

Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:12

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Camp Arnes is a beautiful place to witness the changing of the seasons. Spring often comes a little later here due to our location on Lake Winnipeg. Despite the feeling that winter will never leave, the snow eventually starts its liquid journey to the lake. The first signs that spring is here are the birds singing praises, breaking the silence of the muffling snow. In the evening, the coyotes yip and howl their celebration of freedom from another cold winter. Gradually there is the reassuring sound of dripping and trickling of water as it races to accumulate in puddles where serenading frogs gather to sing their choruses.

Like all of creation, we also start to sing songs of praise to God for a winter filled with blessings and adventure. Over the winter, Camp Arnes played host to 36 schools through our Outdoor Education Program and 60 retreat groups who came to spend time in God's winter wonderland.

Now, the promise of spring brings anticipation for warmer days and the notions that Summer Camp is just around the corner.

William Wear
Executive Director

NEW BEGINNINGS AND BEAUTY



July 2007



September 2007



October 2007



February 2008

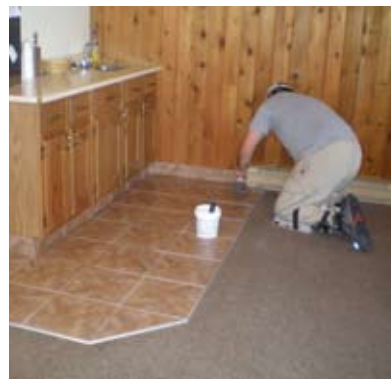


March 2008



IMPACT CHALET

As you can see the New IMPACT Chalet is coming right along. What started out as a big clearing behind the south cabins now looks like a real building. As the weather warms up there will be even more changes taking place with this chalet. Visit www.exploreimpact.com and watch as the chalet comes into its own. Thank you to all the folks who have worked many hours on the Chalet.



CEDAR LODGE

The renovations for Cedar Lodge have finally begun. The first step was to rip out all the old carpet in the entrance, the lobby, the washrooms and kitchen area and replace it with durable tile. The second step will be to replace the rest of the carpet and upgrade the light fixtures in each room. Once those steps are completed we will be fully renovating two rooms and eventually finishing each room.

Currently, Freedom@55plus has sponsored the renovations of two rooms. If your church or family would like to donate to this project, each of the 16 rooms can be sponsored for this renovation.

BEAUTIFUL UPGRADES

ZIP INTO SUMMER

A zip-line doesn't look like much to us grown ups, but it sure is quite the thrill for our campers. First there is the sheer size of it all; they really have to roll their heads all the way left and all the way right just to take it all in.

Once they get harnessed in and safety ready, it's off to the climb. They're working all kinds of muscles just to get to the top some thirty plus feet up in the air. Next, there's standing up on top of the world and looking down on what they've just accomplished and looking in front to see what lies just moments ahead.

And finally there is the rush, the moment when all the hard work pays off and they get to zip along the line at incredible speeds, friends blurring by while they're screaming at the top of their lungs. The zip-line really is an amazing activity and a welcome addition to Camp Arnes.

In a lot of ways our summer ministry is like riding a zip-line-it's a big job and we work hard to prepare for the big thrill of it all. Thanks to all those who are joining on for what hopes to be the most thrilling summer yet.

Keith Chow
Director of Programming



NEW STAFF



Darrell Hart

Food Services Manager

Darrell joins our camp family after working six summers in the Pelican Lake Bible Camp kitchen. With 20 years of food service experience, we are excited to welcome Darrell to Camp Arnes.

We are sad to see Carla Jacobson leave the camp family, but wish her the best as she pursues tackling a home catering business.



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!



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. **Go online to our website and click the Clean & Green Logo. There you will be able to make a secure pledge online with either a visa or master card.**
- 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 by helping cover the costs of cleaning supplies, food, prizes and the celebration afterwards.

Join in! These kids need your help!

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO WIN A FREE IPOD?



All you have to do is send us your name and email address to schow@camparnes.com.

We will draw a name randomly on May 15 and contact the winner to arrange for the IPOD delivery. The only catch is your email address will be added to our e-news mailing list.

Our e-news consists of frequent summer updates so you know what is going on at camp and other Camp Arnes updates. You can unsubscribe at any time. It's that simple!

