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CAMP TALK



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ANOTHER "EPIC" SUMMER

The summer of 2008 has concluded, sending home another 350 "happy Campers," young people from throughout the Archdiocese of Edmonton, who have had another chance to encounter God this year.

The summer program, described by many campers as "Epic," gave more life-changing memories to many, continuing the mission of Camp Encounter, started twenty-three years ago.



Great thanks to the summer staff, consisting of Raven, Gravey, Smoke, Solstice, Scuba, Koala, Poppy, Blossom, Stirfry, Swampy, Moose, Grannie, Bear, Saucy, and of course, let's not forget Buddy! Cheers to all!!

HIGHEST NUMBERS EVER IN 2008

And the numbers keep climbing. The staff and board are delighted at the turnout in 2008.

This year Camp Encounter will minister and evangelize to over **3000 YOUNG PEOPLE**, with a full summer program, and record numbers of School Program bookings in the Fall.



The high numbers have necessitated the hiring of a third programmer in the fall, Sean Nowicki, joining the team of David Graves, Emma Cleland, and Camp Director, Dale Kiselyk.

CAMP ENCOUNTER GOES TO AUSTRALIA

This summer a delegation of Camp Encounter Alumni attended World Youth Day in Sydney Australia.

The group joined young people from the



Archdiocese of Edmonton, and Catholic youth from all over the world, celebrating our unity with his Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI.

Campers attending WYD 2008 (pictured here with Archbishop Richard Smith) included Syna MacLagan, Blaire Johnson, Breanne Friedt, and friend Shannon MacIsaac, and Daniel Filiatreault – also attending, camp's Lisa Allen, Melissa Rodenberg, Hurely, Kiaya Kieftenbeld and Chelsea Duperron.

The Pope didn't know what hit him!

WISH LIST – FUTURE PROJECTS

Rec Hall Improvements - \$20,000
Two New Tipi's - \$7,000
Zip Line - \$15,000
Improved Staff Accomodation - \$200,000

CAN YOU HELP WITH ANY OF THESE ITEMS?!

THE INTERNET PRIEST: FATHER CATFISH

Our own Father Catfish has a website going (linked to the Camp website, of course). It features his weekly homilies, preached at St. Michael's Parish, weekly questions and blogs, which include "Do Dog's Go to Heaven" and "Is French Kissing A Sin," and articles on the religious significance of Batman and Star Wars.

Catfish hopes to reach out to young people and Catholics on the margins with his down to earth messages and humor.

Check him out at fathercatfish.com.

ZIP LINE IN THE FUTURE?

This fall, Camp's Management team and the Board of Directors will look at the possibility of building a Zip line at Camp Encounter.

This Zip Line, a major attraction at other camps in the area, could rocket campers from the top of the climbing wall, past the kitchen, over the beach, and all the way over to the Island.

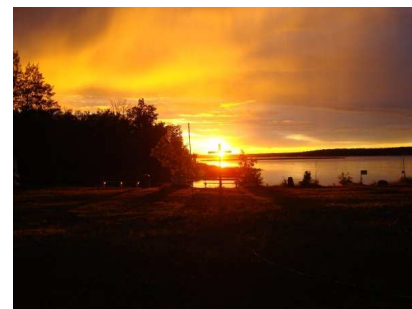
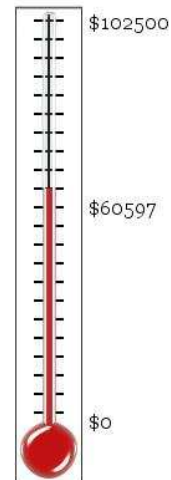
If the funding is available, this added feature could enhance our already state-of-the-art attractions, making Camp Encounter the funnest place this side of Disneyland!!

Fundraising Goals 2008

2008 Goal - \$102,500

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE ALBERTA GOVERNMENT HAS INCREASED THE TAX CREDIT FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS?

An investment in Camp Encounter is an investment in the Young People of the Archdiocese of Edmonton – an investment in the Spiritual Lives of our Youth, in the Spirit of the Next Generation.



Wanna Help? Contact Us: Dale Kiselyk – 967-2548 or Father Michael "Catfish" Mireau – 986-3253