

# THE PRINGLE PRESS

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Nate Horgan shows off the apple he shot at archery.

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### Making a Splash!

Summer 2009 was filled with days over 30 degrees as well as a week of rain during Watersports Adventure #2 Camp. The weather lent itself well to our summer theme “Making a Splash”. This theme explored how we are all individuals and what we do has ripple effects felt by those around us, it also looked at our strengths as people and how we can enjoy life as well as explored all aspects of the great element of water. Despite extremes of weather, campers and staff enjoyed a great summer. It was also a summer that started off with camp fire bans and these continued throughout the summer causing us to bring out our propane camp fire which was able to give a reasonable ambience to our campfire program. We also had a carnival tent erected for the last 3 weeks of summer and it was well enjoyed by campers and staff.

In light of the popularity of our Watersports Adventure Camp over the past several summers and to fit in with our theme, we decided to replace one intermediate age coed camp with a second watersports camp. The reality is that we simply shifted campers around and saw the same number of campers overall at our intermediate age group. Two of our three junior aged camps saw lower than usual numbers and after three successive summers of low numbers at our Junior Girls Camp we have decided to replace this camp with an all-new Ultimate Adventure Camp that will include all of our adventure elements including high ropes and tubing. We are excited about this new camp as it will be the first time we are able to offer high ropes to campers other than Crew and CIT. As we will be removing the Junior Girls Camp, we are hopeful that most of these campers will enjoy one of our Junior Coed Camps or jump in to our all new Junior Watersports Camp for the younger campers who want to enjoy tubing.

Our excellent Programmer, Lisa, decided that having a daily theme skit would be fun and so campers all summer enjoyed watching various characters learn and grow as individuals and get a better grasp of our weekly theme.

We had 483 summer youth campers and 90 family-oriented camp participants for a total of 614 campers this summer. Our leadership training camps rebounded very strongly this summer with 10 campers in our CIT program and 42 in Crew. Four of 7 regular program camps were full this summer and we hope to bring in lots of new campers with our two new sessions next summer. Read all about these great new camps in the Spring 2010 edition of the Pringle Press!

All-in-all, a very good summer with great staff, volunteers and campers. Thank you to all of you.

*Darryl MacLeod* – Executive Director

## **UNDER CONSTRUCTION** Spring Break Camp 2010



Spring Break 2010 will take place amid the construction of our new buildings. All campers, leaders and staff will sleep in Laura Butler Lodge, but we will still do everything we would normally do at this camp including canoeing, archery, low ropes, climbing wall, drama, games, campfires and a whole lot more.

When? March 8-11, 2010    How Much? \$135 (non-refundable deposit of \$35)

Who? For all campers ages 8-12 (limited to 43 due to construction)

Where do I sign up? You can register online starting December 14 at [www.camppringle.com](http://www.camppringle.com), select the PROGRAMS tab and click on ONLINE REGISTRATION. Or, you can use the brochure included in this mailing.

Want to **experience the camp with your child**? Why not consider volunteering? We need volunteers, so please call the office today!

We cannot run this camp successfully without the following volunteer positions:

Chaplain, Medic, Craft Leader, Camp Parent, Lifeguard, and at least eight leaders ages 15+. Please send in your applications today as we need to confirm our leaders well in advance. Application forms are online at [www.camppringle.com](http://www.camppringle.com) under the forms tab, or call the camp office at 250-472-6877. I look forward to hearing from you!

### **Check out [www.camppringle.com](http://www.camppringle.com)**

for a link to summer 2008 photos, information on programs, camp schedules, summer jobs, private rentals, forms, etc.  
Thanks to John Nedwitek of [emdesign.com](http://emdesign.com) for his continued efforts at maintaining our excellent website.

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## STAFF PROFILE - NATE HORGAN

Nate Horgan has been a Cabin Leader for the past two summers and volunteered at camp for several years before that. Nate is a very talented guitar player and has an incredible wealth of trivia knowledge that sets him apart from the majority of the population.

Although Nate is the first to volunteer for skits and activities, he is really somewhat shy. His down-to-earth attitude and willingness to help out are real treasures among staff.



Nate on Memory Island

Many returning campers request to be with Nate because they had him the year before, or a friend did. He has an ability to get to know his campers and treats them all with respect. It is not uncommon for Nate to sit with a camper and philosophically discuss reasons why a behaviour was not acceptable at camp.

Whenever there is a wide game or a campfire you are likely to see Nate front and centre and the various characters he played throughout the summer during the theme skits was really a treat.

Nate is currently studying abroad in Germany and we wish him a very successful and educational year at school and look forward to seeing him back next year with many a tale to tell.

## CampBrain for 2010 Registrations

After 3 good years with Camp Register for our online registration management, we have decided that we can improve our overall data management and registration process while reducing our costs, over a 3-year period, by switching to a new software system.

CampBrain is a Canadian company and permits us to own our own database and all money is handled directly through our bank, whereas with Camp Register they held all the information on their server and processed payments depositing into our account once per month. Though there was never a breach of information and the money was handled honestly, if anything happened to Camp Register there is no guarantee we could continue to access information, etc.

With CampBrain we will also have better management software to handle our donor database and to create an alumni database. Once we become comfortable with the new software, we will be looking to build our alumni; and donor receipts will be produced automatically.

You will notice some changes with our paper forms. One major change is that Spring Break is now included on our registration form and all the medical and confidential information is as well. We hope this simplifies registrations for everyone.

All registrations go live December 15, 2009!

### Registration Notice!!

We have reviewed our payment policies and as we have had some problems with people registering late and bringing payment to camp, we will no longer accept personal cheques at camp. All payments received within the last three weeks prior to the start of a camp must now be in the form of one of the following:

- Visa or MasterCard
- Certified Cheque
- Money Order
- Cash

Thank you for understanding.

For those who cannot reasonably afford our camp fees, we do offer bursary assistance and many government, community and service organizations as well as our excellent United Churches are willing to support those who need assistance.

Our all-new registration form is included in this mailing and please understand we reserve the right to change our summer camp prices until Dec. 15.

## Construction set to begin!

Well! Now that the summer is over we are getting ready for the big ground breaking and construction that will soon begin at camp.

Since the Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 newsletters much has changed in our construction planning and timeline.

As many of you will have seen on our website, Branter has already been removed and relocated to beautiful Echo Lake Bible Camp located near Prince George in northern BC. Grace Lodge has also been taken apart and all the reusable items have been removed and stored ready for re-use at a future date at Camp Pringle. These buildings are ready for demolition and for the new buildings to go up.

One of the big changes has been the locating of the new pump house that will be equipped to handle fire suppression and be hooked into directly by the fire department. This building will now be located where Drent Cottage has stood and as such a temporary accommodation will be brought in for Chef Bob where he can stay when he is at camp over the next 14-18 months.

Conscious of the sensitive ecosystem at the waterfront we have abandoned plans to enlarge our boathouse and will look at solutions including waterfront storage up near our climbing wall with the potential of canoe trailers to move the canoes back and forth to the water at the beginning and end of each season.

We also have plans to develop some very practical alternative energy or composting facilities that we can use to teach campers about positive environmental change.

All-in-all, 2010 is truly going to be a year under construction and all our camps will be able to watch the progress of the buildings as they happen.

It is important to note that despite all the big changes and investment by BC Conference in Camp Pringle, there will be significant capital investment required by the camp to furnish and equip the buildings and program facilities over the next several years. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Please view all the updates and drawings on our website at [www.camppringle.com](http://www.camppringle.com) under the Facilities and What's New tabs.

## SEND US YOUR STORIES

Do you have a fond memory from this past summer, or summers gone by at Camp Pringle? Would you like to share your story with our readers? We know that there are a lot of great stories that only get told to family members and friends, but wouldn't it be great to tell those stories to everyone connected to the camp?

I would like to recognize two of our long time supporters Mrs Mary Hess who contributed to our Bursary Fund and Mr. Thomas Mayne who contributed to our Operating Fund in 2009. Blessings to all our donors!!

*I'd like to support Camp Pringle*

Please print your address clearly below and be sure to include your postal code or attach an address label. Tax receipts will be issued for all contributions of \$10+

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed my donation of:

\$10  \$50  \$100  \$500  \$1,000  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this section with your payment in the envelope enclosed

Attached is:

- A cheque payable to Camp Pringle
- My Visa Card number and signature (see below)

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my contribution to go towards:  Bursary Fund /  Property Development Fund /  General Fund

I would like to be acknowledged in the spring newsletter for my donation

You can also make donations online when you register for camp. We accept transfers of stock—Please call us today and avoid capital gains tax.