



PIONEER PRESS

MANTIOBA PIONEER CAMP NEWSLETTER SPRING 2011 EDITION

Ready to Launch

There is a buzz in the office these days. The snow is beginning to melt in Winnipeg, and spring is just around the corner. The year-round staff team along with many volunteers have been working hard this winter, hosting camper parties, interviewing potential staff, presenting camp at various tradeshow, calling camper families and alumni, and we are excited to see the fruits of our labours.

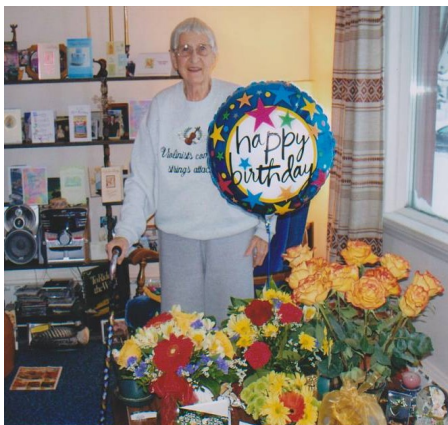
As we prepare to launch into the 2011 camp season, we share a renewed sense of purpose and hope that God is going before us and is also with us in our efforts. Bill Mason Place sits empty, waiting to be filled with children's laughter and songs. Shoal Lake waits, slowly beginning to thaw and warm to welcome the canoes and swimmers who will jump in this summer. God invites us back into the wilderness, to lead children and youth into adventure and introduce them to His profound love.



Chris "Tattoo" Berghuis
General Director



It's a Party! Come Celebrate Hildy Leverton's 80th Birthday



Join us at The Meeting Place (139 Smith Street, Winnipeg) on April 8th at 7pm for a belated birthday celebration for Hildy Leverton. Hildy served as an Inter-Varsity staff worker for 38 years, and directed Girls Camp at MPC for 33 years. When Hildy turned 80 on January 26th, she received phone calls, flowers, and well wishes from people literally around the world, whose lives she has impacted at camp and beyond. Come share your stories and memories, and celebrate with this extraordinary woman!

Tickets for this dessert evening celebration with Inter-Varsity Mid West and MPC alumni and friends are \$15 per person. Please RSVP or email stories for a memory book to Kelly at the camp office, 788-1070 or hildy@pioneerencamp.com. Payment accepted at the office or at the doors (cash and cheque only at the door).

Motivated by the love of Jesus and led by the Spirit...

Manitoba Pioneer Camp guides individuals into communities in the wilderness: children into adventure, young adults into servant leaders - all toward wholeness in relationship and an encounter with the wildness and warmth of God.

Announcements & Points of Prayer

We are pleased to welcome Liz Haake to the MPC year-round team as Director of Program. Liz joins us on May 1st, after living and working for several years in the Boston area. Please pray for Liz during this time of transition, that all the details involved with this major move will come together, and that God will grant her great peace and joy.

Like all year-round staff, Liz will be responsible to raise a significant portion of her salary. Visit the MPC website and click on "Donations" to learn more about designating gifts for MPC staff.

Liz joins us to help lead a team of twenty talented young people who have recently been hired to serve this year, starting in May. Please pray as we all prepare for a great season ahead. Specific prayers for camper enrolment, safety and protection, and continued zeal in introducing children to Jesus Christ in our unique wilderness context would be appreciated!



Calling All Volunteers!



Each summer Manitoba Pioneer Camp welcomes volunteers to come and help serve campers as well as participate in our vibrant community. We need bus departure volunteers (in Winnipeg), medical staff, kitchen staff, site team workers, and childcare support. Often, we'll experience an abundance of volunteers during some weeks and a shortage of help during critical times in the summer schedule. This year, we would like to encourage you to contact the camp office with your dates of availability, and also to learn about the times in our schedule with the greatest needs. The busiest times in the camp season are the last two weeks of July and the first two weeks in August, but we need people to come and help throughout the summer months. Please contact Kelly Milne at the camp office for more details: 788-1070 or email mpc@pioneerencamp.com

Mark Your Calendars...Important MPC Dates to Remember:

April 4th and April 12th - Camp Information Evenings. Contact the camp office for more details.
April 16th, 2pm - All Camp Bowling Reunion at Academy Lanes (394 Academy Road)
May 14th - Staff team heads out to MacKinnon Island
May 26th, 7pm - New Camper Orientation Evening at the Millennium Library (251 Donald Street)
June 4th - All Camp Reunion at Fort Whyte Adventure Site
June 11th - Open House for Camper Parents on MacKinnon Island

Friends of Pioneer Fall Homecoming - September 3rd to 4th (Labour Day Weekend) - Join us on MacKinnon Island as we open the doors to Pioneer Camp friends and alumni from every decade. Reunite with camp friends, paddle around the island, enjoy hearty meals in the dining hall, and find out about what's happening at camp. Arrive at docks 10:30am on Saturday. Depart from docks 3:00pm on Sunday. Cost: Only a \$25 registration fee per person (maximum \$75 per family).

Update Your Contact Information...

Congratulations to **Brenda and Wally Peters-Watral** who took the time to update their contact information and whose name was drawn to win a free night at Gem's Retreat! We would still appreciate to know of any address changes or contact updates. Let us know also if you would like to receive the Pioneer Press in the future via mail or electronically. Please email us at mpc@pioneerencamp.com or call 788-1070.

Thank-you!

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