



# Green Bay Bible Camp Fall 2009 Newsletter

## Executive Director's Message

-by Harold Menzel



Green Bay Bible Camp is honoured and pleased to introduce the Fred Knoedler and Eddy Kriese Memorial Fund. Both men were a vital part of Green Bay Bible Camp's ministry for many years and it was our privilege to see these men and their families enjoy summers here. Their desire was to see the ministry flourish and row. Because of that donations raised in memory of Fred and Eddy will be put toward our Sustainers Fund. This fund is designed to help with Green Bay's day to day operations, including some capital projects and camp improvements.

2009 will be remembered as a challenging year, not only for Green Bay Bible Camp but for most charitable organizations. With camps adjusting to a changing economy and most of them forced to re-prioritize their financial commitments, charitable giving has fallen by 10 -15% on average. I firmly believe that in these times the ability to give to organizations such as Green Bay Bible Camp becomes even more important. We need to move the ministry of Green Bay forward to new heights and overcome any challenges standing in the way. Nothing is more encouraging and uplifting than seeing the life of a child, adult or family changed because of spiritual, life-changing decisions made at Green Bay.

I want to thank all of you who have partnered with us this year or in the past, helping us continue our ministry. Please realize that through your gifts you have played a significant part in changing the lives of hundreds of kids and adults who have come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. I would ask that as this year draws to a close you once again - or possibly for the first time - consider giving financially to Green Bay Bible Camp's ministry, knowing that you're helping us impact many lives ... for eternity.

Thank you!



## Introducing the Fred Knoedler & Eddy Kriese Memorial Fund

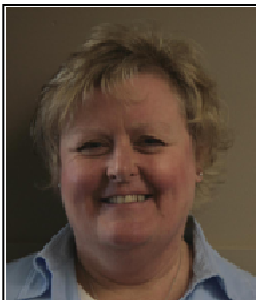
"As children we all have fond memories of being at camp. Our families held the "Green Bay Family Camp" holiday as a time to regroup as a family, spiritually and to spend time with close friends. The Knoedler and Kriese Families spent many summers together at the camp playing games (Mastermind and Rook as the favorites), teasing almost everyone at the camp and having Eddie video it for proof!

Both Fred and Eddie held the camp dear to their hearts. They knew the value the camp held for each camper that passed thru and knew that God had his hand on this ministry and used it to further His kingdom. These two men were dedicated to their wives and children and held a very close friendship together that both treasured until the time God called them home within three weeks of each other.

Collectively between the two families, we feel incredibly blessed to have these men as our fathers. They exemplified grace, kindness, love, courage and unconditional perseverance for our well being that allowed us to grow from children to adults knowing we are secure as a family. Both of their lives were claimed for Jesus and we had the privilege to be passed down a living and personal example of how to live in His grace and watch God's continual refining and nurturing of men called for his glory. We deeply miss our Dads.

Green Bay Bible Camp will carry on in our family's history as a place of refuge and rejuvenation - just as our parents, Fred & Gertie - Eddie & Lilly - did for us."

**The Knoedler Children** - Norbert, Margaret and Connie  
**The Kriese Children** - Roland, Veronica and Mark



## New Food Services Director at Green Bay!

Green Bay Bible Camp welcomes the newest member of our full-time staff, Janet Brubacher. Janet took over as the new Food Services Director on October 1, 2009, and she looks forward to meeting many of you in the upcoming 2010 camping year!

# What's Coming Up for 2010 Summer Camps!

- Jenn Raison



Happy Fall to everyone!

I hope that wherever you are, you've found some way to stay warm as the weather has turned cold in a hurry this year! Seems like just yesterday that the camp was full of life in the form of campers young and old, yet there is an excitement within me for all that is happening around camp these days. We hope that you enjoyed your time at Green Bay in the summer of '09, and that you experienced the transforming love of God in some way throughout your stay. May the memories created at camp be lasting and joyous!

Looking ahead to next summer already, there are some exciting changes! With regard to our kids camps, we have added a Squirt Camp for children entering grades 1 & 2 in fall 2010, taking place the weekend of June 26th/27th. This is an opportunity for children (and parents) to get a little bit of a feel for what going to camp overnight is. Campers will experience all that Green Bay has to offer, from tube rides to ceramics and of course sleeping in a cabin with friends and cabin leaders! We are thrilled to be able to offer camp as an option to kids who would otherwise be too young.

We have also shortened our Explorer's week of camp to accommodate the change in the school calendar this year. So we will be starting Explorer's camp on Tuesday June 29th, 2010 kicking off with a family BBQ dinner that everyone is invited to! Come and kick off summer with us as we celebrate the start of camp season. It'll be fun, I promise!

Our summer 2010 theme is "Eyes Wide Open" and comes from Ephesians 1:18 "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you." We are going to talk about what it means to follow the call that Jesus gives - to follow Him. It's a challenge to live that out here and now, today and we want to encourage campers to stand up and step out into the life that Jesus calls us to live, shining brightly for all to see. Until next time, have a wonderful Christmas season and a blessed New Year - keep warm, drink hot chocolate and sing Christmas Carols!



## Camp Fees and Taxes in BC

By Rob Perret—  
Finance Director



The new Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) is expected to take effect in BC on July 1, 2010. Currently our campers pay 5% GST on top of their camp fee. When HST is fully implemented that tax will amount to 12%. The BC government is beginning to release information on how the transition from the traditional GST/PST system to HST will work. We are closely monitoring that information to determine just how our 2010 camping season will be affected.

The most important question to be answered is whether an organization that collects money in advance for a service provided after July 1st must collect the full 12% or not. All our camps except one take place after the HST implementation date of July 1st. The best information we have now indicates that if a camper pays his entire camp fee prior to May 1st, he can "beat the HST" and will only be taxed 5%. But this requires confirmation. After May 1st there will be no way to avoid the HST on payment for services which are provided after July 1, 2010.

The 2010 camp rates we are posting now are excluding tax. By the time registration for 2010 camps begin in January we will know more and hope to be able to advise you if there is any way to "beat the HST".



## It's Registration Time Again!

You have probably noticed some big changes this year with our camps! We have listened to your requests and are excited to bring back the Squirt Camp and Day Camp this year! You can still register right from our web-site at

[greenbay.bc.ca/register](http://greenbay.bc.ca/register). Family Camp registration starts at 9:00 am on Wednesday, January 6, 2010. Kids Camp Registrations begins a week later on January 13, 2010.

You might notice that our Explorers Camp starts on Tuesday night this year. This isn't a mistake. The school calendars for the Lower Mainland and Okanagan regions of BC have school ending on June 29th this year, which pushes our camp schedule forward by a few days. In order to fit in all of our camps this year, unfortunately we have had to shorten our Explorer Camp and our Day Camp this year.

There are also some changes with our on-line registration forms and with the downloadable paper forms. Please read them carefully. We are hopeful that the change over to RegOnline as our registration processing program will take care of the problems we had last year with our first few days of registration for Family and Kids Camps.

Please contact Linnea, at [fun@greenbay.bc.ca](mailto:fun@greenbay.bc.ca) or by calling our office at 250-768-5884 if you have any questions about this year's registration.

### Some helpful Family Camp Registration hints:

- Do not login before 9:00 am on opening day. Logging in before 9:00 am will put you into a "dead queue" and you will not be able to register.
- Even though you register each family member separately, you only need to select your accommodation once for your family.
- Please enter in your e-mail address carefully. Your confirmation and receipt are e-mailed to you immediately after registration.
- Please do not fax in your registration if you have also registered on-line. This may result in a double-registration, double charges on your credit card and double processing charges to Green Bay Bible Camp. Charges resulting from cancelled registrations (credit card and processing fees) are not refunded to Green Bay by RegOnline.
- If you are uncertain whether or not your registration was processed, and you feel you must also fax in your registration, PLEASE add a note on the cover sheet saying that you may have already registered on-line so that we are sure to check the system before we enter in your registration. This is especially important on opening day. As mentioned earlier, you should be sent a confirmation/receipt e-mail if your registration went through properly and you entered in the correct e-mail address.

## Family Camp 2010 Dates!

Family 1: July 18-24

Family 2: July 25-31

Family 3: Aug 1-7

Family 4: Aug 8-14

Family 5: Aug 15-21

Family 6: Aug 22-26\*

**\*Family Camps as low as \$913.00!**

**Family Camps Registration begins Jan. 6, 2010 at 9:00am PST!**

## Kids Camp 2010 Dates!

Squirt (For Grades 1-2) - June 26-27

Day Camp (For Grades 1-6): - Jun 30-Jul 3

Explorer (For Grades 3-5): - June 29-July 3\*  
(\*Shorter camp than usual due to school calendar)

All-Star (For Grades 6-7): - July 4-10

Jr. Teen (For Grades 8-10): - July 11-17

**Kids Camps Registration begins Jan. 13, 2010 at 9:00am PST!**

**Check out website at [www.greenbay.bc.ca](http://www.greenbay.bc.ca) for our listing of camp speakers!**



## Green Bay Bible Camp

### Full-Time Staff

**Executive Director:** Harold, Menzel  
**Office Administrator:** Linnea Archondous  
**Finance Director:** Rob Perret  
**Program Director:** Jenn Raison  
**Facilities Director:** Dale Stobbe  
**Food Services Director:** Janet Brubacher