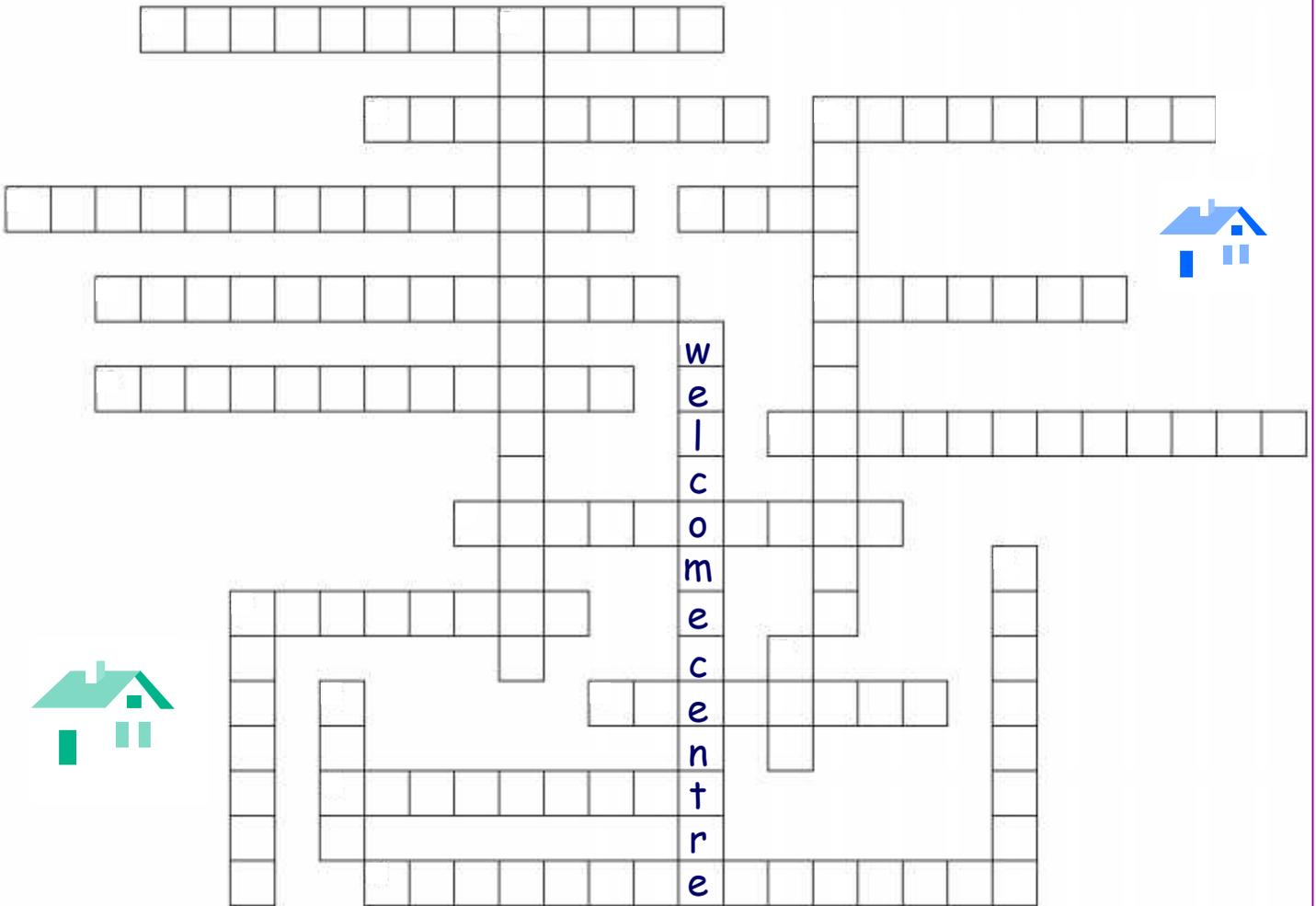
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Have you played games in the Activity Centre, shopped in Moose Junction, slept in Dalhousie Den or climbed the bouldering wall in the Cave? If you have answered "yes" then you probably know your way around Camp Evergreen quite well! Bear, Fox, Squirrel and Wolf are our new names for cabins two, three, four and five because frankly, we found those old names a bit boring. Try to fill in the names of each building into the spaces below. We've given you one answer to get you started. All the answers are on the next page.



- Fox (3 letters)
- Bear (4)
- Wolf (4)
- Sunwest (7)
- The Cave (7)
- Gem Abode (8)

- Squirrel (8)
- The Lodge (8)
- Horse Barn (9)
- Linden Hut (9)
- Riverwest (9)
- Vaux Hollow (10)
- Dalhousie Den (12)

- Heritage Room (12)
- Lendrum Lodge (12)
- Highland House (13)
- Moose Junction (13)
- ~~Welcome Centre (13)~~
- Activity Centre (14)
- Coaldale Cottage (15)
- Crestwood Chalet (15)



UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 4-7 Family Camp
- October 2-4 Rise Up Sr. High Retreat
- 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



Mark your calendars, assemble your team and prepare your family! Check out our website under "Events". For more information contact Courtney at courtney@camp-evergreen.com

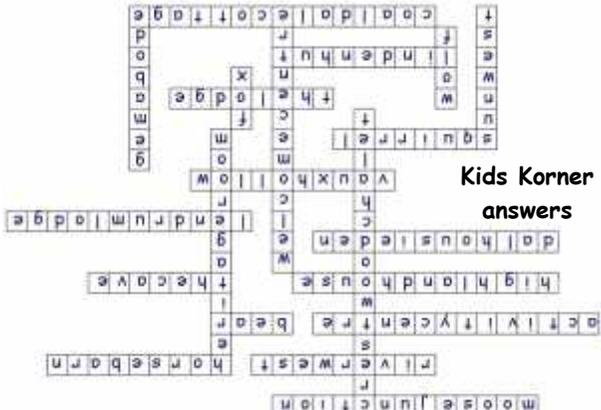
No, it's not too early to be thinking about
POND HOCKEY 2016
 January 8-9

RISE UP 2015

Senior High Retreat
 October 2-4

RISE UP is our annual retreat designed with one goal in mind: to give senior high students a chance to get away from the craziness of everyday life and connect with Jesus and friends. Register with your youth group or as an individual.

You'll find more information on our website. Still have questions? Contact Taylor at taylor@camp-evergreen.com or Bekah at intern@camp-evergreen.com



Kids Korner answers

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

Just because summer camp is done doesn't mean that we close up for the rest of the year. In fact we still anticipate about 2,400 guests on site and eating in our dining room this fall!

If you would like to volunteer in the kitchen this fall any day of the week we would LOVE to have you help out!

Please call or email our head cook, Ken Underwood, for more details:

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