



# GREEN SPACE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAMP EVERGREEN

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## THE SCOOP ON OUR 2016 POND HOCKEY FUNDRAISER

What can we say except it really was a phenomenal day! Staff member Courtney has written the full story in all its glory on our Camp Evergreen blog ([camp-evergreen.blogspot.ca](http://camp-evergreen.blogspot.ca)) so we'll just recap some of the facts here:

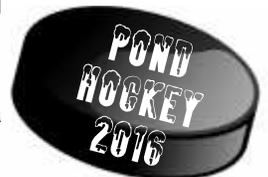
1. It was really cold in the morning.
2. Nine teams joined us for the three-on-three tournament, representing Airdrie, Bergen/Sundre, Calgary, Edmonton, and Linden.
3. Between our teams raising funds and our silent auction our goal of raising \$40,000 was met and surpassed by \$934.55!
4. Team Linden was the top fundraising team, with Keith Thiessen being the top individual fundraiser.



5. Did we mention it was cold outside? No complaints, though.
6. The District 5 Slugs won top place for the hockey portion of the day. Go team!
7. Our new Clydesdale team, April & Irish, made their public debut taking children and adults alike on wagon rides.

Please read the "Pond Hockey Awesome" blog for the rest of the story and discover how pie, helicopters and Connor McDavid added extra zing to the day!

Thank you so much to each player, spectator, donor and volunteer who made this day a success! We couldn't have done it without you!



## Ladies Retreat April 1-3

Come join us for a refreshing weekend this spring!

Guest speaker Connie Cavanaugh will share stories from her life and encourage us with truths from God's Word. Music will be led by the talented Becca Mabbet.

Enjoy wonderful food, fun activities, great music and the chance to relax and be rejuvenated.

Bring a sister, a friend, co-worker or a whole group of friends!  
All ladies ages 16 and older are welcome.

Register online today!

For more information about our speaker visit [www.conniecavanaugh.com](http://www.conniecavanaugh.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 musings and photos are on our blog!

## Parents: why you should consider encouraging your post-secondary student to work at camp By Bev Kroeker

As a parent of adult children I know first hand the joys and obstacles our kids face as high school becomes a fading memory and they enter, ready or not, adulthood. Careers, school or gap years all become options for most of our Canadian children.

Camp Evergreen and other Christian camps are looking for Christian young adults to work both on the front lines and behind the scenes to fulfill the ministry of “telling the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done.” Psalm 78:4

**The financial benefit:** I’m addressing this one first because it’s probably the first reason students and parents give to discount the idea of working at a camp. “I need to make money for school in fall.” While the base pay at camp isn’t enough to cover tuition and the other costs of university or Bible School there are multiple ways that camp and your student can work together to supplement their finances.

1. **Entrust Bursaries:** Students supply camp with a list of possible supporters who may be willing to contribute to the student bursary program. Donors receive a tax receipt and the satisfaction that they are supporting both the ministry of Camp Evergreen and the education of our staff returning to post-secondary education. Some of our previous staff have raised enough support through Entrust alone to pay their entire years’ tuition.

2. **Government Bursaries:** While camp has no control over whether or not camp will be awarded government bursaries to disperse each year, in recent years these have been offered and dispersed to staff members meeting the qualifications the government has required.

3. **Your Home Church:** Camp work is missions. Many churches have budgeted for students participating in ministry programs both at home and abroad. Some churches also have funds set aside for students pursuing their education at a Bible School or Christian University. Be sure to ask!

Camp Evergreen offers many staff positions from the beginning of May to the end of August, so while other university students are spending a month or more looking for that “summer job” our staff can begin working (and making money) right after final exams.

**The spiritual benefit:** By the grace of God both of our children have personal relationships with God, and I can confidently say that much of their spiritual growth happened while they were at camp, first as campers and then as staff members at both Stillwood Camp and Camp Evergreen. Our staff are challenged to arrive at camp with a progressive relationship with Christ, a relationship already growing, and it continues to grow throughout the months they spend listening, learning, praying and sharing. As they share their personal faith with campers and other staff they become closer to their Creator and more confident in their witness.

**The educational benefit:** Camp Evergreen is a place where students post-secondary education can be put to practical use. In the past our engineering students have led our summer campers in fun and exciting projects, education majors have had the chance to practice their craft everyday with real live kids! Our daughter was a zoology student while on staff and brought her passion for her field of science to the school groups while

teaching pond studies. This was a valuable experience for her as she is now using her training in a professional capacity. Our staff learn people skills, how to deal with conflict and how to verbally communicate in an effective manner. Work experience at camp is great on a résumé.

**The physical benefit:** Camp Evergreen is situated in one of the most beautiful areas in Alberta and we spend the majority of our days enjoying the great outdoors! Besides the benefit of the fresh air, staff and campers walk, walk, walk everywhere. All day long! When we’re not walking we’re running, climbing, hiking or horse-back riding. We cook healthy meals (no take-out) and then we wash the dishes, chop and pile firewood, and all those other great things that get the heart pumping and the muscles working. Noses are not glued to cell phones here.

**The home church benefit:** Your children will learn what it means to have a servant heart, to be a disciple and hopefully to want to disciple others. Camps and churches must work together in maintaining year-round guidance to the those who have been introduced to Christ so their own relationships with Him can develop and grow. Our goal as a camp is to participate in the development of young leaders to continue on in their communities.

**The Kingdom benefit:** Campers are introduced to Christ and invited to make Him their Lord and Savior, and those who already know and follow Him are challenged to take their faith to the next level. Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.” Luke 10:2 “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

Am I bias towards Christian camping? Absolutely - Bob and I have spent more than seventeen years working and ministering in the field. Throughout the years God has always been faithful to provide the staff He wants working at camp, and I don’t doubt that He’ll continue to provide. I just wanted to express from both a parent’s and a camp worker’s perspective the value of encouraging your own young adult children to pursue working at camp for a season or two or more. It’s a real, legitimate job, folks - it only sounds too good to be true!



Bev is the guest Group Coordinator at Camp Evergreen. She is married to director Bob (aka Ranger) and is mom and mom-in-law to Samara & Samuel as well as Mitch & Nina.

**CAMP EVERGREEN**

presents

**Dinner and a Laugh**

a fundraising event to invite your friends to,  
featuring comedian **Leland Klassen**

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

at Dalhousie Community Church  
5511 Baroc Road NW, Calgary

Tickets: \$100

*Enjoy a wonderful evening of laughs, great food, silent auction, and supporting camp ministry*



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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
- July 3 - Aug. 19 Summer Camps
- September 2-5 Family Camp
- Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 Rise Up Sr. High Retreat

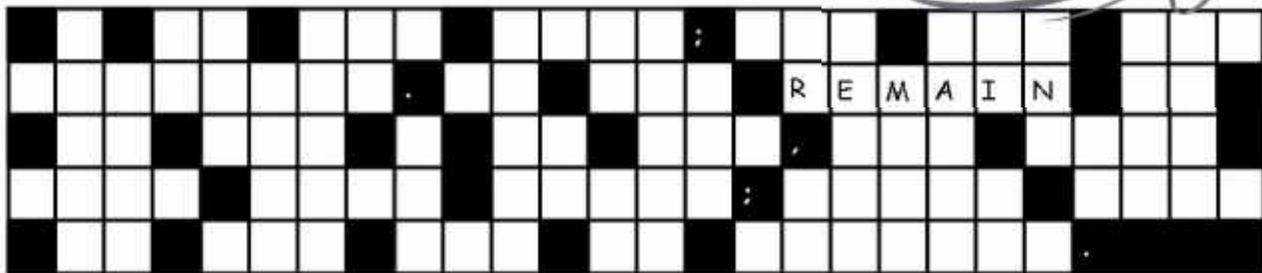
**THE GREAT KITCHEN CHALLENGE**

**ATTENTION CHURCHES!** Would you be willing to help us out? Would your congregation supply two adult helpers to volunteer in our kitchen for one week this summer? If each MB church in Alberta would meet this challenge to help us fill this need we would be set for summer!



Please contact our head cook, Ken at [kitchen@camp-evergreen.com](mailto:kitchen@camp-evergreen.com) or give him a phone call if you have any questions or you are willing to organize this on behalf of your home church. Thank you in advance!

All of the letters from this Bible verse have fallen out of place. Can you place them back into their spots right above each letter? Cross out the letters as you use them. The answer is on the next page.



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**Kampers Korner**



**2016  
SPECIAL PROJECTS**

- ◇ Hay Wagon & Horses \$5,000
- ◇ Archery & Canoe Equipment \$4,000
- ◇ Percussion Instruments \$5,000
- ◇ Foothills Outfitters Site \$8,000
- ◇ Renovations & Small Projects \$8,000

Total: \$30,000



Here are the some of the figures Camp Evergreen hopes to raise to meet financial goals for 2016. Along with the Special Projects, camp would like to raise \$186,000 via General Donations, and also reach the goal of \$5,000 per month 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.



KAMPERS KORNER answer: I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5-8)

We are getting excited as we plan for this retreat, taking place February 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Yes, in the middle of winter! But that is the nice thing - you get to experience camp in the winter. We have a skating rink, snow-shoeing and red-neck curling! If you bring your own toboggans then you can do that as well! Along with these fun winter activities, we will attend chapels, play fun games, hang out with old friends and meet some new ones and connect with Jesus. Who can attend? Anyone in Grades 6-9! So bring your friends!

We accept individual registrations. This means that if you don't have a youth group to attend with or maybe your youth group is unable to attend, you can still come as an individual. Visit our website to find registration forms for individuals. If you're coming with your youth group register through your youth pastor or sponsor.

Got questions? Phone camp or email our program director: [taylor@camp-evergreen.com](mailto:taylor@camp-evergreen.com)

We hope that you can come. It will be loads of fun and we don't want anyone to miss out!

# RISE 'n' SHINE

## February 26-28

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