Long Lake Camp update for 2018 Summer camp season – Camp Director Royce Getson

Training week was a combination of LLC and camp Jordan staff– overall, working with camp Jordan has allowed us to integrate various staff and save a lot of wages for both camps. Jason Mc Coombs was hired as camp Director. The continual fixing of items showed the need to have a caretaker at camp during the season. There is a need to have a full-time position at camp taken on.

Canoe training – almost every leader took advantage of the training and practiced canoe safety in the water- This allowed for many adventures with staff being well trained. Pastor Russell Prime came to help me with this training.

Kayak training – Shelburne area guide and business owner from Candlebox Kayaking brought a full trailer of kayaks for training and stayed for as long as the last person was in the water. Shortened due to summer heat and heat / sun exposure.

Bikers blessing after a donation of 3 Kayaks for the camp. The service ending in a prayer circle around all the bikes with riders and a full camp of youth.

Baptism with churches and campers as well as leaders took on a very positive roll at camp. People still enquire about the girl that was baptised. We also had a dedication for the parents at the camp during the baptism. Thanks for all who came out to support this time and share in fellowship that followed.

Hot summer- There were no campers taken to hospital due to heat stoke or related problems. This was adverted due to leaders experiencing very high heat in training week. By the time campers came, leaders were enforcing the drink water and no sweaters rules for all when required. The water jugs were kept in the cooler on a rotation basis and we went through about three jugs every day with that increasing on the warmer days to a jug an hour during hot times of the day.

Large camp – just enough beds to accomplish our mission at hand. Last week of camp had 93 people total at camp.

The movie in the park was accomplished by the use of a projector borrowed for the camp. The earlier camps made for longer days and later start times.

Camp is never without Issues. And this year was no different, but every problem was dealt with as they occurred, and the camps went on successfully.

Due to the amounts of campers, water usage was closely monitored. - Showers were monitored for times and all toilets were monitored and problems handled quickly. Keisha and Jacob had classes on how to unplug and turn off water when a toilet overflows as well as the cleanup afterwards.

Food supplies and shared kitchen costs helped greatly reduce the amount of left-over food at LLC and all food went to Camp Jordan for use there by the cook.

Refrigerator donation for camp by AL and June White, due to loss of one in main lodge. This was asked for, offered and completed, within hours of the request going out on social media.

Picnic tables donation by churches. Tables were put together by the leaders and ended up serving our camp well for the time we were there. They are a welcome addition to the camp.

Three churches have used the camp for a picnic as well as a picnic by a senior’s manor.

Liverpool Air Cadet Squadron used the camp for a day trip.

Faith Baptist used the camp again for two weeks of camp. They want to rent the camp next year as well.

Obviously, we did what we set out to do although the staff and volunteer leadership of the board paid for over burdened work from doing this. This can not be the case as we go forward and there is a need for extended weeks of camp. I would suggest 4 weeks of camp and a weekend of family camp as well.

God blessed us for walking in faith and the churches of Lunenburg Queens are a blessing as they have reacted to what God was doing in our neighborhood and joined by supporting us. Thank-you