



Winter 2012

The Lamp-post

“This is called the Great Snow Dance and it is done every year in Narnia on the first moonlit night when there is snow on the ground. On fine nights when the cold and the drum-taps, and the hooting of the owls, and the moonlight, have got into their wild, woodland blood and made it even wilder, they will dance till daybreak. I wish you could see it for yourselves.” – The Silver Chair

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday from the folks at Camp Narnia!



Dear Campers,

It is lonely here at Camp Narnia without you! I have heard news that King Caspian has set sail westward back to Cair Paravel and we are all awaiting his arrival and his tales of slave traders, Dufflepuds and enchantments. On starlit nights I hear the echo of music on the Dancing Lawn, the sizzle of bacon in Homesteading and the laughter of campers out on an adventure. I can't wait to see our yellow flag waving in the summer breeze, to watch you gather around the Tree of Knowledge and see you join in the story of The Horse and His Boy. Until then, remember to always do your best and to enjoy every step!

Trumpkin
Lord Regent of Cair Paravel

Camp Narnia 2012



What an amazingly successful second season we had! It was wonderful to see so many campers return for more adventures in the land of Narnia and also to meet many new campers. Our Camp Narnia community is growing and is full of creative, enthusiastic, caring, quirky, and imaginative kids! You all came to Camp and helped to forge the magic, the connections and the true qualities at the core of our Narnian world. Thank you to the parents and grandparents and guardians who put your children in our care. And a big thank-you to all our hard working staff whose dedication and loyalty is so appreciated! Looking forward to seeing both campers and staff back again for Camp Narnia 2013!



Culinary Adventures in Homesteading

Already this year we started seeing those knowing nods and wise eyes when some of our returning campers went Homesteading. There were many one-match fires, crackling ce-dar, crispy potatoes and garlic bread (not to mention the ingenious goggles worn to escape the smoke!) but there's always room to grow when it comes to inventive recipes. Over the years we've seen some pretty spectacular feasts, not the least of which were:

Mashed Potatoes (they snuck in their own salt!)

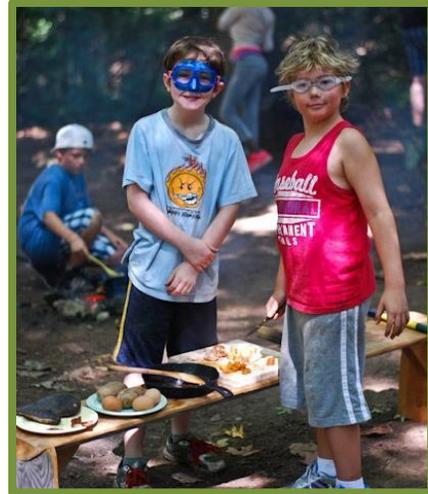
Bacon and carrot stew in a bread bowl

Potato pancakes with fresh parsley and rosemary

Eggs Benedict with bacon

Crispy Onion Rings

Bruschetta with tomato and bacon



What will you invent this coming summer??? We're hoping to rent a mobile bread oven to get back even more to our Narnian roots - the possibilities are endless! And for those of you who were part of the week-end potato and lemon mission... who knows what we might find in the forest this summer?



THE AMAZING THRONE DESIGNED, BUILT, AND PAINTED BY OUR TEENS THIS SUMMER. WHAT A SUPER JOB!

EPIC PLANS FOR TEENLAND

Campers from the past two summers will have inevitably heard me going on about how our Teens once had their very own land on our Shawnigan Lake property. Exaggerations? Nope! It's ALL TRUE and with camp only a short 9 months away, I have some pretty exciting plans for a new Teenland at our Camp. With a growing number of campers in teen camp, it's time we started building a home that suits us.

The beauty of Teenland is that it is a place built by the teens. This isn't only because I can't tell one end of a hammer from the other, but also because it just means so much more if you get to build it yourself. I'm excited to announce that I've been given the go-ahead by Agnes and that we're going to start turning the 2nd 'Wabin' Circle into Teenland in 2013. We should probably start with somewhere to cook, somewhere to store our own firewood, and possibly a short-cut path through to the main 'wabin' circle. Either way there's LOTS to do and we can't wait to see our Teenland start growing again!

Joel - Teen Program Director

Too old for Treenland? Still want to come to Narnia? Come be an LIP!

Camp Narnia's Leaders in Progress (LIP) program is for 16-17 year olds who want to have tons of fun, and are ready to take on some responsibility. If you want to build leadership skills or work with children it's a fantastic opportunity to learn and grow. As an LIP you will help with plays, campfires, games, running activities, serving meals, and everything in-between. This year's expanded leadership program includes more opportunities for LIP's to take initiative, develop key personal skills and reflect on what makes them great. You're guaranteed to have a great time! Time spent as an LIP can also go towards volunteer credits for school. No previous Narnian experience required! FEES: \$250/week. LIPs can sign up for one or both weeks. E-mail us at campnarnia@gmail.com for more information.



Last summer's amazing LIPs



Campership Donations



Camp Narnia is a summer camp built around an inclusive community. Every summer we like to offer campership funding for families that could use our support to give their child or children the opportunity to Camp.

Please help us continue to offer this funding and consider donating to our Campership fund. A link to the donation page can be found on our website. We thank you for your generosity!



Spotlight on our Staff

Gillian

I first went to Camp Narnia when I was seven years old, on the Shawnigan Lake property. Apart from one very unfortunate illness that kept me away one year, I returned to the magical land of Narnia every summer until I was eleven. It's a bit tricky to describe what exactly makes Camp so memorable. There's a big, thick mash of memories all stewing around in my brain of Scottish oatmeal, forest sharks, kidney beans, fresh baked bread, and low burning campfires (to name a few).

So when I found out that Camp was re-opening it was a momentous day! It was time to go back to homesteading, crepes on a shovel, costumes, and running around in the forest. When I arrived back at Camp I had grown out of my camper gumboots, skipped over giant-ous Teenland, and found myself plopped in the middle of LIP-dom. But being an LIP has been a great experience! It's one thing to experience the magic of Narnia as a camper, but it's another experience to make some of that magic. Working behind the Camp scenes has greatly improved my stealth and camouflage skills, and working with the campers is a blast. Apart from running around Camp dressed as a faun I like to play piano, scrapbook, sail, read, and especially cook and bake.



Sam

GOOD MORNING CAMP NARNIA! (insert reply) Campers new and old, just a little note to let all of you know that I will be back this year as Program Director Extraordinaire! I am very excited! Camp Narnia has been a rock in my life: a place to remind me what is important, and about the things that I love. I have learned an enormous amount at camp, and there I have met the most kind, social and imaginative people ever.

I have been involved with Camp Narnia since I was 9 years old, and as I am going on 29, that would be 20 years of camp under my belt as a camper, Leader in Progress, Counsellor, Program staff, and Program Coordinator. I am very excited to be taking on the role of Camp Director this coming summer and one thing is for sure, all my love and hard work will go into my time at camp. I cannot wait to see all the campers again (especially all those who have been in my cabin the past few years, you know who you are)! See all of you soon! Keep the magic alive!



Summer 2013

Join us this summer to discover the story of The Horse and His Boy.
To Narnia and the North!

August 4th-10th and 11th-17th

Register before April 15th and take advantage of our Early Bird discount!



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