



# the GREEN SPACE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAMP EVERGREEN

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## CABIN FEVER NEARING COMPLETION!

There is light at the end of the tunnel or maybe we should say lights on in the cabin! Our Cabin Fever project started in 2009 with the dream of replacing our aging cabins. Our first prototype cabin was deemed too small and so we turned to our current plan.

We knew already that Camp Evergreen was on the road to becoming our own society and we wanted to make sure our ties with the Alberta Conference remained strong. It was for this reason that we decided to name the cabins after some of the Alberta MB churches, constantly reminding us of our partnership.

Construction started in spring 2011 with Highland House and Lendrum Lodge. Our first two cabins were completed and used in the summer of 2012. Enough money was raised to start Coaldale Cottage and Gem Abode in the fall of 2012 and these cabins were completed just in time for the 2013 camping season. We now have four completed cabins. The reviews from staff, campers and guest groups are great.

In the fall of 2012 Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) approached us with the idea of having a family project during the summer of 2013 to work on the remaining cabins. It was during this



discussion that the board decided to drop the original goal of twelve cabins to ten, so that we could start the remaining cabins.

The board also decided at this time that we needed to finish this project. At our current rate of progress it would take another six to eight years to finish! Funds were borrowed from the

Canadian Conference along with the goal of raising as much support as we could to ensure MDS didn't run out of work.

MDS was the turning point. They accomplished much more than we had anticipated and we would

again like to extend a huge verbal bouquet for their service.

Since last summer we have had several volunteer *Work Days* and our goal is finish these cabins in time for the coming 2014 camping season. With these cabins completed we can accommodate more campers with less counselors and increase our winter revenue.

We need your help to finish! If you've already helped, we would appreciate further help. If you've been on the sidelines, now is the time to join the game. How can you help?



We are so thankful for the team of volunteers that came to our latest Work Day on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

First, we are now looking for skilled volunteers. If you not only know what a brad nailer and chop saw are and you are not afraid to use them we need you. Remember, measure twice and cut once! We will need help during the last week of February and beginning of March to put up our tongue in groove pine wall after it has cured. Contact camp if you or a group of your friends fit the bill.

The second way you can help us is financially. With all the volunteer labor we will be able to average the cost of the cabins out to \$50,000 per cabin. By dropping from 12 to 10 cabins the total funds needed are now \$500,000. To date we together have raised about \$347,200.

Our desire is to enter this summer camping season with the cabins not only finished but paid for as well. By ourselves we cannot accomplish that goal, but together, with God's help, we can!

## 2014 POND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT TERRIFIC FUN!

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Three-On-Three Pond Hockey on January 11<sup>th</sup> was a resounding success! Ten teams from across Alberta joined us for the day. Together we raised over \$20,100! The Lord truly blessed us with perfect weather. Our staff worked extremely hard getting the site prepared, putting in long hours “zamboni-ing” the ice! Ken and the kitchen staff put on a wonderful spread and a special thanks to Taylor Jenkins, our Assistant Program Director, for organizing the event.



The Procrastinators, captained by Matt Enns, captured the coveted “Golden Skate” award. It was a close battle as the Procrastinators came from behind to beat the District 5 Slugs, (led by our favourite man of many faces: Gery Schubert) late in the game. Congratulations Procrastinators and we hope to see you back next year to defend your title.



The team that brought in the most pledges was Team Lendrum led by captain Randal Thiessen. This is the second year in a row Team Lendrum has won the top sponsored award and gets their names engraved forever on the new “Golden Stick” award. Lendrum brought in \$3,625 and Keith Thiessen (Team Linden) gets an honorable mention for raising the most funds as an individual.



New for this year was a kids skill competition and kids program in the morning. Ethan, Theo and Zach were the big winners this year.



Another highlight was Tom Mulhern, pastor at Dalhousie Community Church, and his play-by-play commentary. Tom didn't let his lack of hockey knowledge dampen his enthusiasm. Here he is interviewing Matt Enns (Procrastinators). Asking Matt what his favourite cheese was really doesn't have a lot to do with hockey, but we enjoyed the banter anyways.

Plans are already underway for the 2015 tournament. There are rumors of an organ! Remember the days when arenas had organs? We are also talking about having a couple of games “under-the-lights” on Friday night and we are hoping to recruit more young skaters for the Kid's Skills competition.

Thanks to all the hockey players, spectators and volunteers who came out and made the day a success. We look forward to seeing you next year!



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## SUMMER CAMP 2014!

Online Camper Registration is going strong!  
Register before the end of February and receive a \$10  
discount. Dates and rates are posted on our website:  
[www.camp-evergreen.com/drupal/summer-camps](http://www.camp-evergreen.com/drupal/summer-camps)

We are currently recruiting spring/summer staff,  
as well as weekly volunteer adult kitchen helpers and  
nurses for the summer.

Call or email Courtney, our Program Director, for more  
information or to volunteer: [program@camp-evergreen.com](mailto:program@camp-evergreen.com)

They may drive us crazy sometimes, might smell bad after they encounter  
a mud puddle or even a skunk, and may even make us sneeze,  
but for the most part our campers seem to love these four silly mutts we call the

## CAMP DOGS!

### KODA

Owner: Courtney Age: 9  
Breed: Border Collie X Aussie  
Shepherd  
Nickname: Boo Boo

"Hi, I'm Koda and I'm fiercely  
loyal to my owner Courtney.

If you want to know which building she is in just look for me  
standing outside the door. I have a beautiful fur coat but I don't  
brag about it, although I like to leave little samples of it on the  
floor so you know I've been around. I am the defender of smaller  
dogs like Scamp. My job at camp is keeping the squirrel popula-  
tion in the trees and chasing kids down the zipline, not to men-



### TANGO

Owners: Bob & Bev Age: 12  
Breed: Bichon Frise X Lhasa Apso  
Nicknames: Tangleosis, Dingo

"Bonjour. I am Tango and I'm a  
diva and would like the world to  
revolve around me. I prefer

women over anyone else, but in my advanced age I happiest if  
most people would just leave me be. I'm content lying around at  
home or in the Welcome Centre, and unlike the other three  
dogs, do not like to go swimming. Ever! At home I like to bark at  
anything or anyone I don't immediately recognize, even my  
owners! I like to go for walks and will revert to running around



### SCAMP

Owners: Bob & Bev Age: 9  
Breed: Yorkie X Shih Tzu  
Nicknames: Scampy, Scamperdoodles,  
Burnt Sausage

"Hi, it's me, Scamp, and I love life and  
love to be loved. I'm cute and I know it!  
I will follow campers around all day

looking for someone to rub my belly or throw a stick for me.  
I love to swim and retrieve sticks out of the creek, but I hate  
baths. I also love to go on walks. My sister, Tango, and I like to  
chase deer, squirrels and other people's cats - we have two cats  
at home but have never figured out they are cats. My favorite  
toy? Anything with a squeaker in it."



### CHARLIE

Owner: Colleen Age: 3  
Breed: Black Lab  
Nicknames: Charles, Chuckles

"Howdy howdy howdy! I'm  
Charlie and I'm the youngster of  
the four dogs and usually  
looking for a party, except when

I'm getting my beauty rest in Colleen's office. I don't seem to  
know that I'm a big dog and may bowl you over, so beware.  
Roaming around outside, swimming and getting wet are things I  
love to do. Scamp and I like to play tug-o-war in the Welcome  
Centre, and I always win! When I grow up I want to be a  
dumpster diver, because I love to get into the garbage. My  
favourite toy is anything I can un-stuff!"



Calling all good Canadians to  
**HOCKEY NIGHT IN EVERGREEN**  
Fundraiser Dinner & Auction

Come join us in a fundraising celebration dinner with **DON CHERRY** (aka Gery Schubert: the man of a thousand voices, a hundred faces, and at least twelve wigs). Don will take us through a hilarious "live" taping of Hockey Night in Evergreen as we enjoy a sumptuous buffet, friendly competition, draws, auctions and good ol' hockey fun, eh! You gotta love it. Wear your favorite hockey jersey and it's **GAME ON!**



[www.geryschubert.com](http://www.geryschubert.com)

Your off the ice experience begins at **5:30 pm**  
at **River West Christian Church**  
(19815 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Edmonton)  
on **Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Tickets are only **\$50 per person** or get a table of eight for **\$400** (70% is tax-receiptable).  
Reserve your tickets by calling or emailing Camp Evergreen by February 7<sup>th</sup>.

# Ladies Retreat

April 4-6, 2014



Award winning Christian author **Robin Jones Gunn** joins us this year.

Her 82 books, including the Christy Miller, Sisterchicks, and Katie Weldon series, have sold over four million copies. She will be joining us to share her heart for people and joy in life. Robin and her husband of 35 years make their home in Hawaii, and have two grown children.

We are also blessed to have **Becca Mabbett**, worship pastor at Mission Creek Alliance Church in Kelowna, to join us for the weekend to lead us in worship. Of course you'll also have the opportunity to take part in some of the fun activities Camp Evergreen is known for, such as trail rides, archery and flying down the zipline. Relaxation and terrific food is also on the menu!

**Don't miss this opportunity! Invite a friend!**

Register on-line now as space will be limited.

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