



THE WIGWAM

CAMP ARNES QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Off and Running!

It's another busy and exciting year for Camp Arnes. We are encouraged to present our second edition of the Wigwam. The newsletter comes as part of a larger transition, for camp to provide greater communication to you, our supporters, friends and alumni. The newsletter, brochures and our new website are awesome opportunities for us to share the successes of the camp and the exciting new events, programs, activities that are taking place.

The past few years have been an uphill struggle for the camp with numerous factors that have created setbacks with our resources and finances. Those days have passed, and have only proven to grow the camp in new ways. God has provided once again through faithfulness and prayer.

This year, Camp Arnes will be venturing into new areas. We are building a chalet for our new 8 month leadership program named Impact,

developing an inner city mission & camper follow up program with Urban Youth Adventures, and incorporating an incredible high ropes course to our year round camp program. We are excited to break free with new energy and focus our attention on working closer to our mission and vision that was started 58 years ago.

Today, Camp Arnes reaches the lives of over 16,000 guests a year. It is a privilege to present myself as a staff member of Camp Arnes and find that many of the people I meet have positive experiences or an inspiring story from their time at our camp. The Wigwam newsletter will be a new place for us to share how the camp has and continues to truly be "a place to grow" for many.

Thank you, for being a part of the ministry of Camp Arnes and sharing in the joy of changing lives for Christ.

*- William Wear
Executive Director, Camp Arnes*



High Ropes Course - New 2007

"when my class goes to camp we will have so much fun it is so great to end the year going there i so can not wait!!!! grade 5 will end the best!"

-Camper Q quote-



*"i stayed a camp arnes and it was great!"
-Camper Q quote-*



Events	Date
NitezOut Location: Church at Pine Ridge	February 10 th
Annual Meeting Location: Melvor MB Church	March 10 th
CHA Certification Clinic Location: Camp Arnes	April 20 th -25 th
Annual Golf Classic Location: Larter's	May 24 th
Annual Garage Sale Location: Winnipeg	May
Clean & Green Location: Winnipeg	June 2 nd
38th Fall Banquet Location: NKMB Church	September 28 th

Our vision is to inspire in youth hope and a vision for the future. Our mission is to empower youth to develop the required knowledge, skills and access to resources in order to achieve their dreams. We will partner with other youth-focused, evangelistic, Christian mission initiatives for the purpose of helping to facilitate community transformation. Specifically, our part of this broad vision is to help youth to develop and accomplish life and community goals and to exhibit self-confidence through leadership and in mentoring other youth. Our desire is to see youth succeed as positive and active community leaders. We anticipate that youth will demonstrate their confidence and commitments in church, education, politics and business. Our goals are rooted in assisting youth in the Spirit to develop their faith in and obedience toward Creator and Redeemer God.

This is summed up and expressed most perfectly in self-giving love for God and others.

In starting this program, Camp Arnes is partnering with World Vision Canadian Programs. World



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Vision has provided training and tools for community assessment as well as for program design and monitoring. World Vision also is helping with very significant portions of the operational expenses during start up. Currently we are doing further community research, developing program materials, preparing to share the vision

with potential supporters, seeking a home base in the inner city of Winnipeg, among other things. We plan to start programming in the spring and summer of this year (2007). Programming will run year round.

*- Cornelius Buller
Executive Director, Urban Youth Adventures*

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

"I love to come to Camp Arnes for several reasons. As a teacher, so much learning takes place OUT of the classroom - Camp Arnes touches on Science, Phys. Ed / Health and many social skills. I also enjoy seeing kids in a different environment - the best is when an unsuccessful "book" learner is a cut above scaling the climbing wall or getting a bulls eye in archery and his/her classmates see their peer in a new respectful light. As a parent I was lucky enough to witness both my children's experiences at Camp Arnes - believe me - I can't provide that kind of exposure (snakes, warm pool, orienteering, horse back riding) at home!!

The staff and food are the best! No one goes hungry, even the fussiest of eaters or those with severe allergies. The staff are attentive, friendly and caring people."

*- Cheryl Koening
Teacher*



"I remember coming to this camp when I was a little girl and having one of the most happy moments in my life. I remember how much fun I had when I was there, and now I'm interested in sending my son to this same camp and hope he has good memories for his lifetime to cherish."

-Parent Quote-

REFLECTIONS

I guess you could say I was born with Camp Arnes in my blood. My connection began even before I was born as my dad helped build some of the cabins. My parent's involvement physically, spiritually and financially led our family to camp many times for such occasions as church retreats, family camp and other special events held there. When I was old enough, I was tickled to be able to go as a camper during the summer. I loved every aspect of camp – the energetic bus ride there, the excited staff and counselors, the many, many activities, the wigwam sessions where God was made real and approachable, the outdoor survival skills learned, the smell of the dinning hall, and even the food! The only down side was having to leave.

How thrilled I was to realize that I could come back as a staff member some day. So when I graduated from high school (and still hadn't totally decided what to do next) I went to camp to try my hand at counseling. It felt a little strange to now be doing what I had admired so much as a camper, but it didn't take long and I loved every aspect of being a counselor – seeing the kids excitement while singing and learning about Jesus, telling them my testimony, teaching them new skills, helping them overcome fears, watching their friendships develop, and reminding them that no matter what they've done or what's going on in their lives that God loves them and wants to be their best friend. I in turn learnt a lot from them. I also made many wonderful friendships with other staff members – some that are still strong today. The only down side was having to leave.

God blessed me by sending my future husband to camp at the same time. So, since we both had a love for camp we decided to



"i love it in Camp Arnes i can't wait till i come again!!"

-Camper Q uote-

get married there, and through the friendships we made had many reasons to go back. We started a family a few years later and did it ever feel strange thinking about the possibility of our own children being old enough to go to summer camp some day. When the time came there was no decision to be made – Arnes it was. Having frequented camp often even after the kids were born, they were just as excited to officially be a part of camp and easily grew to love everything just as we had. Now our oldest daughter is already planning to spend a few summers at camp as staff, which is only a few years down the road.

Camp Arnes will always be a part of our lives. The work that happens there; the dedication and support of hundreds, the miracles experienced daily and the thousands of lives won for Christ makes it a vibrant ministry that will never die. God is there, of that there is no doubt!

*- Neoma Green
Alumni*



Jessica (14), Jon, Caleb(10), Neoma, Joelle(13)



NITEZOUT

FUNDRAISER



Join us for a nights out with
Comedian Leland Klassen & Jazz Musician Walle Larsson

Dessert Evening, Silent Auction, & Free Will Offering

Saturday February 10th, @ 7:00 PM
Church at Pine Ridge - Garven Road & Highway #207

Call 204.338.4647 for tickets or email arnes@camparnes.com

"Camp Arnes is the funest place in the world. I had a great time this year....there was lots of cool stuff to do. I had an amazing counselor. She's the coolest person in the world. she made my week so special."

-Camper Q uote-

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." - Anne Frank

PROJECTS, PROJECTS, PROJECTS

Thank you for making our year end appeal such a success. We exceeded our operation target but fell slightly short on our projects (view update below). Looking forward, we are launching our newest project - the "Impact Lodge," which is to house our year round students in our Impact Program and serve as new lodging for our summer campers. Thank you to all who made 2006 a year of success. As we move forward in 2007 you can remain connected to the ongoing projects and fundraising targets by visiting our project page on our newly re-designed Web Site (www.camparnes.com) and through our Quarterly Newsletter. If you have any questions or can help in any area, by donation of product or services, give us a call. Thank you again for making 2006 a successful fundraising year, we look forward to continued growth in 2007.

Youth today want to make a difference in the world. We want to give Christian young people with this desire the opportunity. We hope to empower them and give them the opportunity to stretch their wings and see what they can do.

We have been working in partnership with Booth College to develop a strong program for our future students. We have intentionally picked our cross cultural locations and program sessions. It is important that our program be transferable to our students' lives once they have finished the program.

We are so excited with the possibilities that Impact presents. It is our desire to see young people equipped and ready to face the world they live in with the idea that they can make a difference.

- Shannon Loewen
Director of Leadership Development

	IMPACT LODGE	HIGH ROPES	CEDAR LODGE	MEAT SLICER	SOUND SYSTEM
100%	300,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$2,500	\$5,000

100%



75%

50%

25%

(Use climbing safety helmets for progress reference)



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Kitchen Staff - We are seeking individuals to join our food services team, full time year round. If you have kitchen experience and a passion for youth ministry consider this opportunity. Housing, salary and benefits provided.

Spring Staff - Summer is quick approaching! What will you be doing once you university or college is done? Consider working for 4 incredible months at Camp Arnes. Spend the months interacting with kids teaching, hosting, and interacting. Or maybe your skills are better suited to serving with the maintenance team or Kitchen crew. Contact us for more details.

10 reasons why Camp Arnes is the perfect place for you to work this summer...

1. Impact **the lives of hundreds** of youth by helping them build a relationship with Christ.
2. Experience life at the beach on the **largest lake** within the borders of southern Canada. Lake Winnipeg is part of the most undeveloped and **pristine wilderness** of southern Canada
3. **Worship God** through your daily service to others and Christ.
4. **Work, play and serve** with a diverse community of staff from around the world.
5. Build **relationships and friendships** that will last a life time.
6. **Be challenged** in your personal growth through leadership development, responsibility, and spiritual influence. Camp Arnes is "A place to grow".
7. **Learn new things** & be inspired for the future, from practical skills in programs to knowledge in ministry and leadership.
8. Use your **God given gifts and talents** in the abundance of activities and programs camp offers.
9. **Experience God** moving and working in your life and the lives of those around you.

Have fun & be part of something **BIG!**

Camp Arnes is an awesome place. I have enjoyed doing our youth retreats and college & career retreats there for several reasons. They have great facilities, amazing food, and the staff is easy to work with and make the whole time there a great experience. Even the booking procedure is a great experience. They have also treated my wife and I very well as we have taken a personal retreat there. It is a great camp with great people and I would recommend it to anyone.

- Youth Pastor



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