

SHELDON CALVARY CAMP

Imagine a glorious sunset over Lake Erie and young people with their eyes turned toward the wonder of creation. Imagine campers at the camp farm, collecting eggs from the chickens, picking and tasting strawberries and blueberries. Imagine freshly harvested beans, lettuce, kale, carrots, and potatoes passed around the dinner table. Imagine words of encouragement shared with a friend learning to play a new game. Imagine the raucous cheering in a dining hall filled to capacity. Imagine a quiet conversation between a camper and a counselor walking back from the beach. Imagine the voices of young people singing together in the chapel at the end of the day. Imagine families and lifelong friends together around a campfire. Imagine the faithfulness of Fr. Charles Martin, at camp for his 75th consecutive summer. These are some of the moments experienced by people who spent time at Sheldon Calvary Camp in our seventy-eighth year.

In 2014, the camp served over 1,000 children in our summer programs: Coed Camp; Ready, Set, Camp; and Day Camp. One in five campers receives some financial assistance. Family Camp and Labor Day camp brought another 350 people to Calvary Camp this year. Extended season programs continue to serve the local community into September and beyond.

Sixty-five gifted young adults served selflessly as members of the summer staff, developing their own sense of vocation as they engaged deeply with campers. Leadership comes from Tim Green, Executive Director, supported by year-round Assistant Directors P.J. Williamson and Samantha Borkovic, as well as Susan Roth, Staff Development Director, and the Rev. Leslie Reimer, Director of Spiritual Life.

We are grateful for the tireless work of the Calvary Camp Board: Sue Carenbauer, President, the Rev. Charles Weiss, Mr. David Sharbaugh, Mrs. Rebecca Randall, Mr. Doug Strott, Mr. Lawrence Knapp, Mrs. Amy Bojarski, the Rev. Gary Taylor, Dr. Lynne Curtis, Ms. Normandie Fulson, Mr. Gregory Green, Mr. Eric Linn, the Rev. Jeffrey Murph, Mrs. Trudy O'Nan, the Rev. William Pugliese, Mr. James Strong, and our chancellor, Mr. Kenneth Argentieri.

Bishop McConnell's presence was a particular gift to our community this summer. He visited us to commission the staff, and again to preach at a chapel service during Coed Camp.

A Capital Campaign is underway to provide for physical improvements – a dining hall large enough to accommodate our camp family, an improved sand beach and access to the lake, an amphitheater overlooking the water, a year-round office, housing to accommodate both summer staff and year-round meetings and retreats, and an endowment to continue camp scholarships and to enable good stewardship of the facilities we build. The results so far are encouraging. We are especially thankful for a significant gift from the Board of Trustees of the Diocese. Watch for more information about how you can help.

As a ministry of the Diocese, we invite everyone to look with us toward a future beyond our imagining. Visit us in person next summer – or on-line anytime at www.calvarycamp.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Green
Executive Director