

Camp Wegesegum

“What’s Left?” is a question that we, as senior campers, leaders, and Board members, ponder often and prayerfully. Camp Wegesegum is celebrating its 40th anniversary as an incorporated body in 2012 and looks forward to its 90th anniversary of Christian camping in 2013. There is always something left - more to accomplish, improvements to be made, and lives to be touched. Throughout our history we have had dedicated alumni who give more and more of themselves, their finances, their faith, and still have lots left to do more, encourage more and guide more.

The camp continues to operate on a primarily rental basis but we are able to offer four Board-affiliated camps annually. 2011 saw a Leadership training event in June, reminiscent of the past, with quality leadership from two Maritime Provinces. A Junior Co-ed camp was ably directed by Jennifer Niles with Anne Scott as Bible Study Leader using the curriculum “Got Spirit?” Day Camp was by far the most successful program when we considered community participation, more than 1,502 volunteer hours, specialized programming (a sculptor) and the number of registrants. Adult Camp for those 50+ serves our senior campers and is a program we hope will grow exponentially as our population matures.

2011 was an exciting year for us. Board members had a virtual accreditation visit and we were awarded full accreditation by the Duty of Care and Incorporated Ministries Office of the United Church of Canada. We also began the study of Faith Formation at Camp. Time at each Board meeting allows us to become better informed on the document and determine if we are, in fact, encouraging campers to grow in faith.

Board members are thankful for the staff of Maritime Conference (co-ordination, co-operation and support), Saint John Presbytery (our Pastoral Oversight Supervisor), the 500 campers that blessed us in 2011 (and hopefully were blessed in return), the Spirit which allows us to continue, the Father who created one of the most beautiful places on earth, and the Son who showed us how to live and be. May all our efforts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord. What’s left - is our determination for future generations to experience all that’s good in United Church camps.