

CAMP CHANGES LIVES...FOR ETERNITY



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BRINGING CAMP TO YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Camp is just so much fun, how can it be work? Camp is exciting and exhausting, invigorating and challenging, crazy and different every day. Camp impacts people physically, socially, communally and spiritually. Whether you're a camp staff or a camper your life can be changed at camp. On the surface it's a fun time: to spend with friends or make some new ones, to play some awesome games, to hear about God, to learn some new skills. But camp is much more and goes much deeper than all of that.

Camp changes lives – for eternity.

2014 Facts + Stats

1 Week of Training with 17 Staff
1 Week of VBS
6 Weeks of Day Camps
1 Week of Resident Camp
Set-ups – hauling 3 trailers, putting up archery ranges, tents, slinging the sledgehammer, unloading canoes + Kayaks, setting up trampoline, tables



+ chairs, crafts, food, and more to get a site ready for campers.

Tear-downs – the same in reverse and putting everything back in the same spot so we can find it!

Prep Work - Picking songs, games, dress-ups, devotionals. Preparing lessons, writing out and practicing memory verses, safety training, learning how to teach skills. Check-ins and head checks, collecting money. Creating team

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cheers, writing drama skits, telling campers "Why I Believe". Staff devotionals + reading books of the Bible together, coming up with team building exercises. There is so much done to make camp work and God sees all the work that goes into it!

Totals

237 Campers
66 New campers
29 Prayers for Salvation
27 Recommitments to the Lord
112 not attending church or church programs
177 Christians
42 non-Christians 18 undecided





Camp owes its success to the staff. The team this year was amazing

Staff 2014

Dir. of Discipleship – Melody Lippert
–Missionary of One Hope Canada

Music Director – Emily Formica

Program Director– Aaron Gruenhage

Drama Director– Rebekah Kennedy

Team Builder - Natasha Bradley –in partnership with Youth Unlimited

Senior Staff - Jeremiah Wruth

Makayla Kugler

Counsellor and Ass. Life Guard-

Instructor– Madison Dobsi

Kitchen/Counsellor -Alicia Edgar

Camp Counsellors - Lauren Ruehle

Tajah Lee Harrison Wessell

Alaina Welland

Junior Counsellors - Graydon Earle-

Sarah Mitton Victoria Cina

Ministry Impact

God uses camp to impact lives of: children and families; supporters; connected churches; the staff. This was a summer of deepening faith for staff and campers alike. We saw young people hungry to learn about God and His Word and willing to put effort into studying it. God touched lives in deep areas. Staff grew in confidence, in friendships, in skills and in reliance on the Lord.



Staff Impact Stories

Here are a few testimonies from the Staff. We will include more in the Spring Newsletter and on our web page and facebook page.

When I was five, my parents sent me to Monarch Bible Camp and it was one of the best things they have ever done for me. That summer I asked Jesus into my life. When I came to camp every summer, I would feel close to God and loved by the staff. Now as a staff I feel that I am helping make a difference in kids' lives like myself. I have made some very good relationships with the other staff that challenge me to grow deeper in my faith. If it wasn't for Monarch Bible Camp, I don't know where I would be today. All I know is that I definitely wouldn't be the person that I am.

Natasha Bradley

This summer I gave up money, hockey, family, friends and health (I am recovering from a concussion) to come work at camp. I was hoping for a very special summer and that is exactly what I got. The biggest impact I felt was at resident camp. We were challenged to read through John that week and ever since that, I have been consistently reading my Bible and really enjoying it, whereas before I struggled to get into my Bible. As well, all of the songs at chapel spoke to me and made me excited about God for the first time in a while. Resident camp played an important role in developing my faith and since then I have felt closer to God. Monarch Bible Camp has given me more confidence when talking about my faith and most importantly has me excited about being a Christian again.

Aaron Gruenhage

The discussions I have had with the campers have caused my faith to grow as it has challenged me to find answers rooted in Christ. These discussions have made me think about things I wouldn't by myself as well as reaffirm and strengthen what I already know and believe. Camp has taught me new things about God and challenged me in the necessity of spending time with God daily.

Emily Formica

We decided to study the book of Mark for our morning devotionals, reading a chapter at night and discussing it in the mornings. It was amazing to see how the Spirit spoke in different ways to each staff. This approach helped solidify the importance of spending time in God's Word for many of the staff. We have continued reading through the Bible and tracking each other on Facebook. Would you pray for continued spiritual growth for the staff, Teresa and me, as we continue spending time daily in the Word? I have been humbled many times this summer as God has pruned me in the area of letting go of control and recognizing that the work we do at Monarch is not Melody's work, but in fact God's work. Time and time again this summer, it was as though God was saying, "Hey Melody, watch what I can do?" There were many times I wanted to jump in and do a certain task for a staff or have a deep conversation with a camper, but felt God constantly saying, "Melody, let me use others. I am a big God who uses many different people." I realized with fresh eyes the work that God does through His body of believers. Staff became confident in leading campers, campers built trusting relationships with staff and staff were able to be vulnerable with one another and rely on their team.

Melody Lippert

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Thank you for your prayers and support that comes in so many forms.

"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ."
Romans 1:6

Barrie + Teresa Ward