



DLBC CONNECTION

Fall/Winter Newsletter – 2020



WHAT A SUMMER!

What a great summer our heavenly Father gave us. He protected us physically and blessed us spiritually. The camp calendar began with workdays in May, moved into incredible times of ministry at our student camps, and ended with blessed women's and men's retreats! We're thanking God for His faithful love.

Numbers cannot begin to do justice to the numerous ways God worked in the hearts of campers, staff and volunteers. More than one camper said, "This was the best week of my year." With all that students have had to endure with the ongoing COVID-19 related stress- I am so glad God gave them a week this summer where they could encounter His love and just act like kids. The demanding work that went into being able to responsibly run safe camps this year was all worth it.

My personal highlights were witnessing the army of amazing volunteers in action, as well as seeing all the kids playing, laughing, and worshipping together- just phenomenal! I want to thank all the volunteers from the bottom of my heart, especially the many first-time volunteers and staff. Great job Hilary and all our *courageous* first-time volunteers. Thank you to everyone who served, gave and prayed. Most importantly, thank you Lord Jesus; apart from you, none of this would have been possible

Thank you, Jesus! Zach



Summer of COURAGE Highlights

- We hosted the running camp for the 6th year in a row.
- Lisa and Sam Zug were key to a successful staff training weekend.
- Donation of Side-by-side & drum set from Canyon View Church, Wendy Trelut & Pastor Jon Sardella
- Incredible grounds survey completed and generously donated by Jamie Reed.
- Total scholarships given in 2020: \$2855 (31 different campers)
- Deb Westrom stepped in admirably for Morgan as DCM (aka servant of all). She was here for every camp!
- Pelletiers and all our Canadian friends were sorely missed as US/Canada border remained closed.
- Junior Camp– 64 campers plus 16 counselors
 - 12 baptisms & 12 first time commitments. Pastor Doug followed-up with 3 girls with a desire for missions.
- JH Boys – 32 campers plus 6 counselors
 - Incredible worship night last night of camp. Almost every camper attended and were deeply touched by the Lord.
- JH Girls – 45 campers plus 12 counselors
 - 9 Baptisms (2 were Junior Campers that came to pick up their sister)
- HS – 76 campers plus 14 counselors (Cooked for about 140)
- Family Camp had 40 people in all.
- YA Camp had 43 including participants, worship, speaker, staff, etc.
- Women's Retreat 80 attended
- Men's Retreat 50 attended

A NOTE FROM DLBC BOARD CHAIRMAN



GOOD NEWS
Heating has been added to
the two Quonset huts!
This was made possible
from a very generous gift as
well as volunteer and
professional labor.



Let us all thank the Lord today for Stability and a Strong Future for the DLBC Ministry :

STABILITY – The DLBC Mission is “*making disciples through Bible-based, Christ-centered camping experiences.*” This statement has guided the programs and operations of the camp for many years. It is encouraging to consider how many volunteers have served the Lord at DLBC and the remarkable number of people who have been saved and built up in their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ through this ministry. Much of this success has to do with stability – stability in mission and mutual commitment to the Lord by volunteers, board members and many prayer warriors and financial supporters.

The stable foundation of DLBC was seen this summer. First off, our new Managing Director, Zach brought much needed leadership to the camps this summer as well as providing space for consistency in programming. Complicating the summer were the many processes initiated to address the COVID pandemic and the absence of our essential volunteers from Canada, who couldn't get across the border due to COVID restrictions. Thanks again to all who were able to serve at camp this past summer.

STRONG FUTURE – Over the years DLBC Board and others have worked to establish a good structural foundation for the camp. Many discussions have been held and much work has been done. This year we took a “20 year look ahead” and have come up with a significant effort to layout the future use of the camp property and the individual projects that need to be done to achieve that use. Several meetings were held with volunteer leaders, MD Zach Zirbel and the DLBC Board. Sam Kavanagh, a Civil Engineer and DLBC board member from Faith Alliance in Columbia Falls, led in discussing the future needs. November 7th Sam presented an initial camp layout to the team and is now in the process of preparing a more final plan for review.

One clear outcome of the discussions is that better use can be made of the whole property rather than having everything on the lake side. We will share the results of this effort with the DLBC Family soon. As highest priority projects are identified we will move ahead, as funds are available.

Thank you once again for your interest in and support of the DLBC ministry!

In Jesus,
John Roundhill
DLBC Board Chairman



2020 DLBC Board of Directors

Dennis Findorff (Fortine)
Joe Fisher (Columbia Falls)
Jodi Jones (Fortine)
Sam Kavanagh (Columbia Falls)
Dan Pelletier (Cranbrook, BC)
John Roundhill (Polson)
David Thomas (Kalispell)
Wendy Trelut (Hamilton)
Chris Tweedy (CMA Rocky
Mountain District)
Zach Zirbel (DLBC Managing
Director)



SAVE THE DATES!

2021 DLBC Camp Dates:

**Preliminary dates subject to change*

Family Camp (all welcome) 7/9-11

YOUTH CAMPS

Junior Camp (grades 3-5) 7/5-9

Junior High Boys (grades 6-8) 7/12-16

Junior High Girls (grades 6-8) 7/19-23

High School (Grades 9-12) 7/25-30

RETREATS

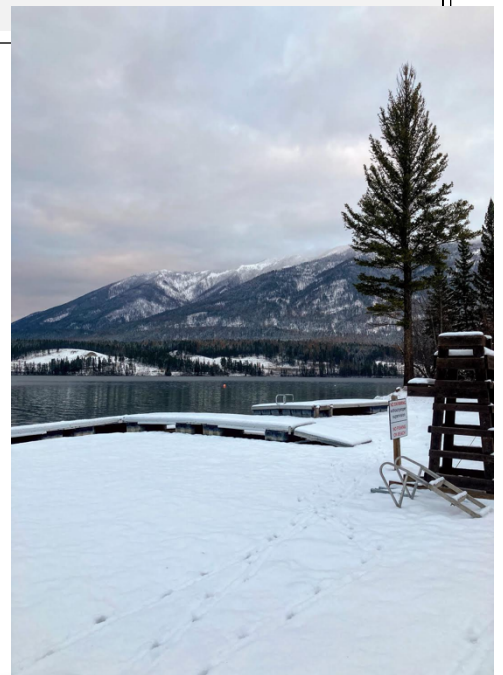
Young Adults Retreat- 7/30-8/1

Women's Retreat- 9/10-12

Men's Retreat- 9/17-19

2021 WISH LIST

- 2 Paddle board paddles
- Adult size life jackets
- New Frisbee golf baskets
- Foosball table
- Paintball equipment
- Gaga pit brackets
(<https://gagabackets.com/products/gaga-brackets-1-set-of-8>)
- Volleyball and net
- Sports balls/equipment
- New board games
- Billiard pool ball set for carpetball (new or used good condition)
- Camp work and trash truck
- A Good Chopper (Perhaps Pampered Chef)
- Bamboo (*not wooden*) long handled Stirring spoons
- Kitchen scissors (*not the ones that come apart*)
- Stainless Steel food service cart



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