

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- October 4-6 Rise Up! Retreat (for Grades 10-12)
- November 9 Calgary Fund Raiser
- January 11 Pond Hockey Tournament
- February tba Edmonton Fund Raiser
- February 21-23 Rise 'n' Shine Retreat (for Grades 7-9)
- April 4-6 Ladies Retreat
- May 14 Senior's Day
- June 13-15 Father & Son Retreat
- June 28 Annual General Meeting

**RISE UP!**

Retreat for Sr. High Students

October 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

Watch for details!



**summer camp**



Answers for  
Kidz Korner:  
true, noble,  
right, pure,  
lovely,  
admirable,  
excellent,  
praiseworthy

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAMP EVERGREEN AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2013

**Fabulous Fiftieth, Sensational Seniors, Dashing Dads and Cresting Creeks**

Well, it's certainly been a blessed, busy and wet spring here at Camp Evergreen. In May and June we hosted guests made up of school groups, church retreats and various other organizations almost every day. The days we didn't have a rental group in we hosted our own events including our Father and Son Retreat, a Senior's Day and of course the highlight of the spring was our Fiftieth Anniversary weekend.

This was a weekend filled with reminiscing, encouragement, laughter and wonderful

The weekend also included the AGM, led by board chairman Andrew Baerg, site tours, a wide array of camp activities, and concluded with an afternoon of family field games, relays and ice cream. We would like to extend a special thanks to both the permanent and seasonal staff, the entire board of directors and the many other volunteers who contributed their help to make the weekend a success.

Our annual Father and Son Retreat was another busy and fun weekend held in early June. The men and boys were challenged by guest



Executive directors past and present gather for a photo. L-R: Walt Loewen, Norbert Bargaen, Jake Enns, Kerry Precht, Andrew Baerg & Bob Kroeker



Father and son, Keith and Caleb Thiessen, ready to ride the zip line.

interaction between all the age groups represented. Executive director, Bob Kroeker, and program director, Courtney Armstrong, emceed the weekend and it was fun and enlightening to hear from a variety of current and former staff and campers. Walter Loewen, Norbert Bargaen, and Lisa Baerg were specifically asked to share memories, and Canadian MB Conference executive director, Willy Reimer, presented everyone with a special challenge as we press on towards the future. On Sunday

morning seasonal staff member Adam Braun shared the Word with us. The worship times were also special as young and old joined together to sing an array of songs from many different eras.

In mid June we welcomed a group of about 35 Seniors on-site for a day. Although the weather was threatening it didn't dissuade the planned activities of site tours, a program of singing and testimonies by some of our staff, and a delicious lunch prepared by Ken Underwood and his helpers. The fellowship between our young seasonal staff and our treasured seniors is always a valuable use of time. Special thanks to Jake Doerksen for helping us to organize this event which we hope to hold on an annual basis.

We are very thankful that the June flood didn't cause more damage at camp than it did. The power was knocked out by falling trees on our property, but other than eroded creek banks and washed out trails camp didn't suffer any other permanent damage. Staff were proactive in portaging the canoes to higher ground, and no horses (or hippopotamuses) escaped! We are thankful for the protective hand of the Lord.

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# ROOT BEER floats

Thoughts from the Director's Desk

Christ with the campers and spend time discipling our staff.

There has been a lot of excitement and momentum building over the past year. Two more cabins have been completed, bringing our total of new cabins to four. It is a blessing to be able to use these cabins this summer. What else is new? The original dining hall/kitchen has been completely renovated into what we call the Fallen Timber Landing. We now have a comfortable meeting room and large games room which will help us serve our winter guest groups better. Our new Moose Junction General Store (the old nurses station repurposed) is up and running. Campers and guests now have an opportunity to purchase much more than just candy. Next time you're at camp make sure you pop in. A new archery range has been started. Buildings, picnic tables and benches have been stained and painted. Flowers have been planted.



In addition to successful fundraisers in Calgary, Linden and Edmonton this past year, we've had a Seniors Day and a fabulous 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion. Our second AGM coincided with the 50<sup>th</sup> weekend and it was good to spend some time with our members. A special blessing this spring and summer was having two of our churches, SunWest from Calgary and Sunrise from Edmonton (maybe we should have a church plant here at camp called Sunset! Just kidding), sponsor a short Missions Trip to Camp Evergreen. We are very thankful to those who took the time to join us in ministry here at camp.



Mennonite Disaster Service is on site from July 21<sup>st</sup> to August 18<sup>th</sup> helping with our cabin build. We are very grateful for their support and our goal to finish our Cabin Fever Project by next summer is to enlist as much volunteer help as we can muster up.

Fifty years ago Camp Evergreen was started by a group of dedicated individuals with a common goal – to share the Living Gospel of Jesus Christ to Youth and Children here in Alberta. We are still in the same business of seeing lives

transformed by the power of Christ. My prayer is that we will re-ignite that passion, that we can increase our support base so that we can carry on our "Missions Project" that is ripe for harvest. We feel that we are hearing God's voice, trusting Him and moving forward.

How can you help us? Prayer. We are only as strong as our prayer support. The enemy would like nothing better than to cause disunity and strife here at camp. Pray that we will be strong and focused, so that many lives will be challenged in their walk with Jesus.

Second, we need financial help in two specific areas. First for our cabins. Our cabins are not a luxury, but a necessity. As we seek to have more winter groups, solid, insulated cabins are needed to provide adequate accommodation. Consider digging

Hello from a busy Camp Evergreen. We have had a very full spring here at camp and we are now in the middle of our summer camping program. On average we have over one hundred campers and fifty staff each week. God is at work as we share very clearly the Gospel of

deep and helping support our cabins with a donation to our Cabin Fever fund.

Also consider our day to day operating budget. Evergreen, like most camps, has very little income near the end of summer. Food costs, summer staff honorariums and salaries are a large part of our summer budget and typically we need financial help in August. I would ask that you consider making an end of summer donation to help us make the transition from summer camp to autumn.



Thanks for your continued support and encouragement. May we all trust God for the future.

With best regards,  
Bob Kroeker

# Kampers Korner

Our theme verse this summer is found in Philippians 4:8. Unscramble the letters to find out which virtues we should be fill our minds with!

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is \_ \_ \_ \_ ,  
r u e t

whatever is \_ \_ \_ \_ , whatever is \_ \_ \_ \_ ,  
b o l e n h g i r t

whatever is \_ \_ \_ \_ , whatever is \_ \_ \_ \_ ,  
p u e r l e y v o l

whatever is \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ - if anything  
b d a i l e m a r

is \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ or \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
l e l e n x c t e a s w r p i t y h e o r

- think about such things."

Need help? Answers are on the back page,  
or just look up Philippians 4:8!

