

Dear Friends of Camp Owaissi:

March 2010

Our goal at camp in 2010 is to serve an average of 10% (Tithe) of the kids in each Anglican congregation in the Diocese of Kootenay. You are an integral part of making this happen. It has been said that a week of camp is equal to a year of Sunday school in terms of faith formation. A Barna study concluded that 65% of all Christians find their faith by the age of 18. Proverbs 22:6 says to "Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." When we baptize a child, our job as a faith community is to be sure that child is nurtured in their faith "the right way" so "when old, they will not stray". Summer church camp is only one tool to help this happen, but it is a valuable and effective tool in faith transformation.

Your help in circulating the attached resources to all parties who work directly with prospective campers is much appreciated. This task is often shared and varies greatly from church to church due to size and resources available. If all priests, secretaries, lay leaders, youth ministers, and children ministry folks would share this information about camping in EACH of their ministries, then the camp would be indebted to you. If there is anything Camp Owaissi can do to serve you, please let me know. If you have a specific contact person within your church, I ask for you to let me know who that is and how to best contact them for future correspondence.

The Resource Packet includes ideas to promote camping in your church or community centre. A Camp Sunday is one such idea. The focus of a Camp Sunday is to share about camp during church services and/or Sunday school. I visit churches throughout the fall, winter, and spring months. Consider planning an annual Camp Sunday. Also included in the packet are ideas for hosting a camping Sunday at your church or community centre, even if I am not available. Big or small, I want to visit every church that requests my services as time allows.

Bulletin blips and newsletter articles are also enclosed to easily share about summer camp opportunities. We encourage you to utilize these weekly and monthly resources in bulletins and newsletters to inform everyone about the ways that camp can serve you and your community. These documents will also be available on our website so materials can be copied and pasted as needed.

We have no small task before us to carry out Jesus' challenge to change lives. Whether it is providing scholarship money, praying, inviting friends to camp, teaching Sunday school, volunteering time or talents, BIG or small, everyone plays an integral part in changing the lives of our children. Thank you for prayerfully considering what kind of difference you might make in a child's life through camping!

RESOURCES ENCLOSED:

- Camp Owaissi Summer Camp and Events Promotional Flyer
- Camp Owaissi Summer Camp Brochures
- Strawberry Tea Tickets
- Ideas to promote camping in your church
- Bulletin Blips, Bulletin Inserts, and Newsletter Articles
- Walk Owaissi posters and participant pledge forms
- Camp Owaissi 2010 Wishlist

In service to you through camping,

Jessica Thompson- Executive Director

NEEDS:

- **More campers!**
- **Volunteers → Summer camp youth leaders, camp parents, camp nurses, maintenance, and lawn care.**
- **Name and contact information (email, phone, physical address) for camp contact in each church**
- **Prayers for all who participate and all who provide leadership at Camp Owaissi**
- **Scholarships for campers → local level and for kids without a church family**
- **Prayer, support, and help raising "Tithe" of campers from each church**
- **Items from our wishlist which can also be found on our website.**