

SHELDON CALVARY CAMP

Sheldon Calvary Camp marks its 79th year with deep gratitude for all that is and great hope for what lies ahead. Through generous participation by many, we have exceeded the goal of three million dollars for our current capital campaign, and we continue to receive gifts. We are grateful for support from the diocesan Board of Trustees in these efforts. Plans are taking shape for the new dining hall, which will serve our summer camping programs well and provide a year-round space for people to gather overlooking Lake Erie. The beach project has been completed, providing an expanded sand beach, which was well used this summer for walking, swimming, and boating,

In 2015, the camp served nearly 1,000 children in our summer programs: Coed Camp; Ready, Set, Camp; and Day Camp. One in five campers received some financial assistance. Family Camp and Labor Day camp were filled this year. Extended season work, including a camp experience for adults with disabilities, school groups, and a youth leadership program, continues to reach the local community far beyond the summer camping months.

Sixty-one dedicated young adults served as members of the summer staff, developing their own sense of vocation as they engaged enthusiastically with campers. Their boundless energy was felt from the beginning of staff training in late May through the end of Family Camp in August. Leadership comes from Tim Green, Executive Director, supported by year-round Assistant Director P.J. Williamson and Program Director Samantha Borkovic, as well as Susan Roth, Staff Development Director, and the Rev. Leslie Reimer, Director of Spiritual Life. Alyse Viggiano, a seminarian from the diocese, served an internship as summer chaplain.

We recognize the commitment of the Calvary Camp Board in a year where there was significant business to accomplish: Eric Linn, President; Lynne Curtis, Vice President; David Sharbaugh, Treasurer; Rebecca Randall, Secretary; the Rev. Canon Cathy Brall, Amy Bojarski, Gregory Green, Laura Jones, Lawrence Knapp, the Rev. Kris McInnes, the Rev. Jeff Murph, Trudy O’Nan, Joseph Ryan, James Strong, Doug Strott, the Rev. Gary Taylor, and the Rev. Charles Weiss, members; and Kenneth Argentieri, chancellor.

Bishop McConnell visited us on the very first day of staff training, offering his particular gift of communicating with young adults to set the foundation for our summer of ministry.

The camp continues its original vision as a Christian community where faith is integrated into every aspect of life. That life is centered in the Bishop Thomas Chapel, a holy space overlooking the lake, filled with joyful song and the voices of young people leading Compline, sharing the Eucharist, speaking from the depths of their own experience, and sharing the light of Christ in candlelight at the end of each session.

As a ministry of the diocese, we appreciate your support of Sheldon Calvary Camp and look forward to sharing the unfolding news of our future with you. You are welcome to visit us in person next summer – or any time at www.calvarycamp.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Green
Executive Director