

THE LAMP-POST

CAMP NARNIA NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2016

Vintage Narnia

(from days gone by)



Fjords of Narnia



Cup Stacking



Bread-on-a-Stick



Folk Dancing

Happy 30th Birthday, Camp Narnia! 1986 - 2016



Camp Narnia on Salt Spring Island in 1986.

It's been thirty years since Camp Narnia welcomed its very first campers, back on our original property on Salt Spring Island. Three decades of programs filled with imagination and adventure and joy and wonder and magic... Here's to many more yet to come!

We could never have done it without all of you – campers and parents and grandparents and guardians and LIPs and staff – you help make the magic, every one of you!

Thank you all so much, and we wish you:

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!





Camp Narnia's Founders: Carol Toal and Anton Voorhoeve

When Carol Toal and Anton Voorhoeve started Camp Narnia in 1986, their goal was to create a community that would foster self-discover, creativity, honesty, and cooperation, and offer a place for children to be themselves.

Along with fellow staff member Ray Turner, Carol and Toon (as he was known) developed programs that encouraged curiosity and gave children the opportunity to play and interact with the world around them. These programs - homesteading, archery, crafts, the evening Play, and our forest adventures - still form the backbone of Narnia today.

Without all of Carol and Toon's years of hard work and commitment to building a community that welcomed so many, Camp Narnia would not exist today. We take our hats off to both of you, and raise a glass. A thousand thanks!

"We hope to offer children a chance to start thinking for themselves, to see that maybe there is more to the world, that maybe life is a miracle. And we give them the opportunity to explore it for themselves."

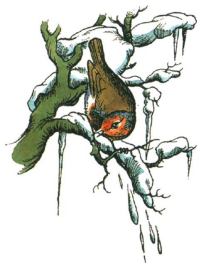




A NARNIAN RECIPE

The **World's Greatest Granola** – perfect for your Mountain Jumble in the morning!

4 CUPS oats
 1/4 CUP whole wheat flour
 1/2 CUP coconut
 1/3 CUP brown sugar
 1/2 TSP salt
 1/2 CUP oil
 1/2 TSP vanilla
 1/2 CUP honey



Combine dry ingredients in a large bowl. Whisk together oil, vanilla, and honey in a separate bowl. Add to dry and mix well. Spread out on a baking pan, and bake at 325° for approximately 20 minutes. Stir often to prevent burning!

POET'S CORNER

Festival Poems

(all poems written by campers at our Festival each week)

Rain falls in a sheet
 Drenching joy, dousing our flames
 But bringing new life

Brought about by a lion's breath
 The realm hangs on the brink
 When Jadis threatens it with death
 The swords and the shields do clink.

The darkest dawn
 The pale moon rears it head
 Bathing us in its glow

La pluie tombe comme
 Les feuilles en Aout

"A West Coast Carol"

(sung to the tune of "Here We Come A-Wassailing")

Here we come a-beachcombing
 Along the rolling seas,
 And here we come a-bushwacking
 Among the ferns and trees.

West Coast days come to you
 And to you your foggy brew,
 And God bless you and send you
 A skookum New Year,
 And God send you a skookum New Year.

So sally forth with boot and pack
 And blisters one-two-three,
 And westward ho with sail and oar,
 To ply the Salish Sea.

West Coast days come to you,
 And to you your foggy brew,
 And God bless you and send you
 A skookum New Year,
 And God send you a skookum New Year.

- Agnes Bartle

LIPS AND THEIR WAYS

Camp Narnia's Leader in Progress (LIP) program is for 16-17 year olds who are looking for a chance to work with children and build their leadership skills. LIPs help with running our games, activities, campfires, meals, and everything in-between. Camp wouldn't be the same without them!

Applications for the 2017 LIP program will open March 1st and close on May 1st. LIPs can indicate whether they wish to come for one or two weeks, and applicants will receive confirmation from the LIP coordinator in early June, once all the applications have been reviewed. Keep an eye on the camp website for more details!

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Caney Caney! Caney Mi Macaro!

Each year, I am continuously blown away by the creativity, humour, and individuality of our campers. It was amazing to see so many new and returning faces in 2016, and I hope to see you all again next year – no moment at Camp is quite like the next, making every summer season feel fresh and brand new (even after thirty years)!

What's awaiting in the summer of 2017? Twists on what you've seen before, brand new activities, familiar faces... we'll do it all and so much more. I can't wait to see you there!



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COMING NEXT SUMMER...

When the Pevensie children are called back to Narnia, can they help bring magic back to the land? Find out in:

Prince Caspian

The Return to Narnia



Once again, Camp Narnia will be open for three weeks this summer: Sessions are:

AUGUST 6th - 12th
AUGUST 13th - 19th
AUGUST 20th - 26th

Register before April 15th and take advantage of our **Early Bird Discount!** Sibling discounts are also available.

Registration opens January 1st.

Hope to see you this summer!