



# Laurentian Camp Cherith

## Spring 2009 News & Updates

### New Location. Same Great Camp!

After 40 years of renting the beautiful Camp Kalalla site in Quebec, we're starting a new chapter in our history – this summer we'll be running camp from our own newly purchased property in Lanark, Ontario! In August 2008 we purchased the "River Farm Christian Campground" which features 160 acres of land along the Clyde River. Camp is still just an hour away from Ottawa, only now you're heading west instead of north.

Photos of our new property are on our website ([www.cherith.ca](http://www.cherith.ca)) as well as a fundraising and construction blog – check it out!

Camp will still feature all of the great things that you love – awesome activities, the same amazing staff, and the same great friendships. You'll still enjoy games, songfests, campfires, and delicious food. There will be a few differences and a few challenges during this first pioneering summer at the new site – but we're working to make camp even better than ever. **Together, we're making history!**

### New Activities and Service Team!

We're pleased to introduce three new activities to camp this year: **cooking, digital photography, and extreme golf!** We've got some great ideas for more fun activities in the coming years, so stay tuned!

We're also bringing back the **Service Team** for older campers (ages 15-17). This is a great opportunity for campers who like to build and fix things – and we'll certainly have no shortage of projects this year!

### New Weeks, Old Fees, and Instant Registration!

This year we're adding a **fourth week** of camp! Even better, **this year's camp fees are the same as in 2008.** And now we have a new online registration system that lets you pay instantly by credit card and tells you right away that you've got the weeks and activities that you wanted. But it's first-come, first-serve, so visit our website and register online today!

### Together, We Build – Volunteer Work Days in May

Over the next few months we will be working very hard to get camp ready for this summer. **You can help!** We need volunteers to help us with building cabins, washhouses, and many other projects!

We're planning major work parties **between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>.** You can come for just a Saturday, camp out for a whole weekend, or anytime during the week in between! We'll work during the day and enjoy meals, devotions and campfires together in



Artist's rendition of the new cabin design. Help us build 10 of these this spring!

### UPCOMING CAMP EVENTS:

#### NEWSBOYS "JOIN THE TRIBE" CONCERT Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

Robert Guertin Arena (Hull)

Proceeds from this concert will be donated to camp! Tickets are \$25 plus any surcharges; buy yours at Salem Storehouse or see [www.chri.ca](http://www.chri.ca) for details!

#### 2009 SILENT AUCTION

##### Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

Cedarvale Alliance Church (Barrhaven)

Enjoy M\*A\*S\*H themed dinner and entertainment and the opportunity to bid on unique and exciting products and services! Tickets are \$20; call (613) 288-5806 to register or donate auction items.

#### VOLUNTEER INFORMATION NIGHT

##### Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (Woodroffe)

Learn more about the different volunteer opportunities and how you can help build our camp during the work parties in May!

#### CONSTRUCTION WORK PARTIES

##### May 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

At the new campsite!

Help us build cabins and washhouses, clear brush, dig, rake, and get facilities ready for the summer. Come for a weekend or Saturday only, or anytime during the week! Tents, RVs welcome. Meals are provided. To register, call Kathy Logan at (613) 825-8230.

#### "GALLERY OF GIFTS" ART SHOW AND SALE

##### Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm

NDHQ Cameron Highlanders Sgt.'s Mess

Featuring local artist Shirley Moulton, live special music and more! Admission is \$2 + food bank donation; call Margaret Tallett at (613) 440-0981 for details or see the enclosed invitation card.

#### CAMP CHERITH KITCHEN SHOWER

##### Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (Woodroffe)

New campsite – new kitchen! Help us get ready to cook for over 300 kids and staff this summer. Call Eleanor Hastings at (613) 225-4574 to register.

#### 2009 "1 UNDER THE SON" VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

##### Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am

Petrie Island (Trim Road)

Enjoy a day of fun at the beach! There will be prizes, live entertainment, BBQ lunch, and more! Visit the event website at [www.1undertheson.com](http://www.1undertheson.com) for details and to register your team!

the evening. There are jobs for all skill levels ranging from carpentry, digging, raking, to cooking for all our volunteers. Anyone is welcome: individuals, work teams, youth groups, and families. High school students can earn volunteer hours too! Please see the enclosed card for more details, visit our website, or come to our Volunteer Information Night.

## **We Need Your Support!**

Camp is not only tons of fun; it is also a vibrant ministry that reaches hundreds of children and youth for Christ within our community. We are looking forward to expanding that community to include the greater Ottawa Valley including Arnprior, Almonte, and Perth. We couldn't do this without your support and prayers!

Here are some ways you can help support and build our camp ministry:

- **Pray for Camp Cherith** as we prepare the site and plan for camp this summer. Pray for our building plans, for our volunteers, for our campers and staff, and for the impact we will have on our local community.
- **Be a camp advocate!** Help spread the word at your church, children's program or work. We can provide materials to help, such as brochures, posters, or a display booth. Invite your friends to come to camp too! Call or email us ([registrar@cherith.ca](mailto:registrar@cherith.ca)) for details.
- Come to an upcoming **fundraising event**. You'll have lots of fun and you'll be helping us meet our financial goals too. Our website has dates and details, and we've listed some in this newsletter too.
- Explore our **volunteer opportunities**, including helping out at one of our events in town, doing some work up at the campsite, offering services, or even coming to camp as staff for a week. Come to our Volunteer Information Night or visit our website for details!
- Consider **supporting us financially**. Camp Cherith is a registered Canadian charity, and your donations are tax-deductible (receipts are provided at year-end). Many of our donors find that they hardly miss a small monthly contribution made by credit card, but this provides camp with a steady and predictable way to provide financing for our projects. We have included a card that you can return in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for supporting Laurentian Camp Cherith. We look forward to seeing you this summer!



*A view of the golf course at the new campsite.*



*Bunny and Black Bear look out over the river.*



*Ground Breaking and Dedication Ceremony held on September 27, 2008.*

