

Coming Events!

BBC Annual Meeting
January 23

Alpha Omega Retreat
January 29-31

Coed Winter Camp
February 5-7

Jr/Sr Boys Winter
February 12-14

Sr. Girls Winter Camp
February 19-21

FLIGHT Part I
March 12-16

April Workday
April 24



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Commentary ~Mr. T

January is a month for looking back and for looking ahead. Some of us like to reflect on the year that has ended and reminisce. Some prefer to look ahead at the coming year and get excited about what is to come.

Here are a few things that are new to Beacon that I am excited about this year.

You may have missed it, but we have a new couple on board to serve at BBC fulltime. Both Liz and I have known the McKelveys to be a godly family who have always had service to the Lord on their hearts. I believe that they will be a blessing to Beacon, let's give them a warm welcome!

This summer we will be running a new camp session. At Ambassador Boot Camp, campers 18 and older will spend a week intensely studying God's Word in ways that our hurried lifestyle just doesn't usually allow. I am excited as I wait to see what God does at this week of teaching and study at Beacon Bible Camp. It promises to be a week of blessing, the same way that all of our other sessions are.

Throughout this year we will also continue to work on our plan to

renovate the Lighthouse washrooms. The planning stages have begun and we are moving ahead to make the ideas and drafts more concrete and lay out a plan on timing and cost. I am always amazed at how God brings people together to help make these projects a reality. God knows the skills required and He knows people who have these skills. He is the one who puts it all in place. Looking back on 2009 we see challenges that at the time appeared as mountains, but God brought us through them and continues to do so, even though not all those challenges have been resolved. But we know that God is in control and our trust is in Him.

Only God knows what 2010 holds for us. We who understand what God can do wait expectantly to see what He will do and it is with the knowledge of who God is that we can say Happy New Year to each other with confidence. Happy New Year!

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Prayer & Praise

Please Pray for:

- ✚ 2010 winter retreats
- ✚ The McKelveys in their new camp roles
- ✚ The Annual Meeting –the evening of January 23
- ✚ The next BBC board meeting, January 23, during the day.
- ✚ The FLIGHT applications that have been sent out for this year
- ✚ Wise and discerning staff recruitment
- ✚ Someone you know in camp leadership, head cook, session director, board member, all need your prayers

Praise God for:

- ✚ Another year of ministry
- ✚ All those who served as camp staff last year
- ✚ Those who completed the FLIGHT program in 2009
- ✚ The many who came alongside to help BBC through a challenging year in 2009
- ✚ A new metal roof on Maple cabin
- ✚ A new summer camp session –Ambassador Boot Camp
- ✚ His help with the 2010 budget and His blessing from the '09 fiscal year

Shoulder to Shoulder

Zeph 3:9

The Official Beacon Bible Camp Staff Newsletter

Issue #1 2010

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Welcome McKelveys!

Happy New Year!

New Year, new decade and new members of the Beacon Bible Camp On-Site-Team (O.S.T.). BBC would like to welcome Kevin and Cari McKelvey and their family to the Beacon Bible Camp family. The McKelveys are not strangers to the BBC ministry, their oldest son, Anthony, has been through the FLIGHT program and along with his brother Sam and sister Emily, have been Beacon campers for quite a few years.

Both Cari and Kevin have helped out at camp in different areas as well. We are very excited to have them on board and look forward to serving alongside

them as we all work to bring hearts closer to the Lord Jesus. We all need to remember to bear them up in prayer as God has called them to step out in faith and trust Him to provide for their needs as they serve Him at Beacon as Site and Food Service Managers.

God's blessings to the many who expressed interest in these roles, prayed for the process, advised and encouraged. As was always the case with things at Beacon, it was with the service and prayers of many that we were and are make through the rough waters that we encounter.

What's on now?

Things at camp have gotten off to a strong start as we prepare for the January season of rentals and camp retreats.

At Camp:

At camp we are cleaning rooms, clearing snow, grooming trails and making everything ready for the season.

In the Office:

In the camp office we are updating the BBC dates on the website, sending out invitations for FLIGHT 2010. Updating manu-

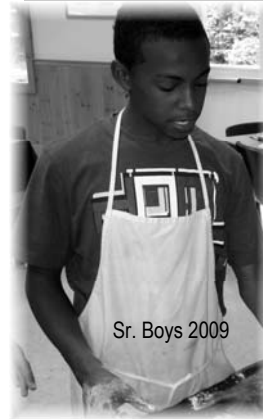
als, preparing for the annual meeting and answering email...

Off-Site

Other camp staff at present are designing the summer brochure, recruiting, planning and praying for our BBC winter camp retreats.

Annual Meeting:

The upcoming Annual Membership meeting is an event that many have added to their calendars –you should too! Call the camp office if you are planning to come. See page 8 for contact information. We would love to see you there. More information can be found inside!



Sr. Boys 2009

Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, January 23, 2010
Erindale Bible Chapel, 6:30 p.m.



Alpha 2009

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. John 13:14,15



The Brown Creeper

Things Concerning Himself

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them.

John 11:34

The question that Jesus asks in the above verse is directed at the disciples, but on another level it seems as though He is speaking to us as well. What is Jesus teaching us through this question?

I can imagine the disciples staring down at their feet. Feet that have just been washed by their Rabbi or teacher. Even Peter does not respond to the question that was asked. Leaders lead and servants serve, everyone knows that. But here is their leader, serving. Washing their feet!

The Lord Jesus then explains (which means that they did not understand) that he is teaching servant leadership. Many of us in our roles at camp will be given the opportunity to lead at some point; campers, staff, cooks there are many opportunities. How will we follow Christ's example and lead by serving? The human thing is to show people how important we are but Jesus sets a different standard for us. Are we up for it?

The first step is to agree-are we willing to lead by serving? It is important to agree.

The second step is to 'do it.' Jesus says that the blessing comes when we demonstrate what we know with our actions.

Into the Woods?

Brown Creeper

What is the smallest bird to stay the winter at Beacon? It's not the chickadee, or the nuthatch, but the brown creeper. This shy, cryptically-coloured little bird is not easily seen or heard. As its name suggests, it spends a good deal of its time creeping up the trunks of mature trees, where it checks the crevices in the bark for food -- hibernating insects, larva or eggs. Sometimes it visits a bird feeder, though usually it just picks up the tiny scraps of suet dropped onto the ground by the other birds.

It is especially vulnerable because of its small size, which creates a large core-to-body ratio, which means it has a harder time staying warm.

You would think it would just fly south, so it wouldn't have to cope with our long, cold winters. Migration, and wintering in the south, both have their own perils for small birds. So it stays, and somehow manages to eke out an existence right here in Muskoka, despite having to struggle to keep warm and fed.

The brown creeper is an illustration of how the Lord takes care of us in difficult circumstances. The circumstances don't necessarily change, but the Lord sustains us.

because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us.

Rom. 5:4,5

Doug Smith

BBC Wishlist

What follows is a list of items that camp could use that you may be willing to part with.

- ⇒ Small pool table (cues and balls too)
- ⇒ Lamps (that use regular bulbs)
- ⇒ Snow shoes
- ⇒ Musical instruments (guitars, simple percussion, etc.)
- ⇒ Various tools
- ⇒ Footballs, soccer balls, volley balls, etc.
- ⇒ Lawn mowers
- ⇒ Vacuum cleaners
- ⇒ Table Tennis racquets
- ⇒ Badminton Racquets
- ⇒ Gardening tools (rakes, shovels, etc.)

- ⇒ Board games
- ⇒ Canoe paddles
- ⇒ Kayak paddles
- ⇒ Row boat paddles
- ⇒ Binoculars
- ⇒ Magnifying glasses
- ⇒ Microscopes
- ⇒ Compasses
- ⇒ Giant chess pieces

The list could easily go on, if there is something that you have that you think camp could use that is not in the list give us a call and we can talk about it. Items should be in good repair. If you would like to give an item on the list, call us before bringing it up to camp, someone may have beaten you to it!



If you met the camper at camp always assume that each time you connect with them, you are doing so as Beacon staff and act appropriately.

Camper Contact

Never before have there been so many different ways to stay in touch with campers.

This is just a note to remind everyone that we should be wise, mature and responsible when following up with campers. Remember that what you say and do reflects on the Kingdom of God and on Beacon Bible Camp. If you met the

camper at camp always assume that each time you connect with them, you are doing so as Beacon staff and act appropriately.

If you are meeting with a camper or campers in person, let the camp office know so that we are aware of the event. Parents are invited to verify all camp invitations with us.

The Real Deal-

Real! Deal! Real! Deal! To all those who came out for the Real Deal event in November, we hope that you enjoyed the day. The Argos lost, but it was great to re-connect with other camp people and Bea-

con made some good contacts at the BBC booth.

Special thanks to Luke LaRocque who helped set-up and work the booth for the day!



Sr. Boys 2009

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BBC Summer Staff News:

Hard to believe that it is already time to think about the summer, but it is. Some of you may be thinking about serving at camp for the whole summer. Here are some things that you may want to know about Beacon's Summer Staff Program. Beacon Summer staff serve in three main areas; waterfront, maintenance and office. Often there will be some overlap in these areas but everyone will have a main area of responsibility. If you are considering serving in one of these areas please

contact the camp office in writing (mail or email) and let us know why you would like to serve on the BBC summer staff team and what you can offer. You may also indicate which area of responsibility you would like to serve in. We begin evaluating the applicants towards the end of February so please try to send your letter in before February 17th, 2010. As usual, if you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the camp office.

BBC 2010 Staff Updates:

Get involved!
Here's how:

BBC Annual Meeting:

Attend the Annual Membership meeting. It is coming up soon, Saturday, January 23, 2010. Join us for reports on God's help and deliverance from last year and hear about our plans and hopes for this coming year.

Check dates:

Plan now for the summer. The perfect time to start planning for Beacon this summer is now. If you know what session you would like to be involved in this summer find out the dates on page three.

Contact a Session Director

Page three also lists who is directing that session, contact them and ask them how the planning for their session is going, how you can help and what you can pray for.

Come to a camp Workday

Beacon Bible Camp runs 3 workdays a year where willing

volunteers come and help with some of the work at camp. The first workday this year takes place on Saturday, April 24th, 2010. Give us a call to let us know that you plan to come.

Paperwork!

Most camp people have a natural aversion to paperwork, but if you are planning to serve as camp staff here is another reminder to send in your Staff Reference Form, signed Doctrinal Statement and (if necessary for this year) your criminal record check. It is more paperwork but once it is done, it is done.

Be a Beacon Ambassador!

Everyone knows someone who needs to experience Beacon. Spread the word. If you would like us to send you some brochures to display at your church, chapel or assembly just let us know and we will get them to you.

Staff Needs 2010

*"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."
"Therefore go and make disciples."*

Matt 9:37,38 28:19

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| Omega | Se 3-6 | □□□□□ | □□□ | | □□ | □ | □ |
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| Father/Son | Oct 22-24 | □□□□□ | □□ | □□□□ | □□□ | □□□ | □ |

Who to Call

Want to offer your help?



Need more information?

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| Jr. Girls | Sarah Dennison | 416.745.3376 | sdennison87@hotmail.com |
| | Priscilla Sreedharan | 905.858.5957 | s_prilly@hotmail.com |
| Jr. Boys | Rowan Fraser | 519.944.6595 | rowan_fraser@yahoo.ca |
| | Danny Olthof | 289.231.6394 | timon_beaconbiblecamp@hotmail.com |
| | Mike Miller | 905.683.3271 | mills@hotmail.com |
| Oasis | Willy & Jane DeJong | 519.233.5205 | wgdejong@tcc.on.ca |
| | Scott & Nancy Martin | 519.263.5767 | actsmart@tcc.on.ca |
| Sr. Girls | Heather House | 519.836.0916 | heatherhouse@gmail.com |
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FLIGHT 2010

The Beacon Bible Camp FLIGHT Program is a cabin leader training program that we have for those in their late teens (16-18), who want to serve at Beacon Bible Camp as staff. The program is made up of a session in March (the first half of the March break) a session in the summer and then a session as a Jr. Cabin leader in the summer of 2011.

The applications for the program have recently been sent

out. If you know of someone who may be interested in the program, let us know and we will get in touch with them. The cost for the program is \$220.00 and is excellent training for those who wish to serve as camp staff or in children's ministry outside of camp with Sunday School or Bible Clubs. See page 8 for camp office contact information.

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Seen at Camp:

*A tower of yogurt containers (quite tall)
Cardboard box headed people...
Popeye in a kilt
Moose tracks at the beach
Unga Bunga!!
A US Army Medic
Northern Lights
Fireflies
Gophers
Many other animals,
all named after various fruits...
A ransacked dining room*

Heard at Camp:

*An echo from the past:
You guys would marry a cow...
Is it a Mink?
This is my home away from home...
Where's the air horn?
Are we next for tuck?
Yaaaaay Messy Games!
What? No French River?
I shoddied that!
Serve, sides and ways!
But we don't know anymore rainy
day activities!*

Letters from Camp:

*Dear Freddy,
How is your camp? Don't
forget to write. Even if
you have nothing to say
like me.*

Your Pal, Donald

*More Letters from Camp, Edited by Bill
Adles. The New American Library.
1966.*



Kevin & Cari McKelvey
BBC Site & Food Service Managers

The Paperwork Challenge-

The 2010 Challenge!

Everyone loves a challenge. This is a Beacon Bible Camp staff challenge that we can all work on together. Let's make this the best year for staff completing all the forms that are needed to serve at BBC. Some of us are excellent at completing that paperwork and sending it in to the camp office and we thank-you for the special effort that you put into that!

This year, let's all make a point of getting that paperwork in to the camp office so that we can do our due diligence towards our goal of keeping our campers safe for 2010. There are three main documents that camp staff need to

complete before they serve at camp.

1. They need to complete a staff reference form. Part of this form needs to be completed by a leader at their church, chapel or assembly.
2. Everyone also needs to sign the BBC Doctrinal Statement.
3. At least every three years all staff need to perform a criminal record check as well.

The first two forms are available from the camp website. Call the camp office if you need help getting the Criminal Record done.

Let's do this!!



Coed 2009

It is tempting to let a few rules slide in order to be nice, but this will only increase your problems.

Cabin Leading 101

The following excerpt is taken from the BBC FLIGHT Manual. It highlights some of the responsibilities of a cabin leader.

Be a leader. You may feel inadequate for the job, but your campers—and the camp staff—will expect you to behave like a leader. If you are afraid of thunderstorms (and it seems as if there's at least one heart-stopping, ear-shattering storm every week of camp), your campers will be afraid too. Your fears, happiness, or enthusiasm are infectious. Keep a positive outlook. You set an example as well in your attitude toward the camp rules. If you don't obey and enforce them, you can't expect obedience from your campers. It is tempting to let a few rules

slide in order to be nice, but this will only increase your problems. Perhaps the most important influence you wield is your approach to spiritual things. Some campers will regard you as the ideal Christian, while others will be watching to see if Christ is a reality in your life. Cabin devotions provide an excellent opportunity to meet your camper's spiritual needs and develop their interest in the Word of God. However, if your attitude is, "Well, kids, we have to have devotions before Lights Out, so let's get them over," they will probably regard Bible study and prayer as uninteresting and worthless.



Agape 2009