



CAMP ENCOUNTER

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CAMP TALK



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2009 STEAMS ALONG

The spring and summer have passed, giving us another super-successful set of programs. Spring school retreats and rentals and summer camp touched the lives of hundreds of campers, once again building up the faith of the church of tomorrow.

Special thanks for the superb staff this spring and summer, consisting of Raven and Gravey at the helm (Dale Kiselyk and David Graves), along with staffers Connie, Puma, Copper, Honey Bee, Fender, Poppy, Solstice, Zebra, with Stirfry, Swampy and Jelly Bean in the kitchen, and maintenance work with Moose and Grannie, Woodchuck and Rose, and Lion.



And the fall programs continue with school retreats and weekend rentals, as Gravey, Raven and Copper are joined by Moss and Bass, and with Hammer and Cookie helping with maintenance and kitchen duties.

IMPROVEMENTS TO SITE AT ALL TIME HIGH

With the reception of a \$25,000 Community Spirit Grant from the Provincial Government, Camp was able to add an improved water filtration system, and make other much needed improvements.

Thanks to the efforts of our maintenance personnel, past and present, and of the generosity of donors, contributing materials, buildings, and labour hours, Camp Encounter's physical condition is at an all time high. "Camp's never been in better shape," Dale Kiselyk, Camp's Director, reports.

With the continued help of donors and benefactors, Camp's facility will continue to grow, and serve the needs of the youth of the Archdiocese.

ARCHBISHOP VISITS CAMP

This summer, Archbishop Richard Smith paid a visit to Camp Encounter, giving him a chance to witness some of our activities, and to tour our facility and program elements.



Arriving on out-trip morning, His Grace came over to the Island for Bannock breakfast, a spiritual walk through the island's new labyrinth, and then stayed to experience Rowdy Lunch.

His Grace was both impressed and excited about Camp Encounter in its role in evangelization of youth of the Archdiocese.



NEW STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVENT SUCCESS

Camp's annual joint Bike-a-thon/Picnic with Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in June saw the addition of a new activity, an enactment of the Stations of the Cross Devotion, performed by Camp counsellors and staff.



All participants were thoroughly moved by the experience, depicting the final moments of Christ's passion. We all look forward to seeing this activity grow in the future, as more become aware of it, and grow in their faith because of it.

FUNDRAISING GOALS

2009 Goal - \$143,840

CAMP ENCOUNTER IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE. THROUGH YOUR DONATION, YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOO!!

An investment in Camp Encounter is an investment in the Young People of the Archdiocese of Edmonton - an investment in the Spiritual Lives of our Youth, in the Spirit of the Next Generation!



WISH LIST - FUTURE PROJECTS

- Rec Hall Improvements - \$20,000
- Lap Top - \$1200
- Two New Tipi's - \$7,000
- High Speed Internet - \$1,000
- New Septic Truck - \$25,000
- Dock Additions - \$3000
- Shingles & Siding - \$3000
- Improved Staff Accomodation - \$200,000

CAN YOU HELP WITH ANY OF THESE ITEMS?

Wanna Help? Contact Us: Dale Kiselyk - 967-2548 or Father Michael "Catfish" Mireau - 454-6179

Encountering Christ in Community and Creation