

Kingswood Camp Report: 2009

Kingswood Camp (<http://www.kingswoodcamp.ca>) is an evangelical Christian camp situated on Lake George, Kings County, Nova Scotia, owned and operated by the Eastern Valley Baptist Association and run in cooperation with the Annapolis-Digby Baptist Association. We seek to honour God by providing an atmosphere where campers encounter Jesus Christ and grow as His disciples through wholesome relationships with dedicated Christian leaders, in an inviting outdoor setting, while participating in safe programs and activities relevant to their physical, emotional, social, and spiritual development.

Another successful camping season at Lake George has drawn to a close. The Committee wishes to thank all those who helped in various ways; the staff, the many volunteers, those who made donations of items or money, those who helped sponsor a child and the children who came to camp. Out of the 233 campers, forty-five made first-time decisions to become Christians. Thirty-eight campers made rededication decisions.

Thirty-two campers indicated that they had some form of sponsorship from a church. We encourage all churches to not only consider sponsoring a camper, but also to encourage more children from their communities to attend Kingswood Camp.

The camp has been blessed with twenty paid staff, sixteen volunteers and several local pastors who helped. We have also been blessed financially. A heart felt thank you goes to everyone who contributed to the "Coffee Cup" campaign. It was the aim of the Camp Committee to raise enough money to start to address the deficit from the past two years. As often happens in life, the best laid plans change. Part way through the summer, the dishwasher broke once again. This time it was no longer financially feasible to repair it, so a new commercial dishwasher was required, at a cost of approximately \$6,000.00. This was not in the budget for this year. We will continue to require your financial and prayer support for the continued operation of Kingswood Camp.

If anyone feels called to help, we have a number of sub-committees that require additional people to run efficiently. Please contact Rev. Pamela Estey or myself. We have had a couple of people already volunteer this fall. This should enable some of the projects waiting to be undertaken to be completed. It is our aim to continue to improve the programs offered at Kingswood Camp.

One of the major projects for the coming year will be a new roof for the Rainsforth Craft Lodge. The main lodge needs painting. While significant improvements have been made in making the camp accessible with new ramps and a golf cart, this work needs to continue. Financial and human resources are welcomed to further this work.

Another blessing we have received is an increase in camp rentals. Do you know that we now offer full service rentals that include meals? Bookings are being made a year in advance so it is important not to delay placing a booking along with the necessary deposit and so on. Rev. Pamela Estey is currently in charge of bookings for the camp. If you or your group would like to

rent the Camp please contact our Executive Director at estey@kingswoodcamp.ca or via the telephone.

The Camp has a first class canoe for sale or to trade for several training canoes. We wish to expand opportunities of learning for the campers and this includes the need for more canoes to train in.

Did everyone read in your Church bulletins about our first Tea and Craft Sale held at the Berwick Baptist Church on October 17? If you have not been receiving the news about Kingswood Camp please let our Executive Director, Rev. Pamela Estey or myself know so that we may update your contact information. We need all of you to promote your Camp in your Churches and in your communities.

Please keep the Camp and all the individuals involved in your prayers. Please join the Camp Committee in rejoicing over what is accomplished at Camp. We offer our thanks and praise for the continued work of the Holy Spirit. May Kingswood Camp continue to be a major part of outreach for Baptist Churches and for our respective committees.

Respectfully submitted,
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Note: This report was originally submitted by Allison Magee to the Eastern Valley United Baptist Association. This copy has been edited by Mark Reece for submission to the Annapolis-Digby Baptist Association.