



# GREEN SPACE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAMP EVERGREEN

MAY-JUNE 2015

## THE MONTH OF MAY OFF TO A FANTASTIC START AT CAMP

We started off this May at Camp Evergreen with our **Dinner and a Laugh** fundraiser on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> followed by our **Seniors Day** on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Phil Callaway was our guest speaker and we appreciated his uplifting sense of humor as he challenged us to support the ministry of Camp Evergreen in every

**Dinner and a Laugh**

way. The food was amazing as always, and the silent auction saw some stealthy bidders competing over coveted items. Mr. Croaker, our climbing amphibian, gave regular "froggress reports" on funds raised.

Thanks to the generosity of our guests just over \$20,000 was raised to help the ministry here at Evergreen! Thank you very much!

One of the goals the planning committee had for our **Dinner and a Laugh** fundraiser was to make the Dalhousie Church gym not look like a gym. Under the direction of Lisa Baerg we worked hard

all day setting up curtain walls, draping strings of white lights and banners over a climbing rope tied from one basketball hoop to the other to create a dropped ceiling effect. It seems to have worked as we had many compliments throughout the evening. We would like to thank Dalhousie Church for providing the venue, several kitchen volunteers and especially the youth for helping with clean up.

One of our favourite events of the year – **Seniors Day** – was the following Monday. One thing we know from past years, there needs a lot of coffee ready when they arrive! Ken had some fresh cookies (still warm from the oven) and muffins ready and we enjoyed visiting with our beloved seniors.



We tried something new this year and all headed out to the barn for a "one-man rodeo" after lunch. While it wasn't quite as elaborate as the Calgary Stampede, our head

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SENIORS DAY 2015

mmmmmm Pancake Breakfasts in Linden and the Edmonton area

This spring two of our board members and their families will once again be hosting pancake breakfasts to raise money specifically for campership aid; funds which help offset the cost of summer camp for families who would otherwise not be able to afford to send their children.

The first breakfast will take place Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30-11:30am at the Thiessen home: 23420 Twp. Rd. 510, Beaumont. For more details contact Bob Thiessen at 780-929-8289

The second breakfast (and who doesn't love second breakfast!) will take place Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at the hockey rink located beside by Dr. Elliott School in Linden from 8-10am.

For more details contact Keith Thiessen at 403-546-5252

We hope to see you at one or both!



**More than 700  
campers have  
already registered  
for Summer Camp at  
Evergreen!  
Don't delay.  
Register online today!**



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# FATHER & SON RETREAT

June 12-14, 2015

**JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND  
FULL OF FUN, ADVENTURE,  
DELICIOUS FOOD AND  
QUALITY FATHER/SON TIME.**

Register on our website:  
[www.camp-evergreen.com](http://www.camp-evergreen.com)



wrangler Travis shared a bit of our horse program and demonstrated some of his riding skills on Munchkin. From the barn we headed to the archery range for what was probably the highlight of the day – an opportunity for any seniors who wanted a



turn to pick up a bow and shoot a few arrows. As an added challenge we placed balloons on the targets and sure enough these sharp shooters were soon popping balloons. The promise of a free chocolate bar for hitting the target may have been the incentive needed.

The day ended with fresh cinnamon buns and coffee being enjoyed while several camp staff

shared updates. The seniors had the chance to share, too, and it is always encouraging to hear the stories of how these folks were

involved in the early years at Camp Evergreen, stories of God's faithfulness over the years and our senior's excitement about future ministry here at Evergreen.



Thank you so very much to our dear seniors for your ongoing prayers and support.

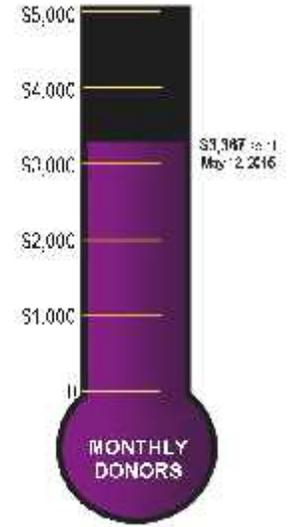
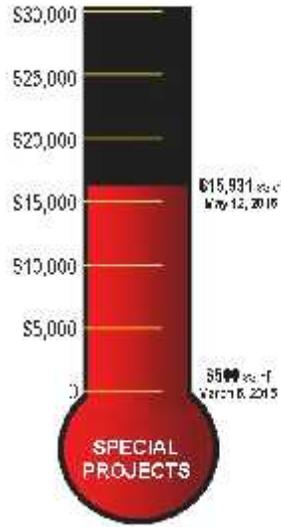


We have seen significant funds raised from our donors during the past two months! Thank you to all who have shared and have invested in the ministry at Camp Evergreen.

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



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



### SEASONAL STAFF & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

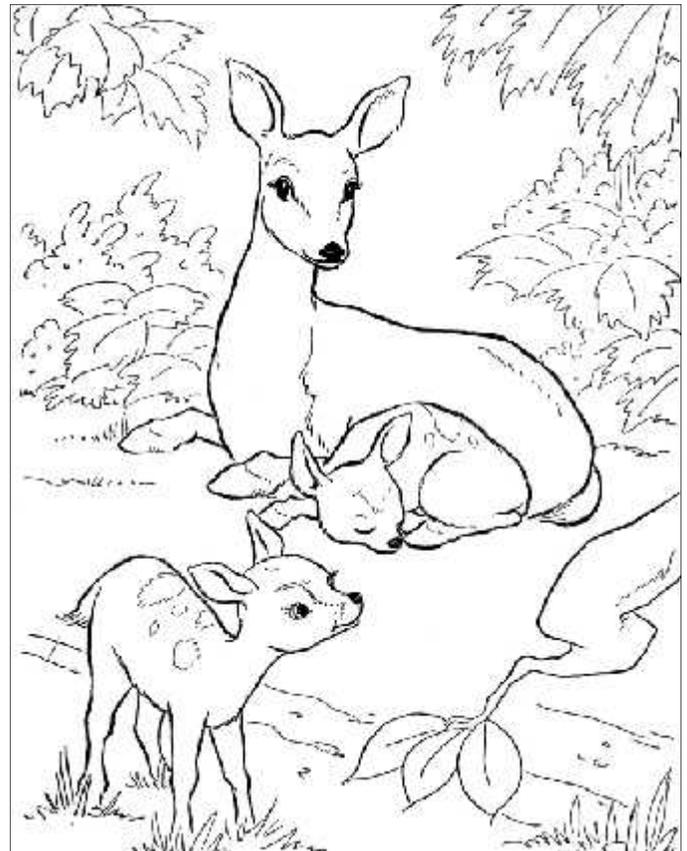
- \* 4 Young adults (ages 18+) needed for summer
- \* Nurse, doctor or EMT needed for July 5-10 and 12-17

Contact program director Taylor at [taylor@camp-evergreen.com](mailto:taylor@camp-evergreen.com) or by phone at 403-638-4230

### PERMANENT FULL-TIME OPPORTUNITY:

- \* Head Wrangler

Contact executive director Bob at [director@camp-evergreen.com](mailto:director@camp-evergreen.com) or by phone at 403-638-4230



**Kampers Korner**

Please enjoy these pictures to colour courtesy of [Free-Coloring-Pages.com](http://Free-Coloring-Pages.com)

The staff at camp would love to see your handiwork so send a picture or scan to Bev at [guestservices@camp-evergreen.com](mailto:guestservices@camp-evergreen.com) and she'll be sure to share it here at Camp Evergreen.



Mark **June 27<sup>th</sup>** 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!

Here's the plan...

- 9:00am Annual General Meeting
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 1:30pm Activities are open
- 4:30pm Barbeque Supper

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 23 Pancake Breakfast: Beaumont
- June 5-6 MCC Auction and Sale: Didsbury
- June 6 Pancake Breakfast: Linden
- June 12-14 Father/Son Retreat
- June 27 AGM and Open House
- July 5 - August 21 Children & Youth Camps
- September 4-7 Family Camp
- October 2-4 Rise Up Sr. High Retreat

## MCC Alberta

### Charity Auction & Sale

on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

Stop by the Camp Evergreen booth and say hello!



**Mennonite  
Central  
Committee**

## 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 writing and photos are in our blog!



Mr. Croaker is happy to be able to relax back at camp after giving progress reports at Dinner and a Laugh.

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