



# CAMP ENCOUNTER

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Community, Creation, and Christ"

Dear Friends,

If you enjoy reading the Western Catholic Reporter then you may have noticed the adjacent photo featured in a WCR feature on March 29 that held the title "Camp Encounter, a camp for all seasons". I love that picture! Do you see the guy in the back holding the drum? Well..., that's me! Dale Kiselyk. Also know as RAVEN to thousands of summer campers and school children all over Alberta. That picture illustrates one of those priceless moments when I am able to remove myself from administrative duties in the office and join in on the excellent programs offered at



Camp Encounter. The picture was taken on a beautiful morning just as Dave (Program Director playing the guitar) and I began playing our cool licks and electrifying music as a wakeup call to all 75 teenagers sleeping in the building behind us. Once all the campers were awake we launched into a day loaded with great food, exciting activities, and ground breaking faith connections. As a staff member for almost 7 years I must say that Camp Encounter is truly a piece of Heaven on Earth! I have been witness to thousands of positive, life changing experiences each year and I am really proud of all the staff, volunteers, and generous donors who contribute to our programs, events, and facilities each year.

**I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the events and regular programs from 2009 that Camp Encounter offered, largely due to your generous and necessary monetary contributions.**

Weekend Facility Rentals: 15-25 groups rent our facility for an average of 500 visitors per year.

School Retreats: 28 Catholic Schools and 6 Public Schools experience our programs to the tune of 2,050 visitors per year.

Summer Camp: 380 summer campers attend Camp Encounter for 6 exciting days per camper.

Winter Teen Retreat: Every February, Camp Encounter hosts an exciting weekend of faith, fun, and food for approximately 70 teenagers.

Our Lady of Lourdes/Camp Encounter Picnic: This annual event now runs for the entire weekend and includes many new and exciting activities plus a hugely popular **Stations of the Cross Reenactment** of Christ's journey to Calvary.

Fall Supper and Cribbage Tournament: A community building event that attracts up to 150 people.

Beautiful Facility: Stunning scenery, modern buildings, and 100 acres of amazing lake shore.

**Camp Encounter needs your help! Your donation is important! Your contributions ensure that Camp Encounter will continue to forge life changing experiences for the generations to come.**

Sincerely,

*Dale Kiselyk*

Dale Kiselyk,  
Director of Camp Encounter