



Echo Lake Bible camp News

Happy 75th Echo Lake Bible Camp!

2008 marks our 75th year of camping ministry. In 1933, members from the Evangelical Church sought out property to build a camp. They found our current location, and paid \$800 for our land. Every year since then our camp has been doing Gods work. Many children and adults have come to know the lord, while others have recommitted their lives.

This year we were able to celebrate in a few special ways.

The youth, junior and family camps all shared a similar t-shirt for camp. There are some shirts left, and will be available at the harvest of praise.

At Family camp we celebrated with some birthday cake on the final camp Sunday. We also had a speaker from each decade of camp. It was very interesting to hear about all the different eras from the camp.

We are hoping to have a dvd of all the speakers put together and available by the Harvest of Praise.

Thank you to our founders and all the people that have made the camp the success that it has been through these last 75 years.



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Special points of interest:

- Annual meeting and Harvest of Praise Nov 7, 2008
- Thank you to all our volunteers and supporters
- 2008 Camping season was a huge success
- Youth retreat Oct 3-5

Harvest of Praise

Our next Harvest of Praise will be held on Nov 7. This is a little later than usual, but we're hoping it will allow more people to attend our fundraiser and annual meeting. This is always a good time to re-unite yourself with the camp, catch up with friends and acquaintances that you don't see often.

Our speaker this year will be Brian Corr, a missionary from Ireland.



Refreshments begin at 5:30, supper at 6:00, and the program begins at 7.

We hope you can attend and enjoy some time with us.

Camp Bylaws Changes

Our current bylaws were last revised in 1996. While these bylaws have served us well, it is time to make some changes.

We need to get 'our house' in order before we can look into expanding our programs. By this I mean that we need to make sure our structure is solid before we start adding to what we have. The changes we are hoping to make will help ensure that we are following our own rules, and allows us solidify our membership.

The changes are not in effect yet, they

will need to get ratified at an annual meeting.

There will be more information regarding this in the upcoming months, and the Harvest of Praise we will discuss this further.

Please pray with us that the changes that we are looking at will affect our camp in a positive and prosperous way.



Pastor Josh is leading his annual Youth retreat at the camp Oct. 3-5. Please pray for this event. If you need more info, please contact Josh: joshuasmith@albrightchurch.com
Or 204-654-1450

Prayer Ministry

Joseph Steeves is leading a prayer team for the camp. If you have any prayer requests, you can let us know, and our prayer team will pray for you. You can submit a prayer request online, and check out our prayer newsletters. <http://elbc-prayers.blogspot.com>.

Thank you to all those that volunteered to be a part of our prayer team. We hope that we have been able to help

and support those that sent us their requests.

Check out our online prayer requests page on the website

Attention Electronic Scrap bookers

Do you enjoy scrap booking on your computer? If you've seen our website, you've likely seen the format we showcase our pictures. If you are interested in making our photos more appealing, or entertaining, please let us know. We'd love to hear from you.

Send an email to Trevor@echolakebiblecamp.ca

Do you have an idea how to improve our camp grounds and or facilities? Send us an email, ideas@echolakebiblecamp.ca



Successful Camping Season

This summer we had a great camping season. All our camps had good attendance and excellent leadership.

JOY camp this year was another great success. We had about 70 campers out this year.

Youth camp had 116 campers and they had lots of staff to help. Campers from all over Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba attended. There was also a



student from North Dakota and Mexico. We had a lot of deep times with God.

We are also excited that our speaker Rob Hartman from Rosewood Alliance church in Regina, will be looking into joining Josh and Cory as directors.

Junior Camp had 63 campers, many of which were 1st time campers. A big thank you goes to Celebration Lutheran Church in

Regina for supplying their student ministry team to direct.

Family camp was again 10 days long. This year we had about 240 people attending. It was a fantastic time, with excellent teaching from Kerry Belt from RMC, and Mike Landry from The Link in Medicine Hat providing our evening services. Our music was provided by our very own Kevin and Janice Sims. They did an awesome job.

We hope you all enjoyed camp, and hope to see you there next summer.

Volunteers and Giving

Our camp is primarily by people that love the camp or the ministry it provides. Each year I am amazed at the support the camp receives. Many people donate funds, others donate time and effort, and others donate material or supplies.

Our camp could not run without all these types of donations. We value all those that give what they can, when they can.

So, no matter what you give; time, money, supplies, material....its all the same for us... A way for us to use the resources we do have to their fullest extent, to run a successful camp.

Thank you to everybody that has given in one way or another to the camp and our camping ministry.

The treasurer is often a thankless job. He likely spends as much time as anybody doing camp business. Thank you for your dedication and hard work Winston.

Maintenance Items

Some of the more significant maintenance that we were able to get done this year includes:

- Shingling the camp managers residence
- The outside washroom Southeast corner was repaired.
- The air conditioner for the jubilee

was replaced.

- Lakeshore building was repainted.
- The South wall of the tabernacle was solidified and straightened.

There are a lot of other projects we would like to accomplish. All it takes is time and money.



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▶ We always welcome your input.

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We are a ministry of the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada. Echo Lake Bible Camp exists to provide a rewarding camp experience for people of all ages. A Christ centered program seeks to nurture spiritual, physical and social development, which will benefit the larger social community. The camp was established in 1933 and has been active ever since.

Notes from the Chairman

I've almost completed my first year as chairman. Starting out as chairman has been quite an eye opener for me. It seems there is always work to be done, some of it fun and exciting, some not so glamorous. I am glad that I have such a strong board to rely on, and provide such leadership.

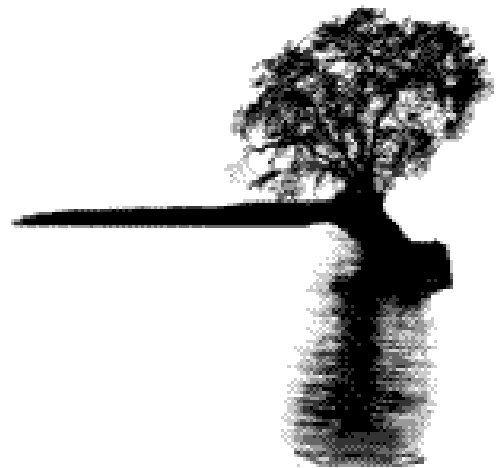
I am very excited about the future of our camp. It feels like things are progressing well. I sense a lot of excitement amongst campers and board members. There also seems to be interest from people and organizations that have not been closely associated with our camp in the past.

We had, what I feel, an excellent camping season this year. Not through any work of my own, but because of

the awesome leaders and volunteers.

I am so grateful for everybody that helped out. I am excited about the next camping season too. I know we have the leadership and direction from our board members. I also believe we'll have the volunteers and teachers and leaders that are required.

The changes we are working on that will hopefully solidify our membership, and help us move the camp forward...to



give us the ability to make our camp even more rewarding for our supporters and help lead many others to know our Lord and saviour.