



# MONARCH BIBLE CAMP

Bringing camp to your neighbourhood...



## 2016 Fall Newsletter



**PSALM 86:11** "TEACH ME YOUR WAY O LORD, AND I WILL WALK IN YOUR TRUTH; GIVE ME AN UNDIVIDED HEART."

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The whirlwind of the summer is over, the dust has settled and the inventory counted. But the memories live on and the impact of God's Word and work go on forever. Isn't this an amazing thing? When we invest in God's kingdom we invest in eternity. Those who work at camp, who support camp, who pray for camp – all of us are investing in eternity. We have the privilege of helping young people enter into or grow in their relationship with God. At Monarch we are very committed to sharing the Gospel message loud and clear; no excuses or apologies, no slipping it in just to get it done. We want campers to hear that God loves them and has a plan for their lives. We share God's love through patient care of campers, through all the planning we do, through the training of staff and the adherence to safety practices, with all the listening to campers sharing stories, playing games we've played ten times already this summer, running hard when we'd rather be sleeping, serving campers first at

lunch, encouraging campers to do their best and keep trying, smiling instead of yelling, and many, many other hands-on ways we serve. We teach from the Bible and are loud and clear about God's plan of Salvation. We share our stories about how God has changed our lives and supported us through tough times in our "Why I Believe" times. We pray with our campers, we do daily devotions, we encourage them to ask questions about God. We give out Bibles and Devotionals. We talk to campers about the importance of attending church and Christian clubs. We also value our staff and their growth just as much. We pray together. We share God's Word in daily devotions. We encourage staff to ask questions, to explore their faith more deeply. We give them opportunity to serve God and to grow through serving. When you are done reading this newsletter, please invest in eternity by praying for Monarch and all the people involved. Pray how God might use you!

### A SHOUT OUT to STAFF!



#### Summer Staff

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| Scott Armstrong   | Kathryn Christian    |
| AJ Cook           | Emerson Earle        |
| Lexi Tait         | Emma Downer-Price    |
| Olivia Cina       | Matthew Palladinelli |
| Jordan Pearson    | Cynthia Wekesa       |
| Mike Kim          |                      |
| Rebekah Kennedy-  | Staff Supervisor     |
| Lauren Ruehle-    | Music Director       |
| Harrison Wessell- | Program Director     |
| Teya van Biljouw- | Waterfront Director  |
| Victoria Cina-    | Drama Director       |
- This was another incredible Team that God put together. He blessed them in service, growth and love.

*I'll let them tell their story.....*

This has been my fifth summer at Monarch, so I generally feel like I know what I'm doing and how things work when it comes to camp. As Staff Supervisor, I felt to a certain degree that that was what was expected of me. My first summer at Monarch was when I realized that it was okay to question God and that it didn't make me a bad Christian if I did. Since then, I've only added to my growing list of questions.

Part of my job this summer has been to prepare daily devotions for our staff team and to address more difficult and controversial topics, most of which I have yet to find a satisfactory answer for, and the thought of discussing issues that I don't have any real answers for made me anxious. But through conversations with the staff, I realized that none of us really have any better answers than my own. The difference is in the willingness to accept what God's Word says, but also what it doesn't say. If something is left out, it's not that God forgot, it's that we don't need to know. So going forward, I know that I need to let go of what I want for myself and what I think is right. I know that my friends from camp will continue to encourage me to accept God's will more wholeheartedly. **Philippians 3:12-14**

**Rebekah Kennedy – 5<sup>th</sup> year**

As a child every summer I would get so excited to go to Monarch Bible Camp with all the joy that the staff would give me. Now that I am a staff for a second year, I feel like camp doesn't only just change the lives of the children, but the staff too. This year, seeing all children grow in their faith has really helped me to be closer with God. I have matured physically and spiritually from my experience at camp and it has made me realize I have made a difference in the lives of children. This year I was in charge of the picture cd's and I could see the difference we were making just through the pictures. Camp just gives me that assurance of how powerful God is and how much He loves us. What I got out of camp is that I want to be a missionary in my own

country and bring people to Christ.

**Kathryn Christian – 2<sup>nd</sup> year**



While spending the summer sharing my faith in Christ, I grew closer to God. I learned how important it is to love yourself, as God created each and every one of us just the way he wanted us to be. This was important to me, because before coming to Monarch, I didn't particularly love myself or even liked myself or my body, but at Monarch, I learned to love myself, and to not put myself down, but instead give myself encouragement, and, in my weakness, to pray to God, and ask Him for the strength, as He has all the power. I also learned the importance of reading my Bible. I used to read my Bible maybe once a week, but coming to Monarch, I learned how important it is to read your Bible every day, so that I can grow spiritually with Christ. At Monarch, we do a Bible reading every day, so it has gotten me more interested in the Bible, and in reading it. I took a week off, in order to recuperate from camp, and during the week, I found myself wanting to read my Bible more than I ever had before.

I could tell you everything that Monarch has done, and how I would have never worked here, if it wasn't for Teresa's persistent nagging, but I would say that two years of her doing that was worth it, because I wouldn't have changed my experiences or my summer with Monarch for anything, well, maybe for another year at Monarch.

**Emma Downer-Price – 1<sup>st</sup> year**

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## Benefits of Camp

1. Undivided attention of staff
2. Wholesome God focused young people as role models
3. The opportunity to serve God + learn work skills in a safe, caring community
4. NO electronics
5. Friendships formed through common interests + activities
6. Learning about God through instruction + example
7. Wholesome outdoor activity
8. Exercise
9. Good food
10. Learning new skills
11. Fun in the great outdoors
12. Devotionals
13. Team building

## The Facts

1 VBS                      1 Resident Camp  
6 Day Camps            237 Campers  
28 Prayers for Salvation  
7 Recommitments  
99 Campers not attending Christian programs  
Sharing God's Word – beyond measure

## School-Year Programs

-providing ongoing Christian education and fun and games in partnership with **Youth Unlimited.**

**Tues. – Girls Program** – grades 4-8

Bobcaygeon – afterschool till 5:30

**Thurs.-Haven** grades 4-8

Minden - afterschool till 5:30

**Youth Program** – grade 8 + up

Minden Bible Church 5:45-8:00

**Contact the camp for information**

**All done!            Thank you!**



**Barrie + Teresa Ward**



