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Greetings! In this issue: Woody Acres Camp

Another summer has come and gone while spirits remain high following a successful year at camp. Camp Meeting at Woody Acres Camp ran from July 20-28, where people met together for fellowship, family time, and attended a variety of meetings that were offered. There were Cradle-Roll, Primary, Pathfinder and Youth meetings as well.



Primary class floating the boats they created | Photo by Lucy Ollila | NL Adventist Communications



Cradle-Roll Class colouring together | July 25, 2018 | NL Adventist Communications

The Cradle-Roll Division, led by Amy Smallwood Chafe, focused on "HAPPY WITH JESUS!". It was a blessing to see the little ones singing about Jesus while they went on their little walks through the field and showed everyone their crafts while they sang their songs each day.

The Primary Division also had a wonderful time with their leader Tina Taylor, who led them through a week of "Shipwrecked." The message being that Jesus will carry them through life's storms. Each afternoon the children built their own ship to help them off the island by using materials around them.





Pathfinder class singing this little light of mine | Photo by Lucy Ollila | NL Adventist Communications

The Pathfinder Division, led by Mrs. Corkum and assisted by Holly Anthony, also had a wonderful week. Their theme of “Experiencing hope, the making of me!” met every morning and evening. It was exciting to watch the young people run from the Primary Class to the Pathfinder divisions in order to participate in every opportunity they could to meet together.



Youth class listening to the evening meeting | Photo by Kaitlynn Harushimana | NL Adventist Communications

Over in the Youth Division, Pastor Jonathan Gascoyne and Pastor Etienne Harushimana spent the week with the youth while teaching the importance of having “YOU in Church.” The youth really enjoyed their meetings and the discussions they were able to have each day. Pastor Etienne said; “All of the youth were able to see how important it is for them to be in church. Each young person has the responsibility of being a part of God’s body and they each have a talent and purpose to be there. It was a blessing to be with them (the Youth) and Pr. Jonathan all week learning, laughing, and answering the questions that arose. We have a great group of young people across the island and I am looking forward to more time together.” The Youth are looking forward to exploring new ideas and adventures in ways they can serve God.

The Adults were also able to take advantage of having meetings with the overall theme, "The One Who Speaks to Our Conscious." With a variety of guest speakers and music brought to us by our local members, everyone was able to enjoy fellowship together. One of the highlights was the musical concert where all of the talent from Newfoundland Island was brought for everyone to share. We would like to thank all of the members

Each Sabbath, everyone was able to join together to celebrate two big moments. The first Sabbath, Pr. Jonathan Gascoyne was ordained. He was surrounded by some of his church members, friends, and family. The following Sabbath, everyone was able to witness a beautiful moment of baptism with Jayden Purcell and Adam Byrne.



One Foundation singing at Camp Meeting | Photo by Kaitlynn Harushimana | NL Adventist Communications



Pastor Jonathan and Ana Gascoyne with their parents and other leaders and friends | Photo by Kaitlynn Harushimana | NL Adventist Communications



Adam Byrne and Jayden Purcell with some pastors of NL | July 28, 2018 | Photo by Kaitlynn Harushimana | NL Adventist Communications

There were many highlights throughout the week of Camp Meeting. Friends came together and families reunited and all were able to join together in Christ and have a week that was clearly led by the Holy Spirit.

"WHAT DOES CAMP MEAN TO YOU?"

The definition of camp in itself is, "a place with temporary accommodations of huts, tents, or other structures." It does not begin to describe the feelings people are left with after the end of every summer. It is far from temporary and more than a temporary structure. Woody Acres is a place for all those who love camp and it is used to give those individuals an opportunity to come together and form a family that prayerfully will carry them throughout the year.

I remember being a camper and arriving for the first time, your heart beats fast and your palms become sweaty, the worry comes that you will not be accepted or you will spend your week longing for home. But, that moment when the first smiling face shows acceptance and a hand of friendship.



Waterfront Camp Woody Acres | Teen Camp | Photo by Kaitlynn Harushimana | NL Adventist

"I love camp because of the people and warm atmosphere that everyone brings. Everyone is accepting and caring! Everyone that I have met through the Woody Acres Camp have been very friendly and kind. I enjoy the whole experience!"- Andrew Au, Camper and Volunteer



Morning worship during Teen Camp | Photo by Kaitlynn

"I love how I can meet many new friends and I love that I'm doing something all day. I love who works there and I feel so comfortable at camp. All year all I am going to be talking about is camp, and always thinking about camp. Camp is the most fun thing I did all year, and I'm coming back next year and hopefully everyone is there too."- Raven Hutchings

All were pleasantly surprised by each child and teen who were represented at Camp. The room was always filled with songs and music that everyone came to know. By the end of the week, no sheet music, lyrics, or rehearsal was required. Songs of Jesus' love being so sweet, longing after Jesus, and Amazing Grace lingered in the air. Every voice was simply lifted in praise. You could watch the young people walk towards their cabins laughing, smiling, and telling stories of their favourite part of the day.

This summer we were able to witness many arriving nervous about staying and then leaving with a heavy heart because the week went by too quickly. No one ever expects how much they will enjoy their time together. Both staff and campers met every morning with smiles and excitement for what the days would hold. Between the meals, worships, classes, and even chores, you were always able to see smiles on faces.

The week came to a bitter sweet end with questions of future camp possibilities, and how they can be a part in the ones to come. This summer, everyone was able to fully represent what camp really is about. It isn't about a temporary structure. It is about a full-time family. A place where the spiritual high never ends, and the family continues to grow and mature. Ever-changing; but intertwined in a higher purpose.



Junior Campers building nature craft | Photo by Kaitlynn Harushimana | NL Adventist Communications



Teen Campers and Staff group photo | Photo by Kaitlynn Harushimana | NL Adventist Communications

"Camp Woody Acres to me is a home away from home. There's always so many fun activities to take part in and amazing stories to hear. The staff, Pastors, Campers and volunteers are all amazing. I also love the environment, not just the nature but the people because everybody is friends and they treat each other with kindness, compassion and support like you would a family member. This is what Camp Woody Acres means to me." - Ryan Johnston, Teen Camper

"Our family had a great week at Camp Woody Acres! A beautiful piece of nature with so many opportunities to learn new things and have fun doing it with friends! My daughters have never before known how to rock climb, do ceramics, archery and zip line and that's only to name a few. They loved their classes and councillors and the staff were so friendly and helpful. One of our favourite parts of the day was worship, the songs, bible stories and lessons about Jesus! You would leave every night with the feeling that your heart was full. We feel so blessed to have been given this opportunity for our family and look forward to making it a yearly event! Many thanks from the Butler Family" - Aimee Butler, Mother and Volunteer

Camp is about creating a home that is open to everyone and we have that.



Final product of nature craft | Photo by Kaitlynn Harushimana | NL Adventist Communications

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