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CAMP TALK



SPRING 2008 ISSUE

REVAMPED WEBSITE, ACA ACCREDITATION

After painstaking effort, the Camp Website is up and running once again, thanks to the efforts of our Camp Director, Dale Kiselyk.

The website is an invaluable source for information on Camp Encounter, including Camp history, rental information, registration forms, dates and times of summer camps, school program sessions, forms and fees. See a complete tour of Camp Encounter's site and programs, available at your finger tips.

Check out the site at:

www.campencounter.com

Also thanks to the valiant efforts of former director, Ashley Dixon-Seely, and incredible follow up from Camp Manager, Alexis Kiselyk, Camp has renewed its accreditation with the Alberta Camping Association (ACA).

The ACA sets standards for program quality, site safety, and proper camper care for its member camps. Camp Encounter takes pride in meeting these standards, ensuring our customers a safe and fulfilling experience while with us.

For more information on the ACA, see:

www.albertacamping.com

SPRING IN FULL SWING

Under the leadership of Camp Director, Dale Kiselyk, spring school programs have returned for 2008.

Schools from throughout the area have been overjoyed to hear of Dale's return to the Camp, given his talent with the kids of all ages.

Camp offers one, two and three day programs to elementary schools, and retreats for junior high and high schools, complete with full range of activities: climbing wall, archery, adventure course, canoeing, snow shoeing, low ropes, campfire, team building and leadership activities, outdoor skills, Wilf Borgstede's famous island "Survival Game", and capped off with a Thanksgiving Celebration.

Since 1993, these programs have successfully given young people an experience of God through community and creation - Camp Encounter's mission.

MEET THE CAMP STAFF 2008

Here are brief messages from all the staff of the 2008 session:

GRAVEY (Lead Programmer/Spirits)



A Mid-Winter's Camp Dream...

Winter is cold but summer is hot
I'm back at Camp believe it or not
A Bachelor of Theology has trained my eye
To wield words comparable to the Jedi

Of our place in this world yours and mine
In this present age and for all of time
So buckle your seatbelts prepare for fun
And set the controls to the heart of the Son
Baton down the hatches and take great haste
Prepare for impact we've no time to waste
I see you there and I'll see you soon
Under the sun and just right of the moon
Where the planets and stars shine really bright
Singing us to sleep each and every night
We'll be there together and we'll be there as one
Below the moon and just right of the sun
Spiralling on orbit in a lakefront scene
On our little planet shaded in blue, red and green
Meeting at a single point in space and time
I'd like to introduce you to a friend of mine
The Holy Spirit, The Father and The Son
The same in nature and fully One
Follow the sun to just under the moon
Listen to your heart for that heavenly tune
Like an animal at night shouting his scream
I've said quite enough you know what I mean
"I see you there and I'll see you soon!"
"Right of the sun and just left of the moon!"

SCUBA (Adventure)



Hey Yall, my name's Scuba and I'm gonna be your Adventure Programmer for the summer of 2008. I've been coming out to camp since 1996 and this summer is shaping up to be one of the best yet. While kicking it up

with me you'll get to go canoeing, climb the rock wall, shoot some arrows in the camp archery range and there is even a sweet new low ropes course to break in this summer. I can't wait to see you all out.

SMOKE (Guy's Dorm/Out-trip)



Good Day! I'll be leading the guy's dorms this summer at Camp Encounter. You'll know me as Smoke for the time. I'll also be helping to plan our one night stay on the island with Blossom! I know we are going to have a ton of fun in the weeks to come this summer, and I will do everything I can to help you guys have a terrific dorm experience at Camp Encounter. I missed last year at camp, so I'm really looking forward to seeing all the happy faces of campers who may have known me as a counsellor, and as always, I'll be very glad to see all the new campers too!

BLOSSOM (Girl's Dorms/Out-trip)



Hello my pretties, it is me Blossom! This year at camp I am the Girls Dorm Supervisor and y'all better be ready to have some fun because you're in for a treat! I'm so super stoked to be chilling with you ladies this summer! I'm also super pumped for out-trip cause boy do we have some crazy fun games for y'all! Ahh yes, for the record I may be small, I may be tiny, but I'm super energetic and you'll never have a dull moment!
I'm uber excited to see all of your smiling faces in July! I can't wait to see all of you this summer!

KOALA (Waterfront/Lifeguard)



Hi everyone! I'm headed back to Camp for another summer as the first aid/waterfront director and I can't wait!! I hope you're ready for a summer of awesome fun. Expect to have a variety of excellent adventures during your time at camp - and worry not because I'm around to keep you safe. Soon the summer warmth will be here, and we'll be having a blast in the water and on our sandy beach. I can't wait to see and/or meet each and every one of you.

SEE REVERSE

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Encountering Christ in Community and Creation

CAMP STAFF Cont'd

POPPY (Crafts)



Dear camp lovers and all of you who have yet to experience our great camp!

Back again for my second year as staff, I'll be moving into the craft shack again for the summer of 2008!

Woohoo! Please look forward to more cool tunes, hot summer days, and rad new crafts! In case you didn't know, I have been at camp as a camper, counsellor, and as a staff since I was 13 years old and like every year around this time, I'm getting really excited to see everyone in just a few months! I'm really looking forward to trying to do my job even better this year than I did last year, so get excited for all kinds of new projects and ideas coming from my end of the camp! I'm already thinking up a storm and collecting all kinds of wonderful, odd bits and pieces of 'craft junk' for you to cut, paste, sew, play, paint and create with!!! I hope you are too! Will I get to see you out at camp this summer!? I sure hope so!

Until then, keep on craftin'. Love, Poppy

SOLSTICE (Rec/Spring Programs)



Hello hello hello happy people, my name is Solstice, and this year I'm kicking it with you all as the Rec Director! In life, we need balance; hot and cold, sweet and

sour, excitement and relaxation...well, I'm here to bring you the excitement of it all! I'm pumped full of games, and am totally ready to share all of my energy with everyone. This will be my ninth summer out at camp, either as a camper, counsellor, or now as a staff, which means I've been there for quite a few memories. What I want for this summer is to help all of you get as many awesome memories out of camp as there is to be-gotten! What that really means, is I want you all to have a blast! I'm thrilled for the new faces that are bound to be out this summer, and also to see all you ladies. Games are awesome, you all are awesome, and those two paired will make the summer super-awesome, I'm sure of it. Get ready for some high-energy, sweet-o good times; Catch you guys and gals there!

WISH LIST – FUTURE PROJECTS

- Rec Hall Improvements - \$20,000
- Two New Tipi's - \$7,000
- Zip Line - \$6000
- Aluminum Boat - ???
- Improved Staff Accomodation - \$200,000

Can you help with any of these items?

STIRFRY (Head Cook)



MOOSE & GRANNIE (Maintenance)



...and who's running this place?

RAVEN (Dale Kiselyk)
Camp Program Director



SAUCY (Alexis Kiselyk)
Administrative Manager



AUSTIN O'BRIEN SCHOOL HELPS BEAUTIFY CAMP

Special thanks goes out to the students of Austin O'Brien High School, who worked diligently to build new benches for the mess hall, erect new signs, paint like crazy, and just do a whole bunch of work out at Camp.



DORM MAKEOVER, ROPES COURSE REVAMPED

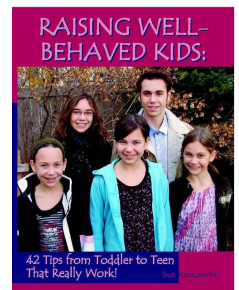
Camp Encounter's Maintenance Director, Denzle Laporte, recovered from major surgery in the latter part of 2007, just in time to oversee major projects at the Camp site this year.

Contract painter Emmot Morris was hired to do a major paint job and repair of the boys and girls dormitories. They now look as good as new, and should allow the dorms to last well into the future.

The low ropes course is also being completely overhauled, due in part to the expiry of some of its elements. School and summer groups will greatly enjoy trying out our brand new ropes course.

FORMER BOARD MEMBER WRITES BOOK

Former Staff and Board member, Sue Kruszewski has written a book, called *Raising Well Behaved Kids*, with her own five campers as testimonial to her success. This awesome



resource can be ordered online at:

www.stuff4families.com

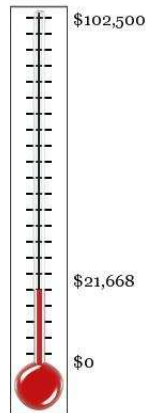
Sue has generously allocated 25% of all proceeds to go to Camp Encounter. Thanks Sue, and thanks for being a great mom!!

Fundraising Goals

2008

2008 Goal - \$102,500
So Far - \$21,668

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE ALBERTA GOVERNMENT HAS INCREASED THE TAX CREDIT FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS?



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.

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