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CAMP DEWOLFE GREET'S WINTER 2014

ON-GOING CHILDHOOD & A FAITHFUL GOD

by The Very Rev. Canon John McGinty

In mid-January this year, in the midst of the howling winds, the deep snow, and the very low temperatures, a group of campers arrived at Camp DeWolfe for Winter Camp 2014. Neither the winds or snow nor the cold are any match for a group of kids come together for learning and for fun. In the air were joy, enthusiasm, hope for the next moment and the moment beyond, and all in a spirit deeply anointed by The Spirit.

Some of the fun activities were sledding, snow archery, snow gaga, bracelet-making, cupcake baking, campfires and s'mores. I was able to see some of the results of the cupcake baking (but never got to taste them!) and talked with one camper who had done fifty-three sit-ups in sixty

seconds. Just the thought of it made me tired!

In every generation our children, if we allow them, if we pay attention, can show us the way. While we become worn, weary, and wary as the years pass, and perhaps convinced more of what we lack than of the blessings that not only remain but grow, children often live entirely in the present moment, rejoicing in the beauty and the joy that is here and now. And that ability – to rejoice is the beauty of the here and now – is absolutely synonymous with living in the presence of God. God is, forever and always, in the here and now. And God is here and now showering blessings on us, if only we can stop, recognize, accept, and rejoice. *Continued on Page 2*



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Over the weekend, in the midst of all the fun, the campers memorized God's word from the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 29, verses 11 to 13. In the *New Revised Standard Version*: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart."

These words were first proclaimed over six centuries before the birth of Christ to the people of Israel, dispirited, feeling abandoned, under attack, and led into exile. These words still live, and served at Winter Camp as the expression of God's love for, and presence in, the lives of the children and their families. As God was present in the here and now of Jeremiah's people long

ago, so God is present in our time and place.

In a wonderful way, the echoes of the laughter and the stories of the triumphs of the winter campers in January are a challenge to the rest of us who, with them, are members of Christ's body the church.

They summon us to recall what the book of Revelation calls us to: that is, to recapture our 'first love' and so energized to 'do the works [we] did at first' (Rev 2:4-5). We can, if we will, allow the trust and the sense of joyful possibility of our first years to live in us today: matured, experienced, mellowed, but nonetheless still real and living, because still founded on faith in the God whom Jeremiah followed into and through distress and trouble.



Perhaps preacher and author Frederick Buechner said it best in his *Telling the Truth: The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy, and Fairy Tale*: "'We weren't born yesterday. We are from [New York]. But we are also from somewhere else... If with part of ourselves we are men and women of the world and share the sad unbeliefs of the world, with a deeper part still, the part where our best dreams come from, it is as if we were indeed born yesterday, or almost yesterday, because we are also all of us children still.'" **Registration for Winter Camp 2015 opens Sept 2014!**

THIS WINTER IN THE DAVIS DINING HALL

HEALTHY GRANOLA BARS

Ingredients:

4 cups of old fashion oats
1 cup of dark chocolate chips
1/3 cup of brown sugar
1/2 cup of shredded coconut
1/4 cup of whole wheat flour
1/2 tsp salt

1/2 cup of oil
1 tsp of vanilla extract
1/2 cup of honey

Directions: Place oats, coconut, sugar, chips, flour, and salt in large bowl and mix. In another bowl whisk together oil, vanilla and honey until smooth. Pour over dry ingredients and mix well.

Set oven to 325 degrees. Place mixture in a parchment lined baking pan (9x13) that is one inch thick. Press and compact granola and square off edges. Bake for 35 minutes. Cool and enjoy!

-by Tina DeGolyer
(Food Service Manager)

MAKING MEMORIES



Camp Alumni Stories

Growing up in East Meadow L.I. and spending 5 years at Camp, back in the 60's, was memorable. I remember becoming an exceptional water skier there. When our counselor took us out fishing, the kitchen would cook what I caught, usually Flounder. Father John Davis, his wife and family brought it all together. I was married in St. George church in Hempstead, L.I. I now reside in the Diocese of Arizona and always explain to parishioners the importance of summer camp. So as the saying goes, Thanks for the Memories!
- Sincerely, Clifford Olsen

FAST FACTS

75%

% of summer camp counselors who hope to return to serve youth for summer camp 2014!

100%

% of 2014 winter campers who were returning summer campers from 2013!

SEND IN YOUR ALUMNI STORIES

Email the Camp Office office@campdewolfe.org



"A friend loves at all times." (Psalm: 17:17)

THIS WINTER'S PROGRAMS/EVENTS

February 2014

- 1st – 2nd – I.G.H.L Monthly Retreat
- 1st – 2nd – Prayer and Praise Retreat
- 7th – 8th – Listening to God Adult Retreat
- 11th – Camp @ Eastern University Camp Fair
- 12th – Camp @ Cairn University Camp Fair
- 14th – Happy Valentine's Day!
- 16th – 17th – The Stony Brook School Women's Retreat
- 22nd – Camp @ Camp America Fair
- 26th – Camp @ Gordon College Fair

March 2014

- 1st – Early Bird Summer Camp Registration Closes
- 6th – 7th – Holy Trinity School Retreat
- 7th – 9th – Queen's Herald Church Retreat
- 7th – 8th – Camp Board of Manager's Retreat
- 10th – Camp @ Nyack College Ministry Fair
- 15th – 16th – I.G.H.L. Monthly Retreat

19th – 20th – Camp @ A.C.A. Tri-State Annual Conference -NJ

21st – Miller Place High School Natural Helper's Retreat

23rd – 24th – Shelter Island Youth Group Retreat

23rd – Eucharistic Minister's Day of Prayer

Winter Retreats- Each week the camp welcomes church groups and schools from across Long Island. Call the Camp Office to book your retreat today!

Summer Camp 2014-July - August 2014!
Register online today at www.campdewolfe.org

- Early Bird Discount until March 1st 2014
- Sibling Discounts
- Refer-A-Friend Discounts



REMEMBERING THE LATE SUFFRAGAN BISHOP OF LONG ISLAND - RICHARD BEAMON MARTIN

By Meagan Nettey

The late Suffragan Bishop Richard B. Martin's red bud tree is planted on the south side of the St Luke's Chapel at Camp DeWolfe. Bishop Martin served in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island from 1967 – 1974. He was ordained to the priesthood in February 1943, served congregations in Virginia, South Carolina and Brooklyn and was an Archdeacon in Southern Virginia, before moving north to the New York area.

He lived a long full life – 99 years and after his death in 2012, the Episcopal Church Women in the Archdeaconry of Queens made the decision to memorialize his life and work that was deeply rooted in faith as well as his excellent mentoring of young priests.

Did I hear you ask, why a tree? Trees are wonderful, you can climb them, enjoy their shade, gather logs to burn, enhance the landscape, and add beauty and protection. In addition to esthetic values, trees convey deep truths – they show what a Christian should be – rooted deep; connected to a source; full of life and standing strong in the storm. Super storm Sandy swept Long Island - yet the red bud tree still stands proud and tall outside the chapel at Camp DeWolfe.

Yes, the tree is growing, even in the winter season, and will continue to remind us of Psalm 1:3...



“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water”.

Camp DeWolfe on the northern shores of Long Island is a fantastic location in memory of Bishop Richard Beamon Martin.

ON THE MOVE!

At the end of 2013, Camp DeWolfe was blessed by a HUGE gift from the Peter Treiber family - a 2013 Ford 15-passenger van! The former camp van had over 300,000 miles and was running on

empty, after it's many years in mobility. This generous donation to Camp DeWolfe will provide transportation for campers and retreat guests and allow on the move camp programs too. Praise God!



CAMP DEWOLFE'S EXTENDED FAMILY!

Special thanks for the many camp supporters, both individuals and organizations, who donated over \$53,000 to the Camp DeWolfe ministry in 2013!

These contributions were for scholarships, capital improvements and camp programs were from several current board members, camp alumni and staff members who all gave generous gifts to support Camp DeWolfe, but prefer that their names not be listed.

Camp DeWolfe is also grateful for the gifts that the following organizations who gave in 2013...

- Caroline Church of Brookhaven - \$1200
- Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City - \$25
- Church of the Redeemer, Mattituck - \$3000
- Grace Episcopal Church, Massapequa - \$350
- Levenbaum Associates - \$5000
- St John's Church, Cold Spring Harbor - \$5000
- St John's Church, Southampton - \$1000
- St John's Church, Lattintown - \$2000
- St Luke's Church, Forest Hills - \$1269.15
- St Paul's Church, Patchogue - \$250
- Trinity Episcopal Church, Roslyn - \$1302

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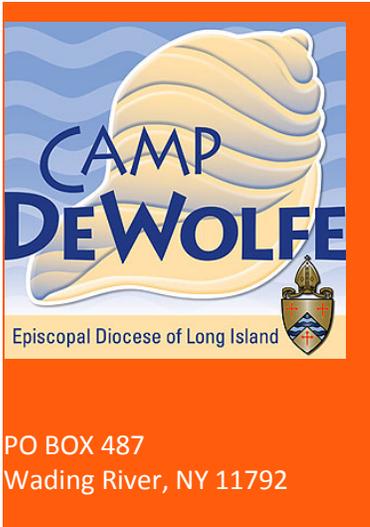
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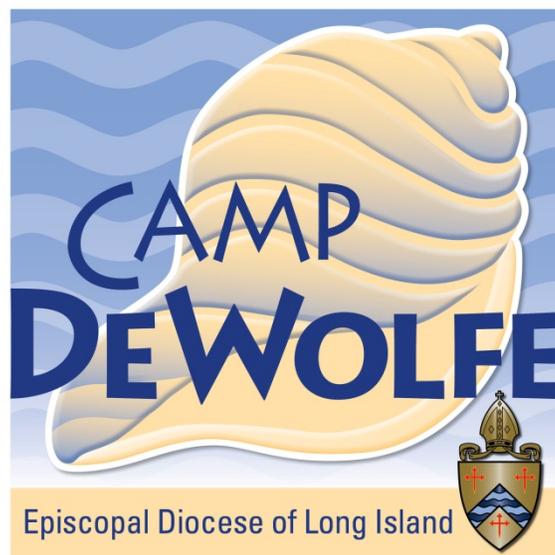


*"Thanks be unto God for His indescribable gifts."
(2 Corinthians 9:15)*





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