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# The Bosco Wilderness

The Newsletter of the St. John Bosco Camp Association

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



For the last month or so I have been a man between seasons. It seems that as soon as I finished writing my finals part of my mind broke free of its academic bonds and started to dwell solely on camp. Canoe trips, overnights in the Esker and games of soccer in the sports field dance through my mind as I traverse Saskatoon's wintery landscape. I check my watch constantly. "Still February," it tells me.

It is probably for the best that we have a few months before camp gets underway; there is so much to be done. Staff to hire, out-tripping routes to plan and in-camp programs to review (and probably a new in-camp activity) all top my list of things to do. It's truly amazing how no matter how much you think you know about camp, there's always something more hiding just out of sight.

This marks the 51<sup>st</sup> summer season for camp. The second half of camp's first century. I am so excited to be coming up as director this year and I hope to see you up there enjoying it with me.

Martin Plemel, Camp Director

## HELP WANTED!

### STAFF & BOARD MEMBERS

It's that time of the year - we are looking to round out our contingent of spirited Bosco staff! Still needed to start May 12th are:

- Head Cook
- Maintenance Manager
- Lifeguards

We are also still accepting applications for counselling staff. Please send your applications to Martin Plemel at [director@johnboscocamp.com](mailto:director@johnboscocamp.com).

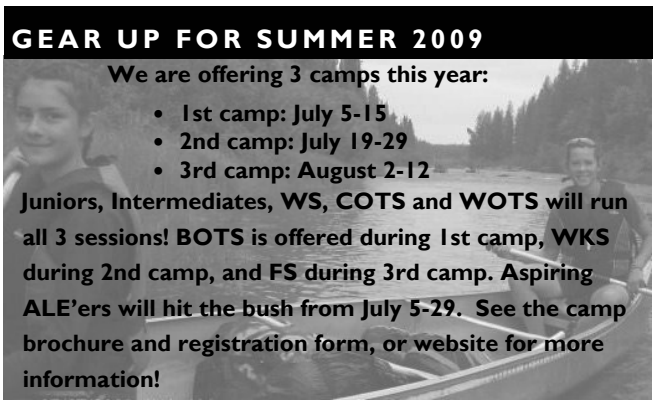
As well, there are numerous vacancies on our Board of Directors. If you wish to be involved in Bosco's future direction, consider joining the Board. Contact the camp office for more information and the date of our next meeting.

## GEAR UP FOR SUMMER 2009

We are offering 3 camps this year:

- 1st camp: July 5-15
- 2nd camp: July 19-29
- 3rd camp: August 2-12

Juniors, Intermediates, WS, COTS and WOTS will run all 3 sessions! BOTS is offered during 1st camp, WKS during 2nd camp, and FS during 3rd camp. Aspiring ALE'ers will hit the bush from July 5-29. See the camp brochure and registration form, or website for more information!



## COME BE A PART OF HISTORY: BOSCO GETS FLUSHING TOILETS!

You are all welcome to come have some fun and help us out on the May long weekend as we get ready to open camp.

Thanks to all the volunteers our 50th Anniversary expenses were less than we budgeted for and the 50th Reunion realized a net financial surplus. The Board has decided to use this money to install two low-flush toilets in place of the 2-seater outhouse in front of the Administration building. We anticipate completing this by the end of the May long weekend. We plan to put remaining funds from the 50th towards another toilet facility, perhaps with 4 toilets, somewhere between the canteen and the start of the trail to the tenting area. We're unsure at this time whether we can start this one on the May long weekend but we plan to start it sometime this year. With some luck and helping hands we will complete it. These two projects will greatly increase capacity and stay cleaner without the odor of the existing outhouses.

If messing with septic systems is not your forté, we will have plenty of other projects for our Bosco friends and alumni to work on



The Naturelore building gets a new metal roof with skylights.

## 2009 MAY LONG WORK WEEKEND

MAY 15-18

Food and lodging will be provided.

Contact the camp office for more information!

over the May long weekend. A generous Bosco alumnus has offered his services and tools to rivet and repair some of our canoes and we expect he could use one or more helpers. There will be the regular tasks of installing docks, putting up tents, filling water barrels, cutting wood, hauling slash and cleaning buildings. We also want to put in two new tenting sites this year along Ispushaw Trail. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. We want to have time for campfires, liturgy, eating and fun over the weekend so, young and old, we look forward to seeing you.

At the 50th some of you spoke about getting friends together and coming up to camp to work on a project. We do not expect to complete all projects in May, so if a group of you, or any individuals, would like to put your names forward to come up and work at some other time (for example on the July long weekend or any time after close of 3rd camp) just contact us and we will assist in setting things up for you. Short and longer-term plans include reconfiguring outside kitchen sinks, installing a boiler to heat the staff quarters and eventually heat water for a new shower facility, building a shed on a cement pad for this boiler, putting up some new tent frames and more.

Plan on bringing your fishing rods. It's not all about work - they were catching pickerel in Ispushaw last year!

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