



CAMP PROJECTS

- Storage room/entrance addition on the house trailer.
- Brand new triangle cabin.
- 3-sided horse shelter.
- Guy staff residence reno.
- Triangle cabins ext. facelift.

Photos and more at:

peminavalleybiblecamp.com/projects

Upcoming Events

• College and Career Weekend Retreat: December 3-5, 2010

Fellowship with other young adults, sessions in God's word, the valley's winter activities, good food, free time and an outdoor hot tub. Bring a friend or a group from your church.

• Winkler Fundraising Banquet: January 27, 2011

Banquet starts at 6:30pm at the Winkler EMMC and includes supper, worship, a short program and an opportunity to support camp financially. If you're interested in being a table host or just curious about what a host does, contact the camp office by phone or email.

• Guy's Extreme Winter Camp: February 4-6, 2011

This camp is designed to be extreme: we'll be sleeping in our own winter snow shelters/quinzees, cooking our meals over a fire, snowshoeing, and tackling some tough subjects with speaker John Feakes of Christian Apologetics and Research Evangelism (CARE) Ministries, Winnipeg. This is a guys only camp for those in high school or older.

• Morden Fundraising Banquet: February 24, 2011

Banquet starts at 6:30pm at the Westside Community Church and includes supper, worship, a short program and an opportunity to give. Table hosts are needed.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is an important notice for anyone who currently receives camp newsletters by SNAIL MAIL.

In an effort to practice good stewardship of our resources, we wish to avoid mailing newsletters that will be thrown out unopened.

With this goal in mind, we are updating our mailing list to include only those who read and **respond to this notice before 2011**. We hope you'll take the time to phone, mail, or email the camp office so we can transfer your name to the new mailing list.

GET IT IN YOUR INBOX

The cost of printing and mailing newsletters totals over \$6000 each year. Please consider signing up to get PVBC newsletters in your email inbox using the form on the envelope this letter was in.



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Director's Report

I believe at every age there is an excitement in exploring. Everyone in some way has a yearning to explore: through journeys, physical conditions and limitations, education or knowledge, creation, God's word, different locations of this world, science, food tastes, cultures and more. At camp we enjoy exploring possibilities together for the inspiration of people to walk by faith in Jesus Christ.

As leadership walks in obedience during our exploration, we believe and are convinced of Ephesians 2:21-22: "In Christ Jesus all the parts of the building fit together and grow into a holy temple in the Lord. Through him you, also, are being built in the Spirit together with others into a place where God lives."

We are actively completing multiple facility upgrades: the capital project construction of a new boy's triangle cabin, along with renovations and maintenance of an existing cabin to lodge our volunteer cooks and other volunteer laborers comfortably. \$30,000.00 would

complete these projects. PVBC is blessed from the completion of our new dining hall/kitchen from spring of 2008. It's a blessing to cook in a new facility and our entire camp family is able to pray, eat and fellowship all under one roof! \$18,998.00 completes our loan at Winkler Access Credit Union.

Camp is experiencing changes throughout our year-round ministry. Together with the summer program, retreats and rentals, it is necessary to increase our annual budget and operating costs to accommodate this blessing. We are aiming to raise support in the sum of \$100,000.00 by year-end to help complete a successful ministry in 2010.

Join us in this very exciting ministry that is affecting the lives of young people and their communities around them.

Grace and Peace in His Grip,
Derek Neufeld



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Above: New Cabin. Below Left: Guy Staff Res. Below Right: House Trailer Addition.



GET INVOLVED

Volunteer in the Kitchen

If you or someone you know enjoys working in the kitchen, this is a great opportunity to support camp in a very practical way! We are seeking volunteers who would be willing to cook for the various events and groups that come through camp from September to June. Camp buys the groceries and plans the menu, you come and put it all together! If you, or maybe a group from your church are interested in helping out for a weekend or two, call the camp office at 1 (888) 621-7265.

Cut and Gather Firewood

We're looking for wood-slingin', chain saw revving volunteers to help our maintenance crew stock up firewood for winter. We heat four of our main buildings using a woodstove/boiler system all winter long, and that takes a lot of wood. Our goal is to collect enough wood for two years this year so we can season our wood for one year before using it. Seasoning makes wood burn hotter and more efficiently. If you'd like to help, call the camp office and ask for Duane.



Summer Camp Report 2010

A snapshot of how God has been working at the valley this past summer harvest season.

It's amazing how quickly two months can pass! When I think about the summer behind us, I can say confidently that God was with us every step of the way – and not only that, but we could not have done it without Him.

You'll probably agree that the impact of a week of summer camp goes well beyond what we can see or measure.

The snapshots we get of the work that God does "behind the scenes" in the hearts, minds, souls and bodies of everyone involved in summer camp can be such treasures. One of many "snapshots" God gave me happened in the dining hall. It was mid-week when a camper stopped me as I passed his table – I could see that he was excited to tell me something. As I listened, he boldly shared: "I became a Christian today!" As we talked about it, I learned that he and his counselor had been having some good conversations about Christ, faith, and the Bible. So, when he understood what it meant to be a Christian – to put your trust in Jesus Christ – he committed his life to his Savior during a one-on-one

time with his counselor. His counselor has been able to reconnect with him this fall already, and our new brother is eager to get connected to a church in his home community where he can grow in his faith. This story is a reminder that God is faithfully building his kingdom by using His people to carry the message of the gospel. I'm also challenged by this youth's passion to share his new faith with anyone who will listen; it simply swallowed his hesitation to share.

Our ministry here at PVBC is mainly among campers who arrive at camp with some previous exposure to the gospel, many of them from church-going families. For most of us who know Christ, the challenge is to make the switch from knowing about Christ in our minds, to letting Him be our life (Gal 2:20). We take this transformation process very seriously, because we believe that God himself is serious about seeing His adopted children become formed

to the likeness of His only begotten Son. He's integrating us into His family!

Summer camp ministry is not ultimately about numbers, statistics, or measurable physical evidence. The question we should be asking is this: do we know Christ (the Word made flesh), and how is He affecting our lives? This is the question we

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are passionate about exploring as a staff team, and together with our campers. So, was the summer a success? I only know that as we act in obedience, God uses this ministry to influence a generation of youth who will take God and His Word seriously in their everyday lives.

Matt Woodmass
Program Director



Camp Partnership Program Report

It started as a nudge from God and grew into a vision. In mid August of 2010, that vision found its form as PVBC and the Steinbach Mennonite Brethren Church Junior youth group joined together for the first week of Camp Partnership Program to happen at the valley.

This brand new program was intended to help church and para-church organizations experience the impact of a week of summer camp in the context of year-round discipleship relationships. Although our week together looked much like a regular

week of camp, we noticed a very different cabin dynamic. Because the campers and counselors were connected to the same youth group, the counselors were able to relate to most of their campers differently: a relational foundation had already been laid, lending depth and accountability to their spiritual and personal growth at camp. This kind of impact was a blessing to witness. Not all of the youth who came to camp were regular attendees of the youth group. In fact, a number of their friends had invited them. We

are mutually excited with SMBC that new youth are getting connected with their local church because of a shared camp experience.

Camp has learned a lot about what being an extension of the local church can mean. We are looking forward to partnering together with SMBC again in August 2011, and are currently seeking a second church to join us for a week in late July.

We covet your prayers as we continue to venture out in obedience to God's plan!

Feedback from SMBC

"Camp was an amazing experience for us as a youth group. To be able to take our kids and leaders from our church and see them connect with God away from our building was incredible. The impact has already been felt in the lives of our JR Highers - they are connecting better than ever before and God is using this experience to shape them already. One girl who came along to camp shared with me about how she had been to camp before, but after coming back from camp this is the first time that she has felt that the people who go to youth group with her are on the

same page. This was not just a spiritual high for the kids, but a life changing week that we know we will keep seeing the fruits of in the future. Camp is not just something that we have added to the slate of ministries we have, but camp at PVBC has become part of our DNA as a youth ministry, we can't imagine ever not having it." -*Charlie Peronto, Youth Pastor*
"My kids loved it! This is the best thing to happen in our church in years" -*Parent*
"I saw God in ways that I never thought that I could. I actually know that He is real now!" -*Camper*

FALL Volunteer Staff



We are blessed to have an additional two staff for our fall ministry season: Sam Janzen (left) as the fall Wrangler, and full time volunteer, Tobin Wohlgemut (right). Both of them served for multiple weeks during summer camp and have now moved in more "permanently", living in the "man" staff residence. They have been helping at horses, grounds keeping, assisting with maintenance and finishing projects. We are excited about God using their talents and servant attitudes at the valley.

FOR SALE Rocky Mountain Bikes

Do you know anyone who could use a new bike? We're clearing out our inventory of high quality mountain bikes at very reasonable prices. All are made by Rocky Mountain, a leading Canadian bike manufacturer and are in good condition or better. Check out photos, specifications, and prices by visiting our website: peminavalleybiblecamp.com/bikes.