



GREEN SPACE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAMP EVERGREEN

MARCH-APRIL 2015

On the weekend of February 20-22 Camp Evergreen hosted about sixty teens and their youth leaders for our annual Jr. High Rise'N'Shine retreat.



RISE'N'SHINE

Our guest speaker, Stu Swanson from Calgary, was uplifting and an effective communicator of the Word, inviting the youth to participate with hands-on activities during his speaking sessions.



We were also thankful to have musicians from C3 Church in Calgary to lead us in worship throughout the weekend.



We hope that many of the youth who attended this retreat will return in summer as campers!

A great time was had by all. Night games, yummy food, trail rides, hockey, indoor Willsonball and other fun activities paved the way for a weekend of camaraderie and entertainment, while the chapel times fed the soul.



Mark **June 27th** on your calendar for Camp Evergreen's **Annual General Meeting**. Whether you are currently a society member or not, if you can only give us one

day this year, this is **that** day! Join us as we pray for the upcoming summer and our staff. There will be give-aways and draws for free 2016 summer camps. Board members need to be voted in, exciting reports will be shared and we will also be launching our **Reaching Higher** capital campaign for the next fifty years! Our society members are critical to the success of the ministry as we cannot operate without your support. Free baby sitting during the AGM will be provided by our qualified staff.

The **Open House** in the afternoon is a great way to start your summer holidays and test out camp. Bring your friends who haven't experienced Evergreen. Activities will be open so enjoy the horses or paddle a canoe. Climb the wall or zip the zipline. Shop 'til you drop at our Moose Junction General Store. The day ends with a free barbeque supper at 4:30 pm. All are welcome!



ROOT BEER floats

Thoughts from the Director's Desk

That feeling you belong...

One of our board members shared a story at our last meeting. During kids club the leader was talking about belonging to Christ. They asked the children, "where do you feel you belong?" One child answered that the place they feel most like they belong is at Camp Evergreen.

We recently put on our first ever soup and buns lunch at Gem MB. One of the highlights for me was hearing Ken Underwood, our Food Services Manager, share how he has seen lives transformed over the eleven years he's been at camp. Ken shared about campers who needed a bit more discipline than normal and how he has seen those same campers return year after year and are now solid staff members. These two stories tell the power of camping ministry.

Have I mentioned before how excited I am to be part of the ministry here at Evergreen? We have a very rich history looking back and I believe that we have an even greater ministry potential moving forward. Our interaction with school groups allows us to portray the love of God and is a direct feeder for our summer camps. The challenge we've experienced in the last two years is that our summer camps are filling up faster than ever and our dining room literally has no more room. We continue to "shoe horn" guest groups into the schedule with up to four groups on site at the same time. Even financially our donations are up compared to last year. Camp Evergreen is bursting at the seams, ready to reach higher.

Where do you fit in? Simply stated we cannot (nor do we want to) move forward without your support. Finances are always a great place to start. We've shared some of our needs in the financial post in this issue of the Green Space. However your support runs much deeper than just finances. This year, more than ever, we need volunteers to spend a weekend or week here at camp. Whether you are in the kitchen, in a cabin or on a lawnmower, every volunteer helps our staff out. Most importantly we covet your prayers. Pray that God would provide for our financial needs. Pray for our current staff and the spring and summer staff that we still need. And finally pray most of all that God would prepare the hearts of our campers so that their lives too, **can be changed by the power of Jesus.**

2015 is the year we need you to join us so that we can continue our rich history of **"telling the next generation the power the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, His power, and the wonders He has done"**. Psalm 78:4

Bob "Ranger" Kroeker
Executive Director

CAMP EVERGREEN
presents

Dinner and a Laugh

a fundraising event to invite your friends to
with guest speaker **Phil Callaway**

Saturday, May 9th
at Dalhousie Community Church
5511 Baroc Road NW, Calgary

More information and tickets coming soon!

Phil Callaway is an award-winning author, speaker, and daddy of three. The best-selling author of twenty-five books, Phil has been called "the funniest Canadian alive," but never by his school teachers. His daily radio show **Laugh Again** airs across North America, the UK, and Africa. He is a frequent guest on national radio and TV, and his humorous stories on family life have been featured in hundreds of magazines worldwide. But he insists that his greatest achievement was convincing his wife to marry him. Phil lives in Three Hills, AB with his high school sweetheart who usually finds him funny.



Discover more about Phil at www.philcallaway.com

the green spot blog

Did you know that we update our GREEN SPOT BLOG on our website (almost) every week? Get the latest scoop from various staff members or look back into the archives for blogs you may have missed. Some of our best, newsy writing and photos are in our blog!

www.camp-evergreen.blogspot.ca

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:

- 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

Contact Taylor by phone or email for more information:
taylor@camp-evergreen.com

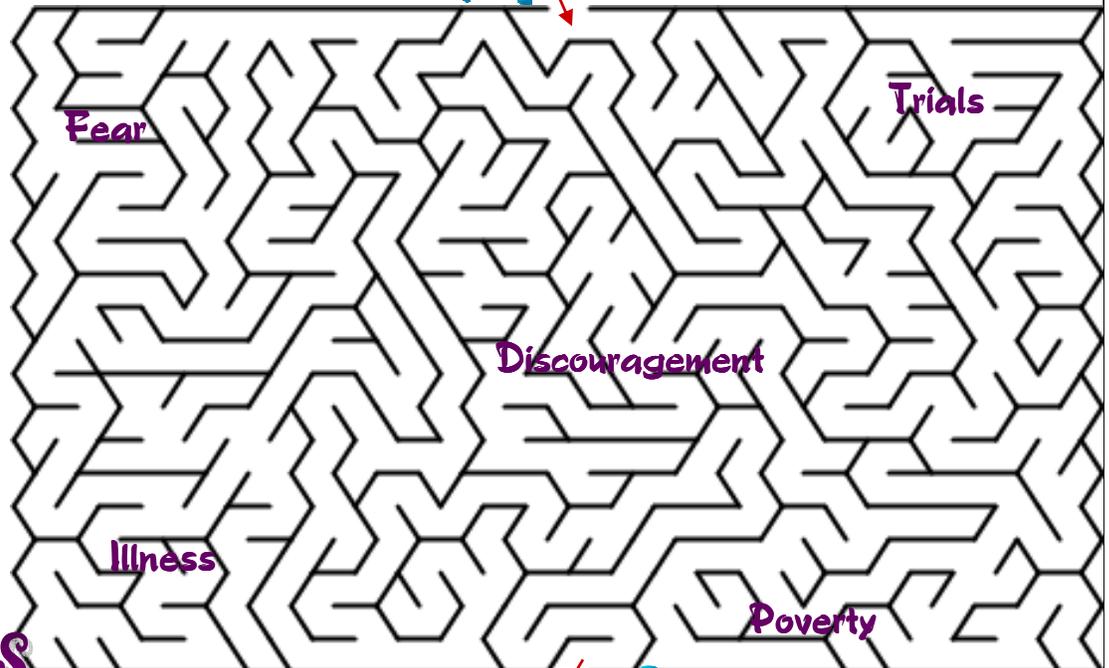
UPCOMING EVENTS

March 27-29	Ladies Retreat
May 9	Dinner and a Laugh
TBA	Senior's Day
June 12-14	Father/Son Retreat
June 27	Annual General Meeting
July 5 - August 21	Children & Youth Camps
September 4-7	Family Camp

Do you fear something? Are you feeling a bit discouraged? Things not going how you had hoped for? Be encouraged by God's words to Joshua, because they are as true for you as they were for Joshua! **"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."** Joshua 1:9 NIV
 Read the full story in the book of Joshua. If you are coming to Evergreen as a camper this summer keep your eyes and ears alert to this verse.



Find your way through this maze from the top to the bottom. Don't let fear, trials, poverty, illness or discouragement get in your way!



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 Good job!

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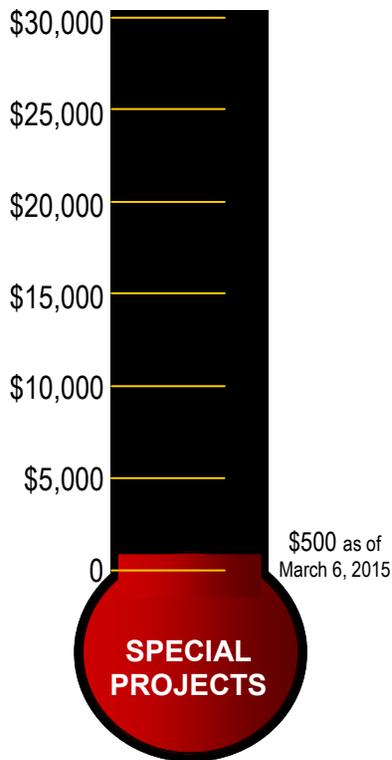


2015 SPECIAL PROJECTS

Each year we set our sights on accomplishing some Special Projects.

We are hoping to raise an extra \$30,000 in 2015 to put towards the following items:

- * Horses: \$4,500
- * Challenge Course Element: \$5,500
- * Archery Equipment: \$2,500
- * Kayaks: \$1,500
- * Outfitter's Camp: \$4,000
- * Facilities Renovations: \$12,000

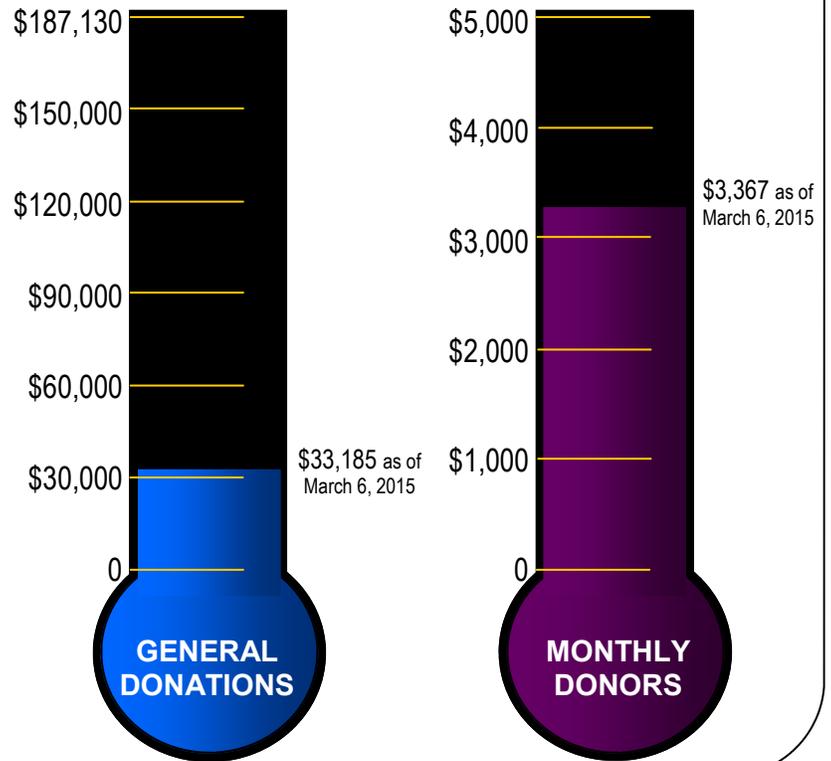


FINANCIAL POST

Here are the some of the figures Camp Evergreen hopes to raise to meet financial goals for 2015. Along with the Special Projects, camp would like to raise \$187,130 via General Donations, and also reach the goal of \$5,000 through regular, monthly donors.

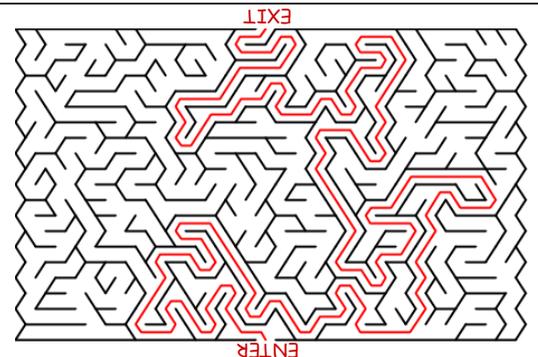
Donations are gladly accepted online, via cheque or call our office about setting up monthly donations.

Visit the **Support Us** page on our website.



It's not too late to register for
LADIES RETREAT
 at Camp Evergreen March 27-29, 2015

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*Don't shine so others can see you,
 Shine so that through you others can see Him.*

C.S. Lewis

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