



Cherith Connections



Fall/Winter 2009

History in the Making!

2009 was a year of firsts! The first year we ran camp out of our own property. The first year we ran *four* consecutive weeks of camp in July. There were new activities, new adventures, new cabins, and lots more!



Week One



Week Two



Week Three



Week Four

After 40 years of renting a campsite, we're very excited to start running camp at our own property in Lanark! This year we built 10 brand new cabins, 100 bunk beds, two wash stations, a water filtration system, a temporary dining hall, and turned the existing building into a kitchen ready to cook for 100 people at a time. Not an easy task! We are so grateful for all of the volunteers who donated their time, services, and equipment to make it all happen. **Thank you all!**

We were also pleased to introduce digital photography, cooking, and golf as new activities this year, and we reintroduced the Service Team program as an option for campers ages 15-17.

Keep reading to find out more about all that's been happening with Camp Cherith. We hope you will join us at camp next summer!

Report From The Building Committee

by Kathy Logan (Kittiwake)

We started in the spring with just a washhouse and a recreational hall. It was a great site but with lots of work to do to make it ready for camp to begin! Fast forward a mere two months later and what we had was a complete summer camp with 10 cabins, 40 sets of bunk beds, 20 staff beds, a temporary kitchen, water purification system and two washhouses! What an accomplishment! I'm still not just too sure how it was all done in such a short time!

Thanks to a large group of dedicated volunteers and God's help we were able to complete all the tasks needed to get camp ready for the campers. And what a great summer it was!

The work continues!

We are committed to making Camp Cherith the best it can be and will continue to work on projects next spring and in the years to come. We hope to soon be able to build our new Dining Hall!

If you are interested in helping build memories, please feel free to contact us! Check our website for details or contact **Kathy Logan** at **(613) 825-8230**.

First Annual Fall Staff Retreat!

by Barbara Johnston (Bunny)

Our first annual fall retreat at our new location was a huge success! Thirty people attended, including camp staff, our site neighbours, volunteers who helped build cabins, and a special guest, Tall Eagle, one of our past directors from the early '90s. The theme verse for the weekend was Proverbs 24:3,4: *"By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge it's rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."* We looked at this theme as it applies to camp and the vision for our future.

Participants were encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas on how the various areas of camp could be best used in our plans for the future. We made a Wish List of items we hope could one day be

part of our camp, including grand ideas like a swimming pool, zip line, outtrip program or a rock climbing wall!

Building the camp community, however, was the overall general consensus. We want camp to be a special place for our campers. We want to focus our energies on making camp fun, teaching skill-based activities, and helping kids put Christ in every aspect of life. All in all, it was a great weekend. The food was awesome (especially the turkey dinner!), the weather was beautiful, and the camaraderie was wonderful. We learned some cool new games to play at camp next summer too!

We look forward to next year's fall retreat and hope many more will come to relax and enjoy our beautiful campsite!

Building A Cabin From Start To Finish!



Fundraising Report

by Fred Logan (Kingfisher)

The year 2009 has been a hallmark year for Laurentian Camp Cherith! We officially moved to our newly acquired location on the Clyde River in the Lanark Highlands. This move was considered a necessary step to address the “beyond capacity” growth demands for our children's summer camping ministry. Construction of the new camp infrastructure was undertaken by a committed corps of volunteers during the spring of 2009. Ten cabins, two wash houses and a new road were constructed, a new water system was installed and a wide variety of camp program offerings were outfitted.

Despite the challenges of a major relocation, 2009 camp enrollments grew to new levels. The dining hall was managed from beneath a marquee tent with temporary kitchen facilities residing in another building (including manual dishwashing!) By His Grace, the seemingly impossible “build camp in two months” mandate found alignment, and the new Camp Cherith became a reality! Our next priority is to raise the necessary funds for the construction and equipping of a proper dining hall.

Camp Cherith has raised approximately 20% of our overall fundraising objective. We are upheld by all those who have kindly supported us through their personal donations or participation in a series of fundraising activities during the last year. We have gratefully applied the funding towards the creation of the necessary 'start-up' camp infrastructure. The remaining funds, once raised, will be allocated to the construction of the new dining hall, the further outfitting of exciting new camp program activities and the retirement of the new property mortgage.

We have come a long way in a short time and the horizon is getting closer but ... binoculars are still required to see the finish line!

Fundraising Event	Funds Raised
Silent Auction 2008	\$ 6,070.41
I Under The Son 2008	\$ 2,656.19
“Ask” Event 2008	\$ 12,211.20
Cash Donations in 2008	\$ 4,627.80
Bake Sale 2009	\$ 670.00
Silent Auction 2009	\$ 6,150.00
I Under The Son 2009	\$ 4,128.17
Cash Donations for Cabins	\$ 78,108.00
Cash Donations in 2009	\$ 33,000.00
Total Fundraising Income:	\$ 147,621.77

Which brings us to an exciting new fundraising endeavor which we trust you'll enjoy ...

Camp Cherith is pleased to announce the upcoming 1st Annual “Snowflake Dinner, Dance and Auction”! This elegant soiree is taking place at the Pine View Municipal Golf Club on Saturday, February 20th, 2010. A cash bar commences at 6PM with a sumptuous roast beef dinner to follow at 7PM. Our DJ service will enhance the dining ambience and then turn it up a notch to provide post supper entertainment with a great dance mix! We are looking forward to some terrific silent auction items and prizes on offer throughout the evening. Our Camp Cherith Board of Directors is working hard to ensure that trips, weekend getaways and array of popular services and other attractive items are available.

To take advantage of this special Camp Cherith fundraising evening, please contact a board member or call us at (613) 288-5806 for tickets!

We look forward to seeing you there and thank you in advance for your ongoing support!

Camp Cherith is a registered charity. Please visit our website at www.cherith.ca to learn more about this, and other fundraising, donation, and volunteer opportunities!



*Wishing you and your family Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*



What better way to help support camp than by getting together with your friends for an amazing day of beach volleyball, BBQ, music, prizes, giveaways and more!

On Saturday, August 15, 2009, we held our second annual "One Under The Son" beach volleyball tournament at Petrie Island! With 19 teams registered, everyone had a great day on the beach and together we raised **over \$4,000** for camp! Music and entertainment was provided by CHRI FM and we enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch by Grill Master.



We're already looking forward to next year! Mark down **Saturday, August 14, 2010** on your calendar and don't forget to sign up with a team of your friends!

Please check our event website at www.lundertheson.com for more details and photos!



2010 Camp Dates

- Spring Work Days:** May 8, May 15
- Pre Camp Training:** May 28-29
- In Camp Training:** June 25-26
- Week One:** June 27 to July 3
- Week Two:** July 4 to July 10
- Week Three:** July 11 to July 17
- Week Four:** July 18 to July 24



Snowflake Dinner, Dance and Auction!

by Fiona Simard (Flicker)

Laurentian Camp Cherith introduces the first annual Snowflake Dinner, Dance and Auction on **Saturday, February 20, 2010**, at the Pine View Golf Course.

Join us for an evening of celebration including a sit down dinner and music. Take part in our incredible Silent Auction and/or buy tickets to win one of many prizes!



Here are some of our auction items and prizes so far: a Sony PS3, massage packages, cottage weekends, haircuts, duct cleaning, piano tuning, Laporte's gift certificates, many restaurant gift certificates and gift baskets. Stay tuned for more information on our Grand Prize!

Laurentian Camp Cherith is a non-denominational Christian summer camp for children ages 8-16. Our site is located 45 minutes from Ottawa in Lanark, Ontario.



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