



Psalms 119:105  
 “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path”

One of my favourite times at camp is the first night. Chapel and snack are over and the parade to the bathroom begins. Down the pathways like shooting stars the campers scamper with flashlights in hand, giggling and squealing all the way. To every cabin there are signs and a main trail that can easily be found when you follow the light. Over time, many shortcuts have been formed that don't always lead to the right destination. Eventually, everyone is ready for bed and has found their way to the cabin. Without suprise, I have found that this bedtime process is much more successful when the cabin leader walks with the campers and helps them to follow the lit up path. For many kids, life is a lot like that first journey in the dark. Which path should I take? I have so many choices? Will someone walk with me that knows the way? Camp is an amazing place of adventure and experience. This past year we had many kids take **steps of faith** towards the light. We praise God for the opportunity to walk beside them as they discover what it means to be like Christ.

One of the new and exciting skills that we introduced in 08 was Kiting. Now that may not seem to be anything new to you, but these are not your ordinary kites. From 1-6 meters in size, they are capable of lifting you off of the ground on a windy day. It's a great activity for our ever expanding beach. Another activity that was introduced last year was carving. Paul Neilson (Camp Grampa) and my dad, Reuben Andres spent many hours teaching the fine art of carving and wood burning. It's safe to say, the Grampa's had as much fun as the Kids.



I don't know if you have noticed the language that sells program these days.

Everything needs to be extreme or ultimate to be sick (that means great is kids lingo). As leaders, we really felt that God was calling us to be more purpose driven with our program. Our support staff took up the challenge and designed evening games that were creative, **interactive with spiritual impact**, with big action verses and a focus on bible memorization throughout the day. I loved to hear cabins in the dinner line up saying their verses for cabin points. Each day was an immersion in God's Word.

This year we have been so blessed. God provided the funds through many faithful people to pay off our entire operating debt almost \$80,000 with money in the bank to start 09. Only 1/3 of the total land purchase loan remains and a small tractor loan. This summer we look forward to the construction of a new shop and 2 new cabins. The demolition of the old shop will be a special event as this building has sentimental value for many. We will let you know when it's time to say good-bye.

The first annual Redberry Father-Son Retreat in fall was a real hit. As I told the boys “this week-end there are two things we won't be doing, dishes and vegetables.” Just imagine a whole lot of protein. Several Dads lead object lessons with hands on activities and spiritual direction. Off course we ended the retreat with a trip to Regina to cheer on the Riders. For this year's event we are considering a weekend fishing trip.

Thank you to everyone who has invested in Kids lives through Redberry Bible Camp. Our desire is to always be “*geared for the times, but anchored to the Rock*”

Keep your paddle in the water,

Wendell Andres



