



Out There is the wilderness adventure program of Camp IAWAH. We seek to challenge campers body, mind, and spirit to become more like Jesus. We do this through wilderness canoe trips with highly trained staff who are in relationship with God.

## Character Development

Spring 2009

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**Character** Development was the opening article I started the Summer OT prayer letter with. I continue to think this is key mission for us. Our motto of embracing the challenge is really a deep challenge that we can apply every day when we feel discouraged and a tangible task lies before us which we seem to be indifferent about. If we embrace the challenge we are off the couch!

In this season Lent, and Easter, Jesus was our complete model on this. He entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday knowing full well the cheering crowds were going to turn on him into jeering crowds. The crowds cheering "crown him" were going to switch their chorus to "crucify him!" He continued regardless. He methodically went through the week, continuing to teach his disciples and be there for them.

Then the finally. The plan was in



place, Jesus' departure was chorographed around the Pass-over. He celebrated the Pass-over with his people but just as the death angel went over Egypt before God's people escaped slavery, the death angel as circling to strike again, and again God's people would enter another

level of freedom from slavery. Jesus was the paschal lamb to be scraficed to keep the family safe. Jesus embraced the challenge before him, and faced his accusers, and died.... But as a preacher once said, "It's Friday, **BUT SUNDAY'S COMING!**"

## Summer Menu



**The** life of the humble sandwich. Subway has made a fortune on the humble sandwich, a bun, meat, cheese, salad and sauce for \$6. In looking at our summer menu, our oatmeal staple remains, with one granola breakfast or optional apple crisp. We are looking at adding instant hummus to the lunch routine and bringing back jam.

We had jam in the past, but with the kitchen staff changes, and the packaged jam, we opted out due to the increased waste. Suppers are shifting a bit with hotdogs the first night and sourcing the instant Pesto we have used in the past, and then our classic home made pizza, and classic Mac and Cheese. At our staff gathering in March we also stated that

any menu can be altered with advanced notice as the CBs pack for August during their placement. We started a new menu packing program last summer with spreadsheets printed out for each trip giving actual quantities so the CBs could pack. Special thanks to Robin who facilitated that while I was out with the ILTs.



## PHOTOGRAPHY SCHOOL

It has been said that a picture is worth a 1000 words. I would like to argue in the present era some pictures are not worth the paper they are printed on. If we look to the past when the pictures were created from film and paper, one had to take great care with each image. With that care, I think pushed people, or tried harder to get the image they were looking for. If "Embrace the Challenge" is our motto, how can we strive for the better image?!

I am in the process of developing an on-line photography course for you. Any input is welcome.

*Foxes have holes, and  
birds have nests, but  
the Out There people  
have no where to hang  
their gear....  
Spring 2009 we hope  
to remedy that!*

## Evangeli-Telling...

I got one of those random emails that one does when they have a website out there with their email on it. It was a Master student doing his thesis on outdoor and experiential learning and was very curious about our program from a Christian perspective. He had a number of questions, and he happened to be in Kingston for another course and we agreed to meet for coffee. We talked for over 2 hours. I was able to share the story of Out There... He had a number of very specific questions. He is probably the first person I have met who actually

read through the entire Unofficial Out There website and was curious that we had "Old Testament Survey" as part of our leadership training program. I shared with him that we shared the story of Jesus and to understand Jesus we needed to know the Jewish story and how Jesus was a fulfillment of it. Also we can't really understand the New Testament without knowing the old. He was also curious about our relation to creation. He had questions about the church and the environment. It was a great conversation and it was a privilege to talk about my staff and how they have come up through

the system and have experience and a passion for kids and to see them learn. How we simply share the story of Jesus.

He asked an interesting question, "Why do we take kids on wilderness canoe trips?" My response was "Fun." He was shocked that it was such a simple answer. It is deeper than that, but we do not take kids into the wilderness to manufacture a spiritual experience. We take kids on trips for fun, and hope that God speaks through his creation to call kids to himself.

## River Rescue—May 2-3

**River** Rescue will be a weekend of great fun! We will meet in Kingston on Friday night and then head to John Girardi's on the Moira River. This year, ORCKA dropped River Rescue from the program so this is not a certification course, but a tutorial or practice session. We will be running it the same way that we ran the past RR courses with river crossings, rope work,

and wrapping canoes in the river. This is not a practice course of what to do on trip, but a practice course of what to do if something goes wrong on trip! ;) It is one thing to watch a Z-drag, but it is a totally different game in the dynamic environment of the river. iPod did this course for certification last year. If you can beg borrow or steal a wetsuit, that would be a very wise move. I have some

here.

**The cost for this course is \$150.** This course can be done through the Camp Course Assistance program. Check the website for more info on that.

*This course will be at John Girardi's on the Moira River*

## T-shirts



I don't know what it is about the t-shirt, but there is something. When people enter a race, they get a 'free' t-shirt for participating... sponsors of course, and entry fees cover these costs, but people wear them with pride. And by so doing, continue to promote the event they participated in. This winter we sent out Out There t-shirts to last years campers. I have been wearing my with pride. This summer we are going to have Out There t-shirts

again similarly to what we did about 3 or 4 years ago with the gold/orange shirts. Staff can personally had t-shirts to their campers.

We have an opportunity to design these t-shirts in conjunction with Lindsey. If you feel motivated to sketch something out, send it in. Our theme is "Embrace the Challenge" and we would like to demo that in the shirt as well as promote a sense of community.

## 50 Days of Pre-Camp

**Scripture** is full of numbers and time references... to the point that there is a phrase attached to its study, 'numerology'. 40 days is a time of trial, and 50 is a time of testing or preparation I think.

May 9th is 50 days before the 2009 Coureurs des Bois arrive at camp and Dayna and I whisk them off on their Madawaska overnight.

This year as staff we will have gotten together a number of times to prepare for the summer with our hard skills, which

is team building which is our soft skills. But for our spiritual skills, I would like to take on, for lack of better term, a 50 Day Spiritual Adventure (DSA). It is like our staff Pentecost. A 50 day wait on God in preparation for our mission. If I do my math correctly Pentecost is June 1, 50 days after Easter. It was a time of preparation where Jesus continued to teach his disciples, but gave them down time to figure out what he was talking about.

Our 50 DSA is a relatively new idea and details need to be worked out, but I will post it all

on the Unofficial website in the staff zone. I know we have massive amounts of daily tasks, but part of our liturgy in my church, which is build upon scriptures is

**"Glory to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine."**

I think if we claim this promise God will help us and we can not only do our daily tasks but take on and embrace this adventure.

I would also like to set our sight on memorizing a passage of scripture together.

### ORCKA

Another random email today from an ORCKA Board Member asking me if I would help in some camp and ORCKA stuff. She was reading my on-line article <http://www.wildernesstripping.ca/standards.html>

which was written back in 2002 at the start of our Out There program. We have sought to be leaders in the field, and in our pursuit, are.

## Red Cross Wilderness First-Aid – May 22-24

**It** might seem old hat to you, but again, 90% or more of accidents are preventable, and training makes us more aware. May 22-24 we have a Wilderness First Aid course going. This is an in-house course, but there might be some others from the 'outside' joining us for this training.

This Red Cross program is a about 50% teaching and 50% practice. Friday night is a preamble, and Saturday night, 9-11 we will have a 2 hour scenario where the course will be divided with half being the victims and the other half being rescuers. With the final scenario on Sunday afternoon, roles will switch with the eve-

ning rescuers being the victims. This course is both informative and fun.

**Cost for this course is \$145 meals and gear included.**

*This course will be at John Girardi's on the Moira River*

*Go into all the world and share the gospel, in Jerusalem, Judea and the uttermost parts of the earth....  
And may the wind be to your back and your friends at your side.*



Wilderness Adventure Program

**Out There**

Information and Dessert Night  
Bay Park Baptist  
775 Progress Ave  
Thursday, April 23rd, 2009.  
7:00

There will be a slide show and video highlighting our program. We will have staff on hand to answer any questions. This is a great opportunity for former campers to come out and those who are curious.

For more information,  
And to RSVP  
Camp IAWAH 273-5621  
[info@iawah.com](mailto:info@iawah.com) or [outthere@iawah.com](mailto:outthere@iawah.com)

## Dessert and Information Night

**How** will people hear the story unless we tell them. I think we have a great program and have something to offer both the Christian community and the culture a large. Thursday, April 23, we will be running our first pilot dessert night. It is an informational session to tell people about our program and invite people to join. Some staff will be on hand to answer questions and we hope to see some

campers out as well.

In Kingston, the Limestone District Board of Education has an outdoor program, that the CBS met this summer at the put in on the Missinabi. LDBE does numerous promotional presentations and offers academic credit. We as IAWAH's adventure program need to get out there and tell our story too! We have a great program.

## Staff Sponsorship...

As we seek excellence in our program, we see training as one of the steps in the process to excellence. If there is a circle, it would be training, mentorship, and practice. To get there costs money. We have put some systems in place to help you in your mission at camp through staff sponsorship, and through the Marc McCormick fund. I would encourage you to read Marc's story on the IAWAH site. On training we have the Camp Course Scholarship program where camp pays for half you course this year, and reimburses you if you come back for a second year.



**CAMP IAWAH Staff Sponsorship Fund (CISS)**

**"Financially assisting IAWAH staff so that they can serve freely"**

The Camp IAWAH Staff Sponsorship Fund exists to financially assist staff in being able to serve at IAWAH. Camp IAWAH relies heavily on volunteers and the CISS fund is one avenue to support staff who give sacrificially of their time and resources. Although the fund is not limited to students, it does allow young adults in university or college with significant tuition costs to consider IAWAH as a place of seasonal employment.

**HOW DOES THE FUND WORK? - REGULATIONS:**

1. Accepted Staff Members are encouraged to raise support from their friends, local church and business community. This is often done by sending out a letter but can also be more effective by visiting individuals or by group presentation. (IAWAH will assist with a sample letter if requested.)

*There are many funding opportunities out there for staff. When you are working, would you consider setting aside a portion aside for Camp IAWAH donations?*

## Marc McCormick Fund...

### Marc McCormick Staff Sponsorship Application Form



This form must accompany (or follow) an IAWAH Staff Application Form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have applied to Camp IAWAH for the position: \_\_\_\_\_

Post-Secondary Education (or proposed course of study): \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following:

What roles and responsibilities have you previously held at Camp IAWAH (if any)? \_\_\_\_\_

## Course Assistance Program...

### School

As you may or may not know, I have been back at school this year. I have been studying Energy Systems at St. Lawrence College which has made for a very full life. School is finished very soon, and I will have more time to be thinking about Out There.

### Camp Course Assistance Program



Camp IAWAH believes in investing in the future of their staff as we believe that Camp is actually made up of people. Camp also seeks excellence: "We do this as unto the Lord and to His glory." One of the ways in which Camp can fulfill this is to help staff with training opportunities. Camp also thrives on the longevity of staff.

To help fulfill these goals, investing in staff, pursuit of excellence and longevity of staff, Camp will, (after acceptance as a staff member, and upon approval of leadership), reimburse staff for half the cost of a course, and the second half the following year of camp staff. For example: If someone is approved to take their NLS, Camp would reimburse the staff half the value of the course upon submission of receipt (copy or original), and the following summer, reimburse for the remaining amount.