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## ANBC Field Notes

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*Technology regularly tests my sanctification... I had a much longer eMail composed, yet Constant Contact saw fit to eliminate half of it. I shall endeavor to capture the spirit of my original message once again...*

Summer Camps are one of our core ministries here at ANBC and this Summer has felt like an old fashioned Summer of camps. We are always blessed by those God brings along to serve at ANBC.

Although we can find ourselves stressed out about filling all of the roles, the number of campers and the available staff always seems to match up neatly. It shouldn't surprise us, but it is always amazing to see.

Every Summer we have the privilege of seeing God at work in the lives of our volunteer staff. There is a church team that comes every Summer and brings a group of volunteer youth. The spirit of this ministry trip is not simply to give an experience to their youth, but to use this ministry outreach as an opportunity for discipleship and growth. It is ministry on a number of levels, and it shows.

As the camp director I don't always have the opportunity to interact with the campers in the same way that the rest of the staff does. This is one of the reasons I like to run the tuck shop time; it allows me to connect with everyone on the camp, even if just for a brief time.



There are always people working behind the scenes. This Summer we were extremely blessed to have Sean and Sam join us to do physical work and repairs all around the camp - they even installed our Narnian lamp post on the hiking trail (it's gonna be a geocache)! Thanks lads!



One conversation that I did have the opportunity to have was with a young camper who had been creating some significant challenges for her cabin leaders. She had been a camper in the past and I know she comes from a challenging circumstance. I asked her why she was having such a difficult time. Her answer broke my heart. She said that it was because she would be leaving the next day and didn't want to have to say goodbye. Her hurts were significant enough that accepting the kindness of her cabin leaders was not an option. The thought of the hurt of having to say goodbye was overwhelming and the hurt of rejecting kindness was familiar and manageable. This conversation reminded me of the absolute urgency of the Gospel and the Hope it offers. We have the chance to spend a week with these children, and in God's grace and provision we also have the opportunity to continue into the school year through the kids club. We would love to see each one connected to a healthy local Christian Church.



As Arrowhead and these campers come to mind throughout the year please be in prayer for them.



For a number of years we have been concerned about the electrical pole in the middle of our yard. An inspection by an NB Power lineman assured us it was safe. Recently an on site electrician expressed alarm about the pole and suggested we contact NB Power once again. Again we were told it was fine, but with the help of our local MLA we were able to have NB Power send out an engineer who informed us it was the wrong grade of pole for a transformer of that size. A new pole has been installed and we are just waiting to hear from NB Power about scheduling the switch over to the new pole. You can see the contrast quite clearly now that the new pole has been installed.



This week we are preparing for the family camp that begins on August 9. We are looking forward to a full weekend and some great teaching from our guest speaker Sean Crowe.



The cabins are all full, but there are still sites available for tenting or small camper trailers (unserviced), as well as two serviced sites for larger RVs. There is also one room left in the upper dorm of the lodge for a family.



We don't have a large staff, so we are feeling a bit of the stresses of organizing ourselves in a way that can facilitate a great weekend. Please keep the camp in prayer, that this would be a good opportunity for the Gospel.

If you are inclined in the kitchen, we could use some assistance in food preparation and serving. It's never too late to consider joining us for the weekend to serve.