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NEWS FROM INCARNATION

2011

CAMP NEWS

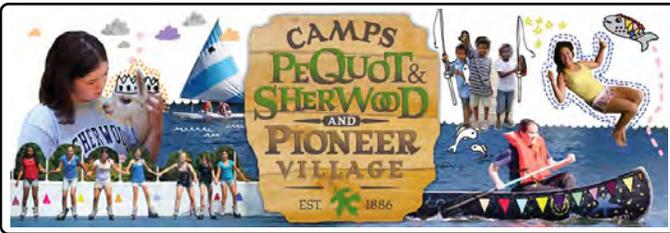
Everyone here at Incarnation is excited for the summer to begin! This year the goal is to fill each bunk, every session, with excited campers.

The leadership team for camp this year includes Peter Larom and Shay Coe, Director and Associate Director, Brooklyn Smee as Day Camp Director, Derek Edwards and Alice Eliot Smee as Program Directors, and Chris Garrett Williams heading up Pioneer Village.

New for this year is the proposed new Chapel and Performance Space, designed by Alum and Board member Duo Dickinson which is to hold over 240 campers and counselors. Camp will also add a Woodworking Studio to our popular Arts and Crafts and Ceramics offerings. Special training for campers will be offered in Sailing, Volleyball, Basketball, Roller Hockey, Guitar and Tennis.

We hope all that receive this Tidings will consider sending children 7 to 15 to camp or to recommend that your friends and family members. Please see our brand new website: www.pequotsherwood.org and check out our new video. Should you need materials about camp, call Peter or Shay at (860) 767-0848. Camp Open houses are scheduled for March 19th and April 16th.

Help make this the greatest year of Camp ever!



Camp Expanding Chapel and Performance Space

Our lakeside chapel has become too small! Only one-third of our campers and counselors can fit under the existing canopy. We need a larger open space for skits, musical presentations and dance performances. The present altar blocks the free flow of movement. The solution determined by board and staff is to build a larger canopy, expand the seating with a gentler rise, and create a broad dance and performance area with a movable altar. We will retain the sweeping view of our beautiful lake.

With a generous gift from All Angel's Church, Manhattan, and with a large number of memorial gifts in honor of Sara Nelson (wife of Board Chair Norman Nelson, and mother of camp alums Clark and Matthew Nelson), we are off to a great start. The project is being carried out under the guidance of Duo Dickinson of Madison, CT -- camp alum, camp parent, board member, and famous architect and author.

To be ready for this summer's camp, we are now seeking donations for:

- A sound system \$2,000
- A movable altar, made of wood \$1,500
- A small storage shed \$1,500
- Performance and dance floor \$5,000
- Many 6- person bench seats, \$300 each
- Flowering fruit trees \$150 each



All gifts will be recognized with brass plaques in honor of or in memory of someone named by the donor. A new erosion-preventing beam will surround the Chapel and Performance Space, planted with plum, apple and pear trees.

Please consider offering a permanent remembrance or recognition at our beloved Chapel and Performance Space by the Lake. Simply note in the remittance envelope enclosed your specific Chapel donation. We are truly grateful for your support.

SAVE THE DATE

Alumni Reunion Weekend

A Special 125th Year Celebration

JUNE 3rd-5th

Our biggest celebration yet. Mark your calendar and tell all your camp friends. Lots of surprises in store.

It will be a weekend you'll never forget, you won't want to miss it!

More information coming soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturdays February 26th-March 19th

Bushy Hill Sugar House 10am-2pm
Learn to make maple syrup!

March 14th-18th

Bushy Hill Spring Day Camp I

March 19th & April 16th

Open House: Incarnation Camps

April 18th-22nd

Bushy Hill Spring Day Camp II

May 26th

3rd Annual Bushy Hill Awards Gala

May 28th

Summer Splash

June 3rd-5th

Alumni Weekend

June 26th

Camp Begins: Pequot, Sherwood & PV

June 27th

Camp Begins: Pequot Sherwood Day Camp & Bushy Hill & Abo Day Camp



NATURE'S PLAYGROUND UP AND RUNNING IN THE NEWLY IMPROVED ACTIVITY CENTER



Nature's Playground staff and afterschool kids in front of their new home at the Activity Center.

Nature's Playground, Incarnation's afterschool program, moved from Essex Elementary up to our property this fall. To prepare for the move, the Activity Center got a bit of a face lift to accommodate the

program. A new multipurpose floor was installed where kids can now enjoy volleyball, tennis, soccer, basketball, kickball, and much more. The upstairs level was re-designed with new tables and furniture and stocked with lots of games and arts and crafts materials.

Over 60 kids are signed up for the afterschool program and take the bus daily or a couple days a week from Essex and Deep River.

The kids have the opportunity to play inside or outside on the Activity Center field. Kelly Way and Erik Becker from Bushy Hill also take the kids on hikes exploring our woods, ponds and the Cedar Swamp.

WINTER 2010-2011: RECORD BREAKING SNOW

As most of the country experienced this winter, there was a surprising amount of snow to deal with! Here in Ivoryton, over 46 inches came in the month of January alone.

The maintenance team, led by Steve Arthur, did a wonderful job plowing and keeping Incarnation accessible to staff and guests. Our conference director Peter Nygard and his assistant Greg Hutchison also put in a lot of work snow blowing, shoveling, and chipping away at the ice. Great job guys!

Pictures of snow-
Ainslie's laptop

NEW PAVILION FOR DAY CAMP

Day Camp has grown tremendously over the last couple summers! 400 school aged children each summer from Guilford to East Lyme and as far north as Middletown enjoy our well-rounded day camp.

This spring we are hoping to construct a pavilion which will act as our new Day Camp headquarters. This new structure will give us an easily accessible meeting place in the mornings and afternoons, which will be more convenient and safe for our families. In order to build this new pavilion, we need your help.

Please consider making a donation which will go directly towards the construction of this new pavilion. Our goal is to raise \$20,000. A plaque recognizing donations will be displayed in the new pavilion.

We really appreciate your support, simply make note on the enclosed remittance envelope that your donation will go towards the Pavilion.

BUSHY HILL SPRING FEVER

Bushy Hill directors Erik Becker and Kelly Way have already gotten the Spring Cleaning Fever! Fresh coats of paint are up in the Nature Center, everything has been cleaned and organized. The Nature Center is in top shape.

Along with a fresh batch of school groups coming in the Spring, Bushy Hill is also hosting day camps in March and April. They will also be holding the 3rd Annual Bushy Hill Awards Gala, where teens who completed the Abo IV program will be recognized. The gala will serve as a fundraiser for Bushy Hill's Scholarship fund and will feature live music, food, and much more family fun! Keep an eye on the website for more information. Also don't forget to join our Facebook Group simply titled "Bushy Hill Nature Center".

We are looking forward to an action packed nature filled spring and summer. We hope you will be a part of it!

CONFERENCE CENTER

Over the winter, Peter Nygard and his assistant Greg worked hard getting everything ready for the busy spring and summer ahead! The Conference Center has never been busier, and is expecting the usual returners and lots of new groups this year.

Thanks to All Angels Church, we were able to get new linens for our buildings. Also a new floor was put down in the Lodge kitchen. It is shaping up to be another fantastic year at the Conference Center!



*(Above) Bushy Hill Director Kelly Way in the Sugar House
(Left) Bird nest photo taken by Bushy Hill staff in the spring*