

## THE LATEST SCOOP ON REACHING HIGHER

How's Reaching Higher going? When are you going to start the new lodge? Are you excited about moving into a new house? These are the three most common questions that I hear on a regular basis as I travel throughout Alberta.

### How's Reaching Higher going?

Reaching Higher is our ministry and capital expansion campaign here at Camp Evergreen. The one word I would use to describe why we're reaching higher would be space. We are running out of space for our guests throughout the year. We have run out of space in our kitchen/dining hall during the summer months and have run out of space in our summer camps. And we have run out of room for our seasonal and permanent staff. Our desire at Evergreen is to see more children come to know Jesus. We want to see lives, our camper, guest and staff lives, to be transformed by the power of Jesus. To accomplish this, Camp Evergreen cannot remain static, we must move forward, we must reach higher.

How did we reach higher this year?

- by adding a week of summer camp which included two new camps
- by building two new permanent staff homes
- by starting the upgraded septic system needed for the new lodge

Because of the support of many trades and volunteers and through the coordination of Craig Wiens and Kingsmith homes out of Cochrane, we are building both new staff homes for half their retail value. You read that correctly—two houses for the price of one! That is very exciting. To date we have raised through cash and pledges \$889,962.

How are we reaching higher next year?

- by adding three new summer camps
- by adding a new winter family camp
- by continuing to move forward with our new lodge and septic system

So to answer the question of how Reaching Higher is going – very well!  
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We've got a brand new, super amazing event coming this June! We're excited to bring you a family-friendly and youth-friendly obstacle race on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Our **Tough Camper Run** is a great fundraiser aimed to raise money for our camp programs. Compete as an individual, youth group, or a family and race to see **Lives Transformed!**

Details will be posted in January 2018.



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### **When are you going to start the new lodge?**

We would love to have started the new lodge this year and we will be starting the new lodge as soon as we can. We still have some behind the scenes work with finalizing the floor plan and then hiring an architect. We would like to start and finish the upgrade needed to our current septic system in 2018. And we need to continue to raise the funds needed. There is a lot of interest and positive momentum here at Evergreen and our job as a fundraising team is to turn that interest and excitement into the pledges we need to move forward. That is a great segue for me to encourage you to translate your interest in Camp Evergreen into a three year pledge! I was told once that hinting will not raise money, so I'll just ask you to make a pledge!

To answer the question of when we are starting the new lodge – just as soon as we possibly can!

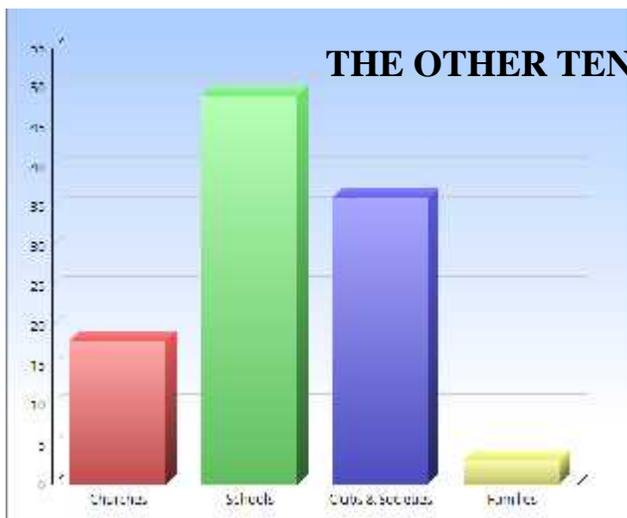
### **Are you excited about moving into your new house?**

The Kroeker and Underwood families have the privilege of being the first residents in our new staff homes. That is a huge honor and both families are excited not only about the new homes, but about the ministry that can happen with the large open concept on the main floor. We had the opportunity of being able to choose a colour theme (vetted through our building committee) which made the homes very personal. The Underwoods are moving into the Red House and the Kroekers are moving into the Green House. Our anticipated move-in date is the middle of December - with the understanding that all the trades need to finish their part on time. Thanks very much Camp Evergreen and all our supporters, for this incredible Christmas gift.

So, are we excited to move into our new home? Yes!

Thanks again for your continued support as we strive to finish our year strong financially.

Bob "Ranger" Kroeker  
Executive Director



What's happening at Camp Evergreen when we're not running summer camp or our own retreats and events? Well, we're making good use of our facilities by hosting more than 100 guests groups between September and June. The length of stay was from one to seven days.

Almost half of these groups were schools, and came for either an outdoor education experience or a band camp.

Clubs and societies such as Cubs and Scouts, Girl Guides, support groups and crafters made up the next largest numbers of groups booking a retreat at Evergreen.

Churches made up the next demographic of guests, and we saw some of our largest weekend groups this past year being church youth groups! It's great to see the impact churches are having on their local teens.

We also hosted a small number of family groups to round off the year.

What a privilege to have these people coming and sharing in the beautiful nature of Camp Evergreen. It's a blessing to our staff to make contact with folks from all walks of life, and our hope is that we are leaving a lasting impression of God's goodness upon each soul that comes through our gates.

*We are thrilled that  
our brand new website  
will be launching soon!*

*Check it out:*

[www.camp-evergreen.com](http://www.camp-evergreen.com)

### VOLUNTEER NEEDS FOR WINTER 2018:

- ◆ Kitchen Helpers on weekends  
phone or email Lane at  
[staff@camp-evergreen.com](mailto:staff@camp-evergreen.com)  
403-638-4230

## 2018 CALENDAR

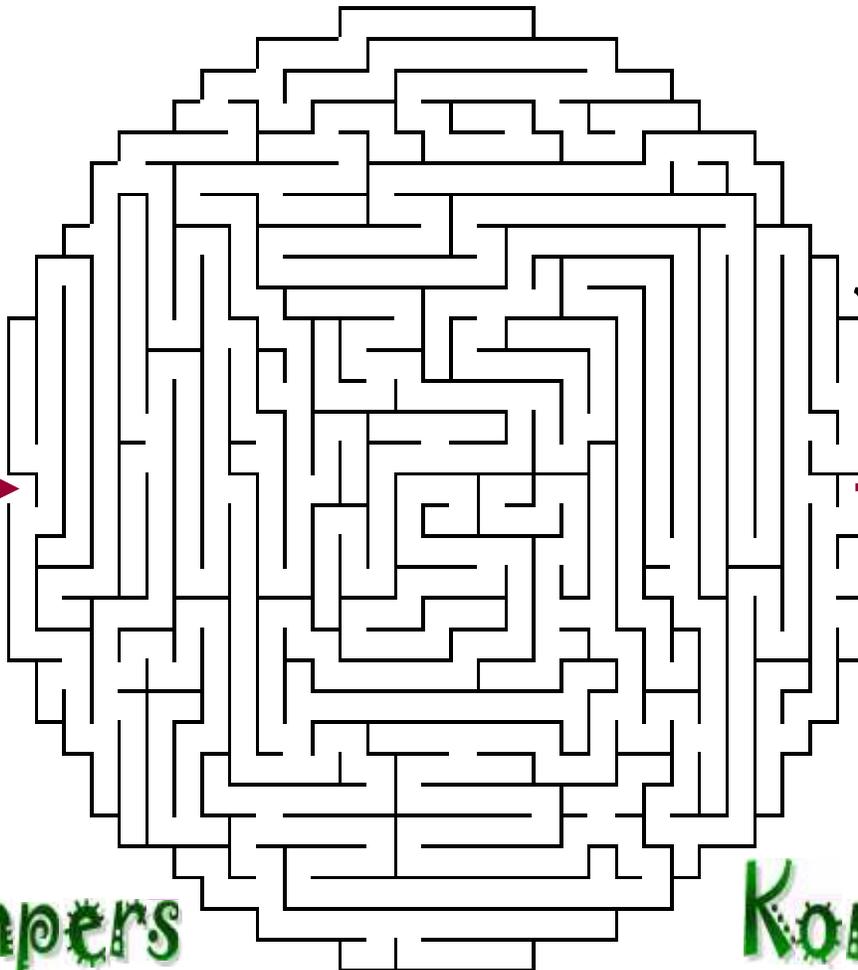
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| January 3          | Summer Camp Registration opens |
| January 13         | Pond Hockey Tournament         |
| February 16-19     | Winter Fest Family Camp        |
| April 6-8          | Ladies Retreat                 |
| NEW DATE May 4-6   | Father & Son Retreat           |
| May 27             | Daughter Day                   |
| NEW EVENT June 9   | Tough Camper Run               |
| June 23            | AGM & Open House               |
| July 3 - August 24 | Children's Summer Camps        |
| August 4-6         | Mid Summer Family Camp         |
| Aug. 31 - Sept. 3  | Summer's End Family Camp       |
| Sept. 28 - 30      | Lead Retreat (Jr. & Sr. High)  |



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our moose,  
Melvin Twiggs,  
find his buddies at  
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General Store?



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he will need  
snowshoes?



Moose Junction



General Store

Kampers

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# POND HOCKEY 2018

**January 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30am - 6:00pm**



**We skate to see  
lives transformed  
at camp.  
Will you join us?**

We're gearing up for our ninth annual Three-on-Three Pond Hockey Tournament. A highlight of our year: it's competitive but friendly and good, wholesome fun. Bring the whole family! Returning this year is our children's mini-skills competition, so kids ... don't forget your skates!

Our goal at Evergreen is to draw kids, youth and families to Christ. The tournament supports this exciting, valuable ministry. Please consider partnering with us by playing hockey, cheering on this event, and donating towards our goal of seeing individual lives transformed through the power of Jesus Christ.

Teams can be made up of four or five players, men or women, but all players need to be at least 16 years of age. For more information and

to register a team contact us at [courtney@camp-evergreen.com](mailto:courtney@camp-evergreen.com) or call 403-638-4230. We build our rinks right here at camp: you'll play among the trees, snow and moose!

We will also have some cool items in our Silent Auction for those who want to participate without lacing up their skates. Spectators are FREE, and this includes lunch, supper, horse-drawn wagon rides and lots of thrilling hockey viewing. Don't forget your wallets for the silent auction and draws. Please register as a spectator (and your kids) so we can prepare food for the day.

Funds raised during this Three-On-Three Hockey tournament supplement our operating budget, so we can keep the rates for our summer campers and retreat participants affordable, while continuing to offer high quality programming using safe, exciting and strong infrastructure. Operating funds cover everything from ropes for the climbing wall, feed for the horses and arrows for the archery range to the money we need to bring in great speakers and maintain a top-notch staff team. **This year we're setting the goal for \$40,000!**

## We hope to see you on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

We've been blessed with a wonderful year of ministry these past twelve months. Would you help us meet our financial goals for 2017 before the end of December?

More Kingdom-building things are planned for this coming year. Please consider making a monthly pledge during 2018.

Thank you to everyone who has generously supported Camp Evergreen in the past, and to those who continue to do so.



**\$37,000** in donations needed  
by December 31<sup>st</sup>  
to meet our 2017 budget

**\$15,750**

as of December 8<sup>th</sup>

**MINISTRY EXPANSION**

Goal: \$30,000 for 2017

**\$6,130**

as of December 8<sup>th</sup>

**MONTHLY DONORS**

Goal: \$7,000 per month

REACHING HIGHER  
CAPITAL PROJECTS:

**\$889,962**

as of December 8<sup>th</sup>



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on our website.

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