



the GREEN SPACE



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAMP EVERGREEN

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2015

STARTING 2015 OFF RIGHT WITH OUR ANNUAL POND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

With the warmth of Team Canada's win over Russia last week in the World Junior Championship still coursing through our veins, we welcomed eight of our own teams from across Alberta to our sixth annual Three-On-Three Pond Hockey tournament. Players and spectators alike enjoyed being outdoors in the comfortable -8° weather (which is quite balmy for us hearty Albertans) but of course the highlight was the sport of hockey itself.



After a full day of games played it was the Kingsmiths from Calgary that came out on top with the most wins. Close in second place (and looking much cheerier than the Russian lads after last week's defeat) were the District Five Slugs, also from Calgary. Not to be outdone was Team Lendrum from Edmonton which was the top fund-raising team. In fact between the entry fees, silent auction and general donations the total raised this year from our Pond Hockey event exceeded \$28,000! Praise the Lord!



Carrying on a new tradition which we started during last year's tournament was the Kid's Skills competition with ten participants. By popular demand also back for his second

year, was rink-side commentator pastor Tom Mulhern, along with new-comer David Song. Both were entertaining on the microphone, providing play-by-play coverage, interviews with the players and spectators alike, and quite a bit of general kibitzing. Also providing to the ambience was our new-to-us organ which was played with exuberance by Graham Doerksen.



Indoor activities didn't disappoint, either, where lots of great food was enjoyed by all, and our silent auction brought some competitive, although quiet, bidding.



We would like to thank all who participated to make this year's tournament a success, including the players, spectators, those who provided silent auction and door prize items and financial donors. Also a special thanks to the volunteers and our young winter staff who put forth an incredible amount of hours preparing the ice surfaces prior to and during the tournament. The Pond Hockey Tournament was the perfect way for us to start 2015. It's going to be a great year of ministry and we as camp staff wish all of our campers and supporters a terrific year ahead!



LENDRUM

Check out our album of 2015 Pond Hockey pictures on Facebook!

2015 SUMMER CAMP

Register your campers on-line TODAY!

dates & rates are posted on our website:

www.camp-evergreen.com

Register and pay before February 17th
to receive last year's rates!

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In early December 2014 I had the privilege to attend the North America-wide Christian Camping International (CCI) conference in Orlando, FL along with my husband, Bob, and long-time Camp Evergreen staff member Courtney Armstrong. It was the first CCI conference that Bob and I had attended since 2002 and it was well worth the trip. There were around 900 attendees, made up of about 800 Americans and 100 Canadians.

Each of the four days was jammed-packed with sessions and seminars beginning at eight each morning and ending at ten in the evening. We had two general sessions each day, a time when we



Bryan Loritts, lead pastor of Fellowship Memphis Church in Tennessee, was our daily Bible teacher during general sessions.

we were challenged in our personal walks with Christ, with speakers including Bryan Loritts, Kyle Idleman, Nancy Ortberg and Phil Vischer. Phil Vischer is the creator of Veggie Tales and believe me when I tell you that he really does sound like Bob the Tomato when he speaks. Worship times were led by the Andy Needham Band, and we also enjoyed Christian comedian Michael Jr.

When we weren't meeting together as a large group we were in seminars which were tailored to each of our main areas of ministry. With more than seventy seminar options to choose from Courtney, Bob and I decided to divide and conquer. By the end our brains were full of information and ideas that apply to the practical end of serving in the camping ministry.

A highlight for me was attending a dinner which was solely for the Canadian participants. It was a great time to network with other camp staff from across our country. It was also great to get together with some of the other Canadian Mennonite Brethren camp staff for lunch one day. Four Canadian MB camps were represented at the conference, and Bob and I have appreciated being able to continue developing friendships with other camp directors and staff as we meet with them at different venues.

Courtney, Bob and I are looking forward to sharing some of the insights and ideas we gleaned from the CCI Conference with the rest of our staff over the coming months. Gaining knowledge is great, but it's more exciting to actually put legs to the myriad of thoughts and information rolling around in one's head, hopefully to the benefit of Camp Evergreen and the folks that we get to share camp with.

Bev Kroeker - Guest Services Coordinator



CHRISTIAN CAMP & CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION
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Bob was interviewed and asked to share a personal, embarrassing camp director story at a general session. If you want to know what his embarrassing moment was you'll have to ask him yourself!

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 20-22 Rise 'n' Shine Jr. High Retreat

March 27-29 Ladies Retreat **NEW DATE!**

May 11 Seniors Day

June 12-14 Father & Son Retreat

June 27 Annual General Meeting

Did you get new skates, hockey sticks or cross country ski equipment for Christmas? We will take your old stuff! Camp Evergreen is seeking donations of ice skates of all sizes, as well as hockey sticks and hockey



gloves, cross country skis, boots and poles. A big thanks to those folks who have already contributed!

SUMMER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Thinking about spending some time at camp this summer? If you love Jesus and love the impact Christian camping makes on kids, then we want you! We have both paid and volunteer positions available. Some specific volunteer positions we always need lots of people for are NURSES (RN, LPN, EMT or Dr. preferred) and ADULT KITCHEN HELP.

Check out our webpage for descriptions and application forms under the 'WORK WITH US' column.



Application deadlines are:

- March 1st for four - month positions (May - August)
- May 1st for two - month positions (July - August)
- May 1st for weekly volunteer positions working directly with children
- June 1st for weekly volunteer positions not working directly with children

Got the winter blues? Hopefully you're not green with envy or mad and seeing red! While it may be gray, brown and white outside this time of year here at camp it is ever green (get it?). Here are some bright riddles to chase away the blues and make your day more colourful!

Q. What happens when you throw a white hat into the Black Sea?

A. It gets wet!

Q. What is a cheerleader's favourite colour?

A. Yeller!

Q. What is big and gray and protects you from the rain?

A. An umbrellaphant.

Q. What is a cat's favourite colour?

A. Purr-ple.

Q. What would you call Canada if everyone drove a pink car?

A. A pink carnation!

Q. What is green and has wheels?

A. Grass. I lied about the wheels.

Q. What is orange and sounds like a parrot?

A. A carrot!

Q. What is black and white, black and white, black and white?

A. A zebra caught in a revolving door.

Q. What else is black and white, black and white, black and white?

A. A panda rolling down a hill.

Q. What is black and white and red all over?

A. A panda with a sunburn.

Q. What is red and invisible?

A. No tomatoes.

Q. What happened when a red ship crashed into a blue ship?

A. Both crews were marooned.

Q. What is gray and blue and very big?

A. An elephant holding it's breathe.

Q. What is green and smells like blue paint?

A. Green paint.

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Kampers
Korner

Time to get ready for our annual
Jr. High Retreat:

RISE'N'SHINE

February 20-22, 2015

- **Who?** You and Your Youth Group
- **What?** A weekend away! Jesus! What could be better?
- **Why?** To make new friends and hang out with your old ones, to participate in some pretty awesome activities and to learn more about God and who He is.
- **How?** Talk to your youth leader about signing up, or
- If you don't belong to a youth group don't worry. We are holding spots for individual registrations. Contact Taylor at camp for more information!

Praise the Lord.

*How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasing and fitting to praise Him!*

*He spreads the snow like wool and
scatters the frost like ashes.*

He hurls down his hail like pebbles.

Who can withstand his icy blast?

He sends his word and melts them;

*He stirs up his breezes,
and the waters flow.*

Psalms 147:1,16-18



LADIES RETREAT

at Camp Evergreen March 27-29, 2015

Joining us as guest speaker will be Lorie Hartshorn.

Lorie's dynamic teaching will take you on a journey to freedom, through her personal story of what God did in her family and powerful teaching from God's Word so that you too can FIND FREEDOM - right in the middle of the battle you are facing!

Lorie is a national speaker and Bible teacher with a love for God's Word and the hope and power that it's truth brings to others. Presently she is part of the pastoral team at C4 Church in Ajax, Ontario overseeing their discipleship ministry.



To learn more about Lorie's speaking ministry go to her website:
www.loriehartshorn.com

As always there will also be lots of great food, activities such as horseback riding, archery, the zipline and crafts to participate in, as well as the chance to put your feet up and relax.

We welcome ladies ages 16 to 96!

Cost is \$135+GST

Register today registration for our 2015 Ladies Retreat on our website or call us for more information.

Registration deadline is March 12th

Please visit our website www.camp-evergreen.com

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