

Winter

2007



CAMP

Lumsden Beach Camp

Message from the Director

The camping season of 2007 seemed to fly by, coming to an end way too quickly. While moving into the fall and getting into other activities, it is difficult to put aside the images and memories of camp and get back into the routine of “real life.” This summer at Lumsden Beach Camp was a wonderful success. The amazing group of young people that we had on staff out at camp created a great atmosphere and ensured that everything went well. We were blessed with fantastic weather - I can't remember a warmer summer out at camp! Throughout the summer, I could see our theme, “Peace on Earth,” and our SCT curriculum sparking growth and a strong sense of community within the staff and campers. It was great to see some old faces as well as many new ones throughout the summer. Most importantly, the campers had a great time - lasting memories were made, and strong friendships blossomed. LBC is a place that is very special to me. As I was growing up, I always looked forward to coming to camp each summer. It always seemed

like another world that you got to go to for just a few days out of the year and was a place where you could meet great people, build friendships, and have the time of your life. I still have all of my pictures and autograph books, and have special memories of my counsellors. This year, I was able to experience camp again, through another perspective, where I could see what a wonderful place it is for the campers, as well as the counsellors. Camp is something that means an awful lot to many people, and it takes a lot of heart to keep it going.

I want to thank everyone who was a part of LBC this summer. The counsellors and staff were a pleasure to work with. Volunteers and board members – camp would not be able to run without you! Thank you to the parents who send their children to LBC, and thanks to the campers for coming!

*-- Ian Temple,
Director 2007*



Kudos to LBC Staff!

I had a great time at camp as a kitchen helper! It was very interesting. Sarah, the cook, is wonderful to work with and the volunteer kitchen helper, Brittany, was also good.

I also enjoyed watching the counsellors with the campers. They are a very caring group of young people. Vicki and Ian were wonderful leaders too!

There were some challenges that came up in the four days I was there and they handled them well and without showing frustration. When the pool went down Monday night I was ready to go home. It was our saving grace for sure. The staff carried on without visible annoyance of any kind. The campers also handled the difficulties with ease which means that their counsellors were able to pass on the problem without making it sound like the end of the world.



In my career as an educator I worked with kids from all grades and all kinds of schools and saw different kids every day. I know what it is like not to have things work out as you planned and I know how easy it is to fall off the deep end and give up. Of course that doesn't help anyone so it is best to forge ahead with an alternate plan of action and that is what I saw at the camp. These young people really do have what it takes to be leaders and care givers. This was very special to witness.

I am glad I was able to help out for a few days and I would gladly return to camp as a kitchen helper.

Linda Dodd



Camp for Rent

Did you know that our camp is available to rent during May and June? We offer staffed and non-staffed rentals to schools and other organizations that are looking for great outdoor adventures for their students. Teachers, please contact our rentals coordinator for full details -- Darwin, 584-9722.

Summer Camp 2007



Participating in the Vespers Ceremony



Enjoying the beautiful skies



Water safety training is a fun part of camp

Volunteers Needed!

There are many ways to help LBC remain the great camp that it is:

- Become a board member
- Join a committee
- Work at camp
- Share your skills

We are especially in need of volunteers in the areas of programs and rentals. Please contact Wayne Tkach at 545-6556 and make LBC an even better place to be.



Construction Project Update

We're making in-roads, but there's still lots to do

The property committee of LBC is the board committee that is responsible for the construction and upkeep of the facilities of the camp. This includes the roadways, walkways, and buildings. As anyone who has ever been a homeowner knows, the work is never done. Here is a quick run down of what was improved this year at camp. Your continued financial support of LBC is what makes these types of positive changes possible.

A much needed **Walk in Cooler** was installed in the camp kitchen. As a result we were able to create a lot more fridge space and replace our five old fridges. It was a big hit with the kitchen staff and will serve the camp for years to come.

In order to ensure that the water from our well is a safe source of drinking water for campers and staff we installed a **chlorinator on the water supply**. This pump injects a measured amount of chlorine into the water system at regular intervals and is monitored by our staff using an electronic chlorine monitor. This regulated system replaces our past practice of adding Chlorine manually to the holding tank located in the pool yard, making it more reliable and safer for the staff charged with handling the chemicals.

A **portable toilet** was purchased and placed at the bottom of the hill. This addition was appreciated very much by campers, volunteers and staff while participating in activities such as crafts, archery and canoeing, that are located on the lower level of the valley.

Work continued to keep the buildings and facilities at the camp in usable and safe condition. Tasks such as painting, staining, the repair of worn and rotten boards, repair of screens, repair of doors, and the upkeep and updating of plumbing and electrical systems are ongoing projects at the camp.

The state of the buildings at the camp is good, but more can always be done. **Your continued support of LBC by donating money means that we can accomplish things more quickly.** When considering where to donate, please keep the camp in mind. In addition to money we are always looking for new members to serve on the property committee. The time commitment can range with your interests. It can be as little as having your name on our list of people to call when we have a work party organised, to as much as being involved in planning and executing projects.

Please call Steve Weiss 757-9414 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

V E N T S

Capital Campaign Launched

The Board of Lumsden Beach Camp sees the need for two major capital projects to make a great place even better. Your financial support will make these projects happen.

The first is an accessibility project. This project aims to make the facilities of the camp available to people with varying levels of mobility to allow us to serve a broader group of people. While all facilities will be reviewed with accessibility in mind, the most dramatic change will be to the way that people get from the parking lot to the main camp. A graded trail will be built creating a zig-zag or switchback system from the bottom of the hill to the area in front of the dining hall. The existing paths will also be levelled and gravelled as a part of this project.

The second project that we plan to start in 2008 is the construction of a new staff quarters. The building presently used to house the camp director, aquatics director, program coordinator and maintenance person is one of the oldest buildings on site. It is small, poorly insulated, and has been under-maintained due to ongoing discussions to replace it. We owe our hardworking staff a comfortable place to sleep. While the design has not yet been finalised we know that we need a new cabin and that it will cost a good deal of money.



Accessible Pathways



New Staff Quarters

Artist renditions - Carla Wilson

The camp finances are in good condition when looked at as an annual budget in that we are able to run a high quality camp using the income generated by camper fees and donations from individuals and the larger church body. However our reserves for undertaking exciting and important capital projects like the accessibility project and the construction of the new staff cabin are limited. For these types of projects we require the generous support of individuals like you who have been touched by LBC. Consider a donation to make a great place better. The board has set a preliminary goal of raising \$50,000 through this campaign; however if we raise more money, there are many other capital projects to spend it on! Please give generously to continue the great work of LBC.

Give to Camp & Save on Taxes

Pay Less Capital Gains Taxes with your donation to LBC

Investors, are you paying too much in capital gains taxes? Donate shares to camp before you sell them, feel good, and save money. You won't pay tax on the gains (because you're giving the shares to charity) and you'll get a tax receipt for the *appreciated* value that you can use to reduce your income tax. All this for the price of your *initial* investment. It's a win-win situation!

Here's an example taken from the national website:

In 2005 John and Mary Jones, who live in Ontario, pledged \$20,000 (\$10,000 per year over two years) to their local church-building campaign. Now, in the second year of this commitment, they find that they want some money for a vacation, but are also mindful of their pledge.

They have 200 shares that originally cost \$40, and in June 2006 are worth \$100 per share.

The value of the stock in June 2006 is \$20,000. If they sell 100 shares at \$100 for \$10,000 to pay for their vacation, the capital gain on the stock is \$60 per share (\$6,000), of which 50% (\$3,000) is taxable.

If they give 100 shares of the stock to the church, none of it is taxable and they receive a charitable donation tax receipt of \$10,000.

Their solution: Give the stock to the church to fulfill their pledge and save the cash in the bank for their vacation.

Also, John and Mary will receive two types of tax savings:

- 1. \$4,600 tax credit or deduction (46%* of \$10,000)*
- 2. Almost 14% of additional savings because no capital gains tax needs to be paid on disposition of the stock. Capital gains taxes would be \$1,380 (46%* of \$3,000 taxable capital gain).*

The total tax savings for them would be 60% if they gave the gift of appreciated securities. If they gave cash, the tax benefit would be only 46%.

All of the details are on the United Church of Canada website:
<http://www.united-church.ca/funding/planned/securities>

To donate shares, or for further information, please call Mark Bunney at 757-7985.

Whenever you buy shares please think of LBC and purchase an extra one or ten to donate!



OUR STAFF

FULL TIME

Chris Miller
Darcy Cornelisse
Ian Temple
Jillian Cowen
Sarah Risk
Vicki Nelson

COUNSELORS/ CONTRACT

Alison White
Ben Freitag
Chris Miller
Eric Taylor
Jared Kehler
Jordan Palmer
Kara Moen
Kelsey Koszman
Kirsten Barss
Laura Shaw
Lindsay Millar
Megan Stecyk
Melissa Berthelet
Mike King
Riley Engele
Shelby Stecyk
Susan Freitag

Adam Smith
Alicia Roske
Ann Phillips
Arla Cameron
Barb Flaten
Ben Freitag
Brenda Baecker
Brittany Schroers
Caitlyn Bartlett
Carla Wilson
Carrie Cornelisse
Chelsey Bartlett
Chris Miller
Clare Banks
Colin Nicolson
Daniel Dumont
Darcy Cornelisse
Darlene Barss
Darwin Roske
David Malloy
Dennie Fornwald
Dexter van Dyke
Dianne Miller
Donna Nelson
Echo Fettes
Eric Taylor
Euniece Dueck
Ferne Creek
Fred Wakelam
Jack Risk
Jamie Orr
Jean Cameron
Joanne Michael
John Pylypchuk
Jordan Nixdorf
Jordon Palmer
Judy Zawyrucka
Kara Moen

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Kelsey Koszman
Kevin Miller
Kim Weiss
Kirsten Barss
Kris Dueck
Laureen Graham
Leah Cook
Linda Dodd
Linda Gunningham
Lindsay Millar
Lorelei Kumick
Lori Wiens
Lorne Boyle
Lyle Teskey
Marilyn Hadwen
Mark Bunney
Megan Stecyk
Melody Koivisto
Michelle Dueck
Nicole Gordon
Rebecca McLellan
Russell Mitchell-Walker
Sandra Nourse
Sheila Roske
Shelby Stecyk
Shirley McLellan
Steve Weiss
Susan Cameron
Susan Schatz
Tanya Cameron
Travis Roske
Trevor Hadwen
Valerie Sluth
Victoria Nelson
Vivian Kumick
Wayne Tkach
Wendy Smith

Canadian Tire Money

This fundraiser was a big help once again this year. A total of \$435 was donated by friends of the camp. The money was used to purchase a variety of items that were needed at the camp. The big ticket item that we purchased this year is an electric pressure washer. This will be used primarily for removing mineral staining from the pool walls. We are hoping that it will make a variety of other camp cleaning tasks easier as well. Please donate your Canadian Tire Money to LBC either by giving it to your camp rep, or by sending directly to the camp mailing address.

Accreditation

Lumsden Beach Camp is proud to be an accredited member of the Saskatchewan Camping Association (SCA) and the United Church of Canada. Over the past number of years Lumsden beach Camp has worked very hard at not only meeting the accreditation standards by going far beyond the minimum standards and exceeding them. Our membership demonstrates our commitment to excellence in camping. The SCA and the United Church of Canada set very high standards for all aspects of camping - including hiring policies, health and safety practices, and requirements of a well-rounded camper orientated program. For more information about accreditation, visit the SCA website at www.saskcamping.ca or the United Church of Canada Camping Standards website at <http://www.united-church.ca/camping/standards>



Direct Mailing

The LBC Newsletter is published twice yearly. If you are receiving it for the first time, we hope you enjoy reading it. To be placed on our mailing list you will have either made a donation to the camp, had a child attend a camp program or attended camp yourself. There are benefits to you to receive the Newsletter. You will receive first hand information about upcoming events at LBC. And you will receive the camp brochure at your home by early March, as soon as it becomes available. If you would prefer to not receive mailings from LBC, you can be removed from the mailing list by simply dropping a note to:

Lumsden Beach Camp
Box 29031
Regina, SK,
S4T 7X3
or by email to ynotu@lumsdenbeachcamp.com

Editor's note: If you have any ideas for future issues of this newsletter please pass them along to us via email at ynotyou@lumsdenbeachcamp.com. We hope that you have found this issue informative and interesting. See you next summer! *Lori Wiens*