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A WEEK THAT LASTS A LIFETIME!

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Robin and Teagan lead campfire at the waterfront



Bike Campers 2010

A Whole New Look!

This Spring Break, approximately 50 campers will be the first camp run program to use our amazing new buildings. Now camp isn't about buildings, and a new spacious dining hall with great views of the lake won't mean much to most campers, but being able to enjoy all our great programs and quality staff in an enhanced location will definitely be exciting. Some campers will also get to staff in Branter Lodge, an extra special treat as during the summer this is where the staff live.

Imagine waking up in beautiful new Branter Lodge, having a nice warm shower and then going up to new Spencer to enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by Chef Bob and enjoying the warm fire while looking out at the rowers from Shawnigan Lake School racing across the lake on a crisp morning in March.

I can't imagine a better way to spend March Break, so check out the brochure and register today! We are also still looking for some volunteer staff, youth 15+ as well as a Medic and Craft Leader for this camp (and during the summer) so if you are interested please call the Victoria office or visit www.camppringle.com and complete an online application by following the link on the Staff & Volunteers page.

Receive Future Newsletters via email!

Starting with this edition, our newsletter is now available via email. See all the pictures in clear colour. Print it out if you would like to keep a copy or read it in print. When you are finished you can dispose of it with a click of a button... nothing to recycle! In future issues, as we learn more, the email version may contain links to related stories on the web or our own registration site. To register, simply respond to the easy to complete questionnaire included in this mailing.

2010—A Year of Great Events

An anniversary to remember, a glorious day of golf, a triathlon by the lake and a scrap metal drive were all events that helped support Camp Pringle in 2010.



Elinor Branter cuts the ribbon

For those of you who joined us for our 60th Anniversary Celebration, I think you will agree that despite one of the heaviest rainfalls in years, the event was full of fun and fond memories. From the excellent display of our history and slideshow in the new hall downstairs, to the speeches and ribbon cutting ceremonies; from the creation of a commemorative banner to the delicious éclairs; from the children's games to low ropes in the rain; from the delicious cakes to the presentation of the cross, this was one event to remember. Thank you again to all the wonderful volunteers who gave of their time and effort to help make this such a special day. We had over 300 people attend the day and 165 at dinner, thank you all for your support.

During a week of rain a number of us headed to the links for what was one of the most glorious sunny days this past fall. Glorious sunshine bathed the course all day. 19 golfers enjoyed the fantastic weather, good camaraderie and a fun round of golf at beautiful Prospect Lake Course. This event was very well sponsored and we would like to thank the following for their generosity:

National Geographic Imax Theatre, Victoria Symphony, Bill and Joyce Nicolson, Gordon Food Services, National Concrete Accessories, Rona at Mill Bay, Pharmasave at Mill Bay, A1 Safety Supply, Planet Clean, Leighton Mellemstrand, Pamela Shemilt, Joanne Nicolson and Sheila Porteous, Sears Floor Covering Center, Kitchen Craft, Copy Plus and Lyles Place. I would also like to thank the volunteers who solicited these donations.

Richard & Penny Pope, Bill and Marian Davies and Chef Bob with the help of several other volunteers on the day, worked incredibly hard looking after renters, meals, snacks and a concession booth for the second straight year during the Subaru Triathlon in the spring. We are planning to drop the concession, but will be providing another meal and hosting more people at camp during the event in 2011. Please come out and lend your support, or participate in the triathlon.

Almost \$2,000 was raised during our summer scrap metal drive. A huge thank you to Bill and Dave Nicolson for all their efforts.

Camp Pringle contact information!!!

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Thanks to John Nedwidek of emdesign.com for his continued efforts at maintaining our excellent website.

Online registration not just for campers

When you think of online registration, you likely think of registering for an event. However, in addition to a simple system for registering children for camp, our registration system also permits you to apply to be on staff or to volunteer during the spring or summer. In the future we will also be able to take donations through our registration system and look after our private rental bookings as well.

The system is fast and secure and for staff and volunteers gives you an opportunity to submit your application from home 24 hours a day, seven days a week so it can fit with your busy schedule. You can also begin an application and return to complete it at a different time or day.

Go to <https://registration.campbrain.com/Portal/Login.aspx?> and create your new account or log back into an existing account.

More information on the exciting summer staff and volunteer opportunities can be found at www.camppringle.com/Staff/

Come Visit Our Booth!

On Saturday February 12, Camp Pringle will have a booth at the annual Volunteer Victoria Recruitment Fair at the Hillside Mall. We will be there from 9:00am until 4:00pm.

We will also be at St. Andrew's High School on McKenzie Road for their Open House on Thursday, February 10 from 7:00-9:00pm and at Pacific Christian High School on April 20th for their Open House. More details on the Open Houses will be posted on our website as we expect to attend several more.

See you at one or more of these events!

New Programs for 2011

In 2010 we introduced two new camps, the Ultimate Adventure Camp and the Junior Watersports Camp.

We are excited to offer the Ultimate Adventure Camp again this summer. With 90 camper spaces now available, we expect to see this camp totally full.

Based on the increase in potential camper numbers with 20 additional bunks, we have decided to create a couple of camps that will be open to both Junior and Intermediate aged campers. The idea will be to basically be running two separate camps on the property at the same time with different rotation activities for each group. We will then come together as a whole community for activities like campfire and some wide games, swimming, meals, etc. We are very excited about this new format and will consider running more combined camps in future years depending on camper feedback this summer. The two combined camps this summer will be Junior and Intermediate Girls and Junior and Intermediate Watersports. For families with campers in both age groups this will make camp logistics easier as you can bring your children for the same week at camp.

We have also changed our pricing structure somewhat with reductions in the cost of attending Parent and Child Camp and the Junior and Intermediate Combined Watersports Camp. We have also held our registration fees at the 2010 amounts with HST as with the inclusion of the HST in all our pricing this year we recognized that, due to the tax you could have seen a significant price increase over what you paid if you registered before May 1, 2010.

Fall Fundraising Update and More

If you are a donor, you will likely be curious as to how our fundraising is going. Here are the totals from the fall campaign 2010:

Operating Fund:	\$ 4,970.00
Capital Fund:	\$ 945.00
Bursary Fund:	\$ 175.00
Tables & Chairs	\$22,045.65

For 2010 we budgeted \$27,500 in Operational (general) donations and received \$15,679 for the year. However, as we promoted our need to pay for our fantastic new tables and chairs in Spencer Hall, it is not surprising that many people chose to invest their money in that effort and as such operational donations were down.

We still need to raise an additional \$8,000 to finish paying off the tables and chairs we purchased and will need continued support from Presbytery and private donors to meet our future Capital, Operating and Bursary needs. For example, our insurance based on the new buildings has almost doubled and our propane costs are going to increase significantly due to the new building and kitchen. We are thrilled for our new facilities, but our financial needs will not be reduced because of new buildings. I have prepared a special donation slip for this mailing and I hope you will consider making a donation or a pledge to support the camp. Even if you cannot afford to help us at this time, we would appreciate your responding to our mailing survey.

Thank you to all of the 152 donors in 2010, you all made a big difference and we appreciate it!



Above: New Spencer Hall in January 2011. Right Upper: New Branter Lodge. Right Lower: View of the Lake from new Dining Hall