

THE WIGWAM

WINTER 2007



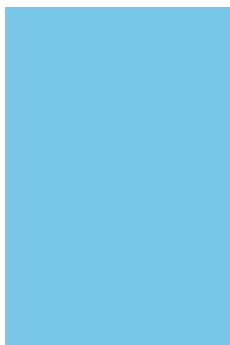
LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

While driving between camp and the city one day, I was listening to a conversation on the radio on writing your life story. The gentleman shared, that the best way to recall things in your past was to draw. He suggested drawing the floor plan of your house and by doing so you would start to remember things that have happened in those areas.

It has been seven summers that my family and I have been with camp and the years tend to blur into one long experience. In my mind, I artistically started drawing the camp and was inundated by memories of interactions. In the one cabin I drew, I was reminded of a troubled camper that shared with me how his parents sent him to camp so they could separate and move homes. When I came to drawing the lake I was reminded of cool nights lying on the beach by the fire, listening to the water and looking at the stars, while campers asked questions about God. As I came to the office I was reminded of all the deep conversations I've had with staff, sitting on the steps till my bum could sit no longer. When I drew the loop I was reminded of prayer circles; with all the stories, prayers and praises that came after the campers went home on Saturdays.

But what struck me afterwards was the realization of how many times these same conversations and experiences have gone on over the past 59 years. The deep history and impact camp has had in so many lives is unimaginable. God has an incredible story in the book of life, and we are working with the author to fill it full of chapters and names. Thank you Lord for camping ministry and the difference it is making and has made in the lives of thousands.

Will Wear
Executive Director





OUTDOOR EDUCATION

WINTER, SPRING AND FALL!

I love being outside. That is why I love my job. Teaching outdoor education classes at Camp Arnes is a growing experience as each class is always new and different; nothing is the same. The children change, the dynamics change. That is why I love my job.

Nothing could be better than teaching a cross country ski class at -25 degrees in the dead of winter. Before the class begins few know how to ski. At the end, after we have just come off the trail and the children are all rosy cheeked, they have become pros at the sport. The success and pride I see in their eyes after conquering skiing; that is why I love my job.

I love it when it is 25 degrees out in June, the sun is shining and I am at the High Ropes course waiting for my class to get there. When the children walk in their eyes grow wide with excitement and awe. Many volunteer to go first, some swear they will never go. I give my little lesson about how they are going to challenge themselves and how safe it really is to go 40 feet in the air, the excitement builds. By the end everyone has usually gone up, their cameras are full and they are all talking about how their parents are not going to believe that they did it. That is why I love my job.

When the warm winds of fall are swirling the leaves around and I am in the forest teaching a fire and bannock class, I love my job. Seeing the children make a successful fire with wood from the forest, using only one match, and cooking their bannock, makes me love what I do. The smudged charcoal marks on the children's faces and the smell of smoke on their clothes lingers as we walk back to the main site.

That is why I love my job.

The experience the children have while they are participating in Outdoor Education will stay with them for the rest of their lives. While they are on the grounds of Camp Arnes they learn new things about themselves; they grow as a person. I get to be a part of their experiences and accomplishments. That is why I love my job.

Jen Dokter
Resource Coordinator

SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

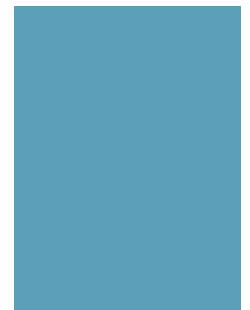
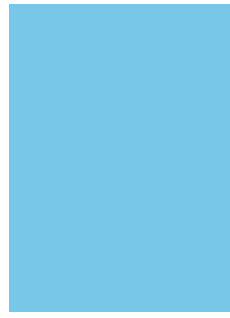
Wayoata Elementary school has been attending Camp Arnes for over 25 years and over the years it has always been a source of fun and enjoyment for our students. Camp Arnes has always provided our students with excellent food, interesting activities and knowledgeable instructors. This past year our students were able to take part in the new ropes course. It was simply amazing and the highlight for the entire 3 days. The students loved it! Some of their other favorites were: archery, horsemanship, initiative tasks and pool time! We look forward to attending many more years at Camp Arnes.

Shawn Nykoluk
Wayoat School
Grade 5 Classroom Teacher

WHAT'S NEXT?

As you can see, there are many wonderful things going on at camp year round. We have the privilege of creating memories and experiences that last a life time.

One of the new changes for 2008 is the development of an interpretive center. Currently we have a Nature Center that is home to 13 kinds of animals. Our plan is to transition the Nature Center into a place that focuses more on the environment rather than just mainly on animals. Making this transition will add greater value and appeal to our Outdoor Education program.





Clean & Green creates a chance for campers to reduce their fees for camp and learn a respect for the environment and community. It is also a great opportunity for you to get involved.

How can you help?

- Find a camper to sponsor for the clean-a-thon. We can help you find one if you need!
- Volunteer on the clean-a-thon day. On June 7th campers are going to hit the streets of Winnipeg to clean the trash from our neighborhoods.
- Donate and invest in Clean & Green, helping cover the costs of cleaning supplies, food, prizes and celebrations afterwards.

Join in! These kids need your help!



Greetings everyone, welcome to 2008! The pace is definitely starting to pick up in the summer program department of Camp Arnes. We are only months away from the beginning of our 2008 summer ministry. This year's theme is "live out loud".

It's so easy in these times to be drowned out by the noise of culture, yet God continues to transform the lives of young people and turn up the volume on their lives; setting them free from their chains by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Live out loud also serves as a call to our staff, to speak up loud and clear for God in the midst of a noisy world. Already this year, young leaders from across Canada are committing themselves to God's ministry here at Camp Arnes. Thank you for all of the prayers and support. We can't wait for another amazing summer!

Keith Chow
Director of Programming

NEW STAFF



Moving to Winnipeg feels like coming home for Lisa Dawood. Lisa and her girls recently left Alberta to make the long journey

away from the mountains and over the prairies back to the warmth of family and friends. With a love for kids and a background in marketing and event management, she is excited to now be joining the Camp Arnes team as the Special Events Coordinator.



MAY 22, 2008

Mark your calendars for this year's Golf Classic. If you are interested in sponsoring a hole or playing in the tournament call 204.338.4647 and reserve your spot today!

CAMP ARNES 60TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Is coming in 2009. In preparation for this special occasion we are looking for any pictures, stories or memorabilia that we could use for this event. Please call 204.338.4647 if you have something to share for this special occasion.

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