

# MOORECROFT CAMP



# A LOOK BACK

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## FOREWARD

The idea to gather some of the history of Moorecroft into book form has been in the back of my mind for many years and I decided if I was ever going to do it, I'd better make it now. I was inspired by the time line which the late Joe Wallace had kept over the earlier years and which I have attempted to carry on since the mid 1990s; and by the bits and pieces of paper that have accumulated over the years and in various places. It has been my privilege to have had access to and compile some of these into this book for the enjoyment of what I hope will be many. Some of the information is repeated since there have been different sources of information, each contains some different information and I wanted to leave them in their original form. Sometimes years and amounts of money on the time line may not agree with information in the different write ups but I have left them as I have found them in the various places.

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This book is dedicated to my grandchildren; Tobin, Kylie, Jaden, Haylee, Devan and Desmond, in the hopes that they will enjoy Moorecroft as much as their parents and grandparents have.


Marilyn Huffman

## MOORECROFT

The Moorecroft dream was originally that of Miss Gertrude Moore who founded the camp in 1934 and operated it continuously for twenty years. In a report on its beginnings Rev. Robert Moses states that "Miss Moore was born in Toronto, she served as a director for the T. Eaton Company there until 1927, when she came west to become a physical education director at the Vancouver Y.M.C.A. From 1935 until 1945 she was in charge of womens physical education at the University of B.C. Miss Moore opened her own camp for girls near Nanoose Bay on Vancouver Island in 1934, the camp was named Moorecroft after her own familys homestead in Ontario. In 1939 Miss Moore was instrumental in forming the B.C. Camping Association, a branch of the Canadian Association. "At the end of the 1954 camping season, with her health beginning to fail and the camp getting larger every year, Miss Moore called on Rev. Moses to discuss the future of her property. So it was that Moorecroft was purchased by the United Church (B.C. Conference) Camping Society in November 1955. Over the past years the camp has grown. Nine new buildings have been added and some of them winterized. New boats, a bus, a new van and truck have been acquired with a large storage shed built to house them. The largest change has been the additional purchase of 15 acres of property bordering the upper playing field. The next big project is to build a permanent pool in the bay to facilitate all day swimming.

From Moorecroft files. Origin unknown

Note: The swimming pool was never built



# CHAPTER 1

## OVER THE YEARS

### THE SALUTATION OF THE DAWN

Listen to the salutation of the dawn  
Look to this day,  
For it is life, the very life of life,  
In its brief course lie all the verities  
realities of our existence,  
The bliss of growth,  
The glory of action,  
The splendour of beauty  
For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow  
is only a vision  
But today well lived, makes every yesterday  
A dream of happiness  
And every tomorrow a vision of hope,  
Look well therefore, to this day.  
Such is the salutation to the dawn.

Author Unknown



INFORMATION REGARDING THE BEGINNINGS OF MOORECROFT UNITED CHURCH CAMP  
By Rev. Robert Moses

Shortly after I came to St. Andrew's United Church at Nanaimo, I had two visitors from Moorecroft Camp, Misses Ann Fountain, a former Girl's Work Secretary for the United Church in B.C., and Miss Aleeta Kerr, a school teacher, and former member of Grandview United Church. They were leaders at the camp, and were looking for some of the United Church material for the conduct of Camps. During our conversation, I learned a little about Miss Gertrude Moore, the owner of the Camp, and the type of people she usually engaged to run the programmes. (This was in 1949.)

Miss Gertrude Moore was born in Toronto. She served as Director for T. Eaton Company there until 1927, when she came West to become physical education director at the Vancouver Y.W.C.A. From 1935 until 1945 she was in charge of women's physical education at the University of British Columbia. She opened her own camp for girls near Nanoose Bay on Vancouver Island in 1934. The Camp was named Moorecroft, after her own family's homestead in Ontario. In 1939 Miss Moore was instrumental in forming the B.C. Camping Association, a branch of the Canadian Association.

After the camping season in 1954, Miss Moore called at the Manse in Nanaimo in order that she might discuss with me the future of Moorecroft. Her health was failing somewhat, and the camp was getting larger. She felt that it would not be possible to carry on for many more years. The United Church programme appealed to her. Also, she had a sentimental attachment to it, because her uncle, the Rev. T. Albert Moore, was one of its earliest Moderators. How could it be presented to the church so that the purchase could become a possibility?

The Victoria Presbytery met at Alberni on October 7 and 8, 1954. I presented Miss Moore's request, and told a little about the camp and its possibilities, and moved that we recommend to the Conference Camp Committee that we investigate the possibility of the purchase of Moorecroft Camp for the use of the United Church of Canada. This was agreed to, and forwarded for consideration.

During the next few months, a number of us visited the camp and did quite a little investigating. The site contained 75 acres; the buildings, trails, timber, swimming facilities, boats, etc. We came to the conclusion that an offer of \$35,000.00 might be made. Among those visiting at that time were Dr. W. S. Taylor, Rev. Alan Crewe, Rev. Rupert Evans, L.B.Henn. Later the Rev. Bill Selder and the Rev. Bert. Love came, and reported back to the Conference Camp Committee. Finally, \$50,000.00 was offered and accepted by Miss Moore.

Some question arose about the roads into the Camp, and I was delegated to visit the Minister of Highways, Mr. Philip A. Gaglardi, in Victoria, to ask for the continuation and completion of the roads into the camp. To this Mr. Gaglardi agreed. (February 14, 1956)

On February 24, 1956, a progress report was given to Presbytery.

During the same month Selective logging had been done, trees had been taken out, and the road was churned up very badly. Somehow Miss Moore heard of this. She had a clause in the agreement that no trees should be removed without her written permission. Miss Laura Butler, who knew Miss Moore, and I had the doubtful pleasure of pouring oil on troubled waters at Miss Moore's home in Victoria and thus save a court case.

Early in May, 1956, along with Alan Crewe we discussed the necessity of forming a Board of Directors. This was done. The first meeting I have recorded took place at the Manse at Haliburton Street, Nanaimo, on June 7, 1956. Jack Fisher was appointed Secretary. I became the Chairman. From this date on, the Board met regularly. We owe a debt of gratitude to every one of the members of the Board, especially to Dennit Bryson who was able to get for us so much from the disposal of the construction unit of the McMillan Pulp Mill at Alberni. The first Board was made up of Dr. Jack Fisher who later bought the neighboring property of Kontiki, Bruce Coleman who looked after the food, etc., Larry Lenson Alan Crewe, Dennit Bryson, Robert Moses.

The men and women of the Presbytery came through valiantly. Once we had 12 power saws and around fifty people at a work bee. It was hard work, good fun, fellowship, and a worthy accomplishment.

Keep up the good work. There are even better things in the future.

(signed) Robt. Moses (1972)

Moorecroft History as taken from Camp Committee Minutes

1932 Miss Moore establishes girls camp

1949 Anne Foutain, Aleeta Kerr, leaders at Moorecroft approach  
Rev Bob Moses for United Church leadership material

1954 Miss Moore contacted Rev Bob Moses to discuss the  
future of Moorecroft as her health was failing

October 7,8 Fall Presbytery met in Alberni - Vision and  
possibility of purchase of camp presented. Site inspected  
over next few months. 75 acres. Offer of \$ 50,000 accepted  
by Miss Moore

1956 P.A. Gaglardi, Minister of Highways agrees to extend  
Stewart Rd. into Moorecroft

Feb. 24 Progress report made to presbytery. Selective  
logging occurred - Miss Moore threatened to take legal  
action. Differences resolved

May Camp Committee meets at St. Andrews Nanaimo. Dennet  
Bryson Bob Moses Alan Crewe Jack Fisher Bruce Coleman  
Larry Larson

Dennet Bryson oversees development. Dining hall No 1  
Spash house Caretakers, moved from Port Alberni

1967 Camp arranges to lease lot# 249 for \$ 100.00

Camp use seasonal, last person out please lock the gate

1968 Moorecroft operates under C.O.M. committee, Art Skipsey  
elected chairman Gwen Johnston secretary

January Bids made on two boats, \$100.00, \$150.00. Transportation  
fee 50¢ Overnight fee 75¢ Registration fee for camp booking  
\$10.00

May First phase of dyke built-\$991.00 \$300,000 insurance  
premium for three years- \$114.00 Walkin Cooler installed-\$700.00

Nov. Mr G Sles staying Caretakers under contract Profit  
from summer operation \$3,528.70 on receipts of \$11,091.60

1969 Camp seeks truck for camp use

October Permission given to scout group to install cableway  
across Arab Cove

March Qualicum Builders Supply Donates 1959 Pontiac  
panel truck Committee decided to tear down old buildings  
near the playing field, but to keep the log building

1969

May A contract for \$8,100.00 awarded for the construction of the # 2 Splash House

September A successful summer, 60 less campers, Staff costs up \$1252 over 1968, New freezer purchased, \$248.00

Summer profit \$1900.00 450 campers 89 leaders. Whaler being repaired before being put into service Motor needed

October Two sub-committees proposed Leadership and management

1970

January Moved that the Moorecroft Camp Committee assume responsibility for the total operation of the camp( Withdraw from the C.O.M. committee)

March Between 40 and fifty attended the monthly work party

September An old school bus was purchased for \$125.00 An outboard motor was purchased for \$400.00 M/S That we move the Green Room from the playing field to "Skid Road"

1971

January Barry Forbes is rebuilding the engine for the bus ( Esmarelda )

April The meeting opened with a few minutes silence in memory of Rev. Harold Kenedy who passed away on April 7th Bob Coates was appointed treasurer

June 9 A meeting was held to discuss winterizing some buildings

September Jessie Oliver took over the leadership position from Fro Affleck Summer proffit \$1500.00 J Cochrane asked to be replaced as maintenance chairman. San-Dis given garbage collection contract. Rev Bob Moses asked to write a history of the camp

1972

January Mr Ted Waring gave a report on the planned winterization of the Dining Hall, #1 Splash House, Directors, First Aid, Lodge, Caretakers, Green Room and preparation for the Tent and Trailer site

1972

February There are good spring bookings for school groups  
Leadership training scheduled for June 2,3,4.

March Six new tires purchased for the bus, \$344.00 Workers  
hired for winterization program under "Local Initiatives  
Program

April A joint meeting with Camp Pringle at Brechin church.  
A meeting was held with Camp Columbia (Anglican ) to explore  
integration of programs

May Receipts for camps and deposits amount to \$1155.88  
Daisy Moon, Cape Mudge, appointed cook Camp committee  
to pay a monthly salary to the caretaker

1976

March Fro Affleck takes over as chairman. A Presbytery  
committee with representation from Moorecroft has been  
formed to deal with land purchases. An agreement with  
Mr Pitt Clayton for land next to the playing field has  
been drawn up. A questionnaire is being circulated throughtout  
- Presbytery to seek views on the future of Moorecroft.

May Pagdin reported on the leadership weekend to be held  
May 13-15

June In response to enquiries by Jim Robertson, McMillan  
and Bloedel, Chemainus Division has donated a truck.(  
Big Mac ). Fireplace Irons from Miss Moores home in Ontario  
have been brought to camp, to be put in Miss Moores cottage  
October A garage has been erected by the Pack Camp Re-union  
more shakes are needed

November The land purchase is to completed by December  
It isd agreed to pay the manager \$100.00 per month during  
the winter

1977

September Property fund has repaid \$28,000 in loans.  
A cheque for \$35,000 has been paid to R. Schoffield, lawyer  
to finalize the purchase of the property. Summer registration  
342 Mae Pagdin was thanked for the excellent leadership  
for the summer program.

1977

October Property donations: Lower mainland \$165.00 Port  
Alberni \$2,078.20 Nanaimo \$1714.00 Courtnay-Comox \$1755.75  
Campbell River \$923.45 Chemanus-Ladysmith \$4,990.00  
Parksville \$3,242.00 Qualicum \$2,245.00 Powell River  
\$196.00. Purchase of stainless steel billies and nylon  
flys for Pack Camp authorized Suggested members take  
home a paddleboard to repair  
November Camping feeto be raised to \$44.00. A block  
of time to be sought at Presbytery to discuss present  
and future programs

1978

February M/S That we sell the two antique organs in the  
dining hall. Agreed that we purchase \$200.00 worth of  
sand for the beach. Thanks were expressed to Art Skipsey  
for constructing two chairs and two chesterfields for  
Directors  
September A letter was sent to the Qualicum Indian Band  
for salmon donated for the barbeque. Summer registration  
375 Leaders 87 Meals served 12,737 Clement and family  
from Nigeria added a special element to the summer

1979

October Jim Percy takes on duties of chairman Thanks  
sent to C. Kenedy, Cora Skipsey, H. Reece Heather and  
Susan Scott, for their work catering to the Presbytery  
weekend

1981

A new bus was purchased from S.D. 68 for \$2,860.00 A  
fibreglass sabot was purchased for \$350.00 Open house-  
free camping weekend May 15-17 Seafood dinner, souper  
supper \$2.50 for adults \$1.00 for children Conference  
requests payment of taxes paid on our behalf

1982

Joe Wallace takes on duties as chairman  
October Waterline across playfield is to be moved.  
Long range planning to study year-round camping co-ordinator

## MOORECROFT

### A brief history

Moorecroft began as a girls' camp, a sort of "finishing school" for girls, in 1934. It was started by Miss Gertrude Moore during the time she was physical education director at the Vancouver YWCA and named after her family home in Ontario. In 1954, when she was in failing health, she approached a minister of the United Church, the Rev. Bob Moses, to explore the possibility of the Church purchasing the property and operating Moorecroft as a church camp. The purchase was completed in 1956 at a cost of \$50,000.00.

Development was undertaken by a small committee assisted by a great number of volunteers from congregations of the presbytery. Dennit Bryson arranged for buildings, surplus after the pulpmill construction finished at Port Alberni, to be moved on site. Leadership and programs were assisted and directed from the joint camp committee on the mainland. This changed in 1970, when our presbytery took over full responsibility for operating Moorecroft.

Rapid change and growth brought winterization of key buildings, a full time resident caretaker and yearlong use, addition of camp vehicles (including a bus) and ongoing leadership training. Growth of nearby residential areas led to the purchase in 1976, of fourteen addition acres for a buffer zone.

Application by the Rev. Gearge Afflick for a block grant from Conference to provide a full time leadership person was turned down in 1972. Conference thought it was such a good idea that all camps would want one. This led to a series of four Long Range Planning Committees which have brought us to this current plan and appeal.

The challenge, the hope and the future we share with you.

*This was done for the Moorecroft  
2000 project -*

## MOORECROFT TIMELINE

### PRE-UNITED CHURCH

Gertrude Moore was Toronto Director of T. Eaton Company until 1927

Was P.E. Director at U.B.C. from 1935-1945

1934: opened camp for girls at Nanoose Bay and named it after the family homestead in Ontario

1939: was instrumental in forming the B.C. camping Association

1954: larger camps, and in failing health, called on Rev. Moses to discuss the future of the camp

United Church program appealed to Miss Moore

( Miss Moores Uncle the Rev. T. Albert Moore, a former leader of a Congregational Church was one of the earliest Moderators of the United Church )

Oct. 7 & 8 The Alberni-Victoria Presbytery heard presentation and agreed to consider

Later offered \$ 35,000.00 for 75 acres, negotiated offer of \$ 50,000.00 finally accepted

### UNITED CHURCH CAMP

1955: Actual purchase in November by United Church (B.C. Conference) Camping Society

1956: Visit to Phil Gaglardi in Victoria, he agreed to extend and complete roads into camp

June 7- First Board of Directors met at United Church Manse on Haliburton street in Nanaimo

Chairperson - R. Moses

Secretary - Jack Fisher

Members - Dennit Bryson

Bruce Coleman

Allen Crew

Larry Larson

Selective logging - road churned - clause that no trees be removed without Miss Moores written Permission ( altho this was an apparently an understanding no written confirmation of this has been found )

Rev. Moses and Laura Butler went to Victoria to calm Miss Moore down and prevent a court case

1960: Cultus Lake, Ocean Park , Moorecroft, ( COM ) coordination of programs, training etc.

1961: Standard Practice Manual compiled

1962: 38th Conference Commission to study Church camping in B.C.

1964: 40th Conference Commission Reported, Camps assigned to Presbyteries

Moorecroft Total income approximately \$11,000.00; largest camp was 80; 96 leaders over the summer

Leadership Problems

Directors Cabin was built

Presbyterian Camp used facilities in August

Rev. Harold Wingfield on Camp Committee

1965: First Camping Conference Recommend Full Time Secretary; paid Leadership where required

1966: 7 Leaders hired for 6 weeks and sent to camps where required

1967: Camp Fees: 7 days \$ 20.00; 8 days \$22.00; 9 days \$ 24.00

United Church Report on Camping

- 1967-68: C.O.M. Committee: Cultus Lake, Ocean Park and Moorecroft, combined committee to oversee the three camps  
Camps, locations, dates, leadership training, capital improvements, publicity and brochures ( camps were talking about the same problems we are talking about today (1993))
- 1968: Harold and Catherine Kennedy hired  
1st phase of dyke extension built at cost of \$ 991.00  
Preparation of site for Splash House # 2  
Walk in cooler installed  
Qualicum Builders Supply donates 1959 Pontiac panel truck  
Old buildings near playing field torn down, log building retained  
Wages: Manager and Cook- \$ 50.00; Asst. Cook- \$31.00; Jr. Asst. Cook- \$25.00; Groundsman- Groundsman \$27.00, Waterfront Director- \$27.00
- 1969: Scouts build cableway across Arab Cove  
Splash House # 2 behind cabins 8 and 9 built at cost of \$ 8,100.00  
Miss Moore dies at age 75  
450 campers ( down 60 ), 89 leaders
- 1970: Moorecroft withdraws from C.O.M., creates own programs etc.  
40 - 50 people attending work parties  
Old school Bus purchased for \$ 125.00, Outboard moter for \$ 400.00
- 1971: Harold Kennedys death April 7th, Catherine carries on  
Plans for winterizing buildings  
Leader in Training programs
- 1972: Aquire Dining Hall, Nurses Cabin, Lodge, Caretakers house, Splash House # 1, Green Room, and Directors Cabin
- 1973: Recommend full time Director, ordained
- 1974-75: New camps: Sailing, Pack, Sr. Boys, Sr. Girls
- 1976: Presbytery Committee along with Camp Reps look into purchase of 14 acres next to playing field, Agreement drawn up and questionnaire circulated through Presbytery seeking views on future of the camp  
Decision to purchase land completed by december  
McMillan Bloedel Chemainus Division donate truck ( Big Mac )
- 1977: Purchase 14 acres - Square meter - \$ 5.00  
Salmon Barbecue raises \$ 124.00  
Property Fund repays \$ 28,000.00 on loans. \$ 35,000 paid to finalize sale  
Music Camp attracts 100 campers, total summer registration 342
- 1980: Camping fees raised to \$ 44.00  
Change from Salmon Barbecue to "Souper Supper"  
Long Range Planning Committee formed  
Liability Insurance increase 63 %
- 1981: Bus bought from S.D.# 68 for \$ 2,860.00  
Jim Yardley Report - 11 campsites. Current market value, exclusive of buildings, lies between \$6,824.00 and \$ 8,849.00. Kwomais and Moorecroft sites are most valuable and together represent 60% of the total value of all camp properties  
Waterfront Lease renewed  
Conference requests payment of taxes paid on our behalf  
Fibreglass sabot purchased, \$ 350.00
- 1982: Float built;  
Keenagers Camp started; Senior Girls camp cancelled  
Cabin sponsors and maintainance  
Statement of Purpose written



Statement of Purpose written

1983: Cabin # 2 built funded by Ladysmith Chemainus

Cabin # 3 winterized by Comox

Reunion of Directors and Leaders, 44 persons attend.

Coordinator hired for four months at \$ 1000.00/month plus housing

Camp fees \$ 80.00

65 youth at Work Weekend

33 Leaders and Resource persons at Leaders in Training

258 summer campers

Remission of 1983 taxes approved

1984: Assessment \$ 1,065,000.00

Dr. Bob McClure speaks at Long Range Planning committee event

Camp fees \$ 85.00

85 youth and leaders at Work Weekend, 11 at LIT, 240 persons at Open House

Cabin #1 built funded by Brechin

B.C. Camping Association Accreditation



"CHRIS" LEADING SING SONG IN KENNEDY LODGE GIT WEEKEND

- 1985: Cabin # 3 replaced by Comox congregation  
 1985 or 6: Fees raised to \$ 96.00  
 258 persons attend Open House
- 1986: B.C. Conference renegotiates for 30 year Foreshore Lease to 2016  
 B.C.Camping Association Accreditation process started  
 Adventure Playground built  
 Pack Camp cancelled
- 1987: 30 year Foreshore Lease paid  
 BCCA 1 year Interim Accreditation
- 1988: Reunion  
 Garage Sale  
 LR Planning Committee proposes full time Director  
 Project 2000 proposed  
 Dining Hall named Stringer Hall in Memory of Dave Stringer  
 Catherine Kennedy retires, Dianne and Les Caswell hired as caretakers
- 1989: Cabin 7 built by Brechin Church congregation  
 Blue Bus sold  
 Overdraft
- 1990: Jacoba and Glen Kawahara hired as Caretakers  
 Assessed at \$ 1,421,000.00  
 BCCA 3 year Accreditation  
 Wheel Chair ramp ( dining hall ) built by Chemainus congregation  
 Miss Moores cabin refurbished by St. Andrews, Port Alberni congregation.  
 Entrance sign built and erected  
 310 summer campers, 23 precampers
- 1991: Cabins # 1 and 2 winterized by Chemainus  
 257 summer campers, 22 precampers  
 Chemainus congregations funds winterizing of cabins 1 and 2  
 National camping conference  
 BC Camping Conference  
 Camp Committee Fall Retreat  
 Volunteer staff training Program
- 1992: Cabin # 8 built by Trinity Congregation  
 Skipsey Lake built and stocked with trout  
 New workshop built  
 Committee System  
 Young Adult Camp and Pack Camp started  
 261 summer campers, 33 precampers
- 1993: Camp Policy and Procedures Manual revised  
 Malaspina Forestry students inventory timber  
 Bought 5 new rowboats, another boat donated, 2 clinkers repaired  
 Copy machine donated by Brechin church  
 55 vinyl mattress covers purchased with funds from Ucw's and other groups  
 LIT summer training  
 Int. Boys and Int. Girls camps combined to Co-ed  
 Jr. Co-ed started  
 351 summer campers, 9 precampers  
 Work started on Splash House # 2  
 Fall Craft Retreat started  
 Visioning retreat held  
 Assessed at \$ 1,821,000.00 ( Including buildings at \$ 118,000.00)  
 Cabin # 3 winterized by Comox congregation
- 1994: Kennedy Lodge and Splash House # 2 upgraded

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 Spring Craft Retreat started  
 Novice Camp started  
 Leadership Training Exchange event at Naramata  
 Moorecroft Cards for sale, art work by Margaret Adams  
 BCCA 3year accreditation  
 Joint Visioning Committee with Presbytery formed  
 341 summer campers, 39 precampers
- 1995: Designated Donation Fund started  
 Jacoba and Glen Kawahara leave  
 Sue Luoma interim Caretaker/Coordinator  
 Roger Bleakley Dedication Service of Kennedy Lodge fireplace  
 Moorecroft 2000 Fund started  
 Host October Presbytery  
 425 summer campers, 29 precampers
- 1996: Executive Director position established, Heather Dunn-Kinsmen hired  
 \$ 42,000 Net from sale of logged timber  
 Summer camper numbers unavailable
- 1997: Operational Planning workshop held  
 Septic field for Directors and First Aid cabins replaced to meet code standards  
 Pastoral Oversight visit  
 Archaeology dig  
 Collection of UPC'S started for campership fundraiser  
 Accreditation  
 Grandma Hoopers playground rebuilt  
 Gerry Larsen hired as caretaker  
 312 summer campers- unconfirmed, 30 pre-campers
- 1998: Moorecroft Camp Committee moves to MOORECROFT CAMP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
 format  
 New fireplace built in Miss Moores cabin  
 Roof replacement on Stringer Hall, Kennedy Lodge, Office, and old porch (Rotary funds and labour)  
 Jerryann Hamilton hired as Office worker 4 hrs/day, 4days/week  
 346 summer campers, 13 precampers
- 1999: Consultant Ron Maines hired to do Longe Range Planning Study, funded by B.C. Conference  
 Kitchen hot water tank replaced  
 Roof replacement on 3A, Fern Cottage, Splashhouse # 1 and furnace room  
 Trolley line deemed unsafe and taken down, not replaced  
 Former Caretaker Mrs Kennedy died October 30  
 Charily Bazaar at Woodgrove  
 New floor in Craft Hut  
 Some cabins repainted  
 Plywood placed on all bunkbeds  
 269 summer campers- unconfirmed, 18 precampers
- 2000: Moorecroft 2000 Fund Created  
 Kilometer of Coins fundraiser started for waterfront and sports equipment  
 Policy Manual revised  
 Executive Director Stewart Tracey hired  
 New Position - Office Staff Person; Valerie Johnstone hired  
 Kitchen renovated, rented dishwasher installed, new refrigerator, stoves reconditioned  
 Market Study and Feasibility Study completed  
 December Turkey Dinner Fundraiser held  
 Chocolate Bar sales fundraiser started  
 210 summer campers- unconfirmed, precampers unknown; no Family Camp held
- 2001: Presbytery forgives \$ 1000.00 loan  
 Blowdown timber milled  
 Pastoral Oversight visit

- New beds in staff rooms, Miss Moores, Directors, Coordinators, First Aid, and Caretakers house.
- Dining Hall painted inside
- Shawn Dobson hired as Asst. Executive Director
- Fun Fair held
- Hole in One Golf Tournament held
- Stewart Tracey left, Shawn Dobson hired as General Manager
- Estate Bequest
- Upgrade and repair of electrical distribution system
- Frisbee course added
- 2 year accreditation
- Strategic Planning meeting held
- Estimated number of campers 325 unconfirmed; no Family Camp held
- 2002: Long Range Plan presented at Presbytery and approved in principle; presented to Conference Executive and turned down
- Large deficit at year end resulted in termination of all staff.
- \$ 3,718.00 loan from Presbytery to pay staff severance
- 258 summer campers ( may not include 27 people at Family Camp )
- 2003: February 10 Moorecroft Camp registered as a non-profit Society and Board of Directors formed
- Board members: E.Patricia Crehan, David L. Courtice, Barbara E. MacDonald, A.L.Bertha Abma and Joan M Ryan
- Presbytery appoint Marilyn Huffman as Liason person to the Board
- Accreditation Pending
- Fred Smith hired as Camp Manager
- Some lumber sales
- 207 summer campers, including unknown number of precampers; no Family Camp held
- 2004: Presbytery loan repaid
- New range hood and Fire Suppression system installed, one stove replaced with large multi rack oven
- Roof relaced on caretakers house and inside painted
- Cabin # 3 repainted inside and out by Powell River congregation
- Cabin # 4 repainted outside by Campbell River congregation
- Stringer Hall exterior upgraded with painted cedar siding started by Carol Bieber and Volunteers
- Haida Kristianson Camp Manager
- Office position begun again, Amar Grewal
- New position - Program Manager Katrina Mallon
- Caretakers Ward and Melanie Norcutt hired
- 1 year Provisional accreditation BCCA
- First time United Church Accreditation process, Provisional accreditation
- B.C. Conference contracts with Derek Evans to assess all B.C. United Church camps and make recommendations for the future of outdoor ministry in the "Camping Futures Report"
- Presbytery appoints Wilda Cottam Spiritual Advisor to the Board
- 257 summer campers including unknown number of precampers
- 2005: Derek Evans Report recommends closure and sale of Moorecroft camp
- Presbytery appoints Supervisors to work with Moorecroft Board for 2005 season
- Lorrie Curwood hired as Camp Manager
- Joanna Dudley Officeworker
- Program Manager Sonja Bay
- Caretakers, Melanie and ward Norcutt leave, Catherine and Brad Callawaert hired
- Tree swing tree removed due to safety issues
- Grandma Hoopers playground equipment upgraded, some removed
- " Camping Futures Report" discussions ongoing
- Conference requires Presbytery to appoint Spiritual, Financial, Personnel, and Physical Plant supervisors for the summer program

- Wilda Cottam resigned as Spiritual Advisor to the Board, Christine Welch appointed  
 Minor upgrades to Splash Houses and Playground area  
 Presbytery extends a maximum \$ 10,000 Line of Credit for Nov.1 2005 to May 31, 2006  
 Friends of Moorecroft-Reconstruction committee approved as a sub committee of the Board  
 New Mission Statement: Moorecroft seeks to be inclusive of all in our mission to serve God,  
 Church and community; to promote spiritual growth and foster faith; to provide leadership and  
 fellowship in a safe haven.  
 United Church Accreditation 1 year Provisional
- 2006: Moorecroft Alumni list compiled  
 Cabin 10 floor rebuilt, boat dock and ramp repaired, deck at office door repaired,  
 Sale of clinker boat  
 Open House held  
 164 Society members in May  
 United Church 1 year Accreditation  
 Camp Manager Lorrie Curwood  
 Officeworker Valerie Johnstone  
 Program Manager Sonja Bay  
 Camp Chaplain Maureen Sirett  
 "Camping Futures Report " discussions ongoing
- 2007: Presbytery appoints a Negotiating Committee to meet with conference regarding the future of  
 Moorecroft  
 Silent Auction fundraiser  
 Moorecroft supporters take part in " The Great Walk " fundraiser  
 BCCA 1 year Accreditation  
 United church 1 year Accreditation  
 Family Camp held  
 Camp Manager Carla Flegel  
 Officeworker Valerie Johnstone  
 Program Manager Bronwyn McNeill  
 Moorecroft Supporters Rally held  
 Presbytery fall session supports "in principle" sale of camp property – with conditions attached
- 2008: Presbytery spring session sends negotiating committee back to the table with BC Conference for  
 Further planning. Motion to sell north (waterfront) lot and retain south lot, with Conference to  
 Relinquish title defeated 55-7 at fall session of Presbytery. Joint committee with Presbytery folks  
 and persons from the Moorecroft Camp Society Board to come up with a new plan.  
 Camp Manager Chuck Jensen  
 Officeworker Alyson Lanfear  
 Program Manager Jessica Paquette  
 Silent Auction fundraiser  
 Camp Chaplain Maureen Sirett  
 "Mothers and Others " camp introduced  
 BCCA 1 year provisional Accreditation

CHAPTER 2

THE 1970'S

MOORECROFT <sup>85?</sup>

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, May 27.

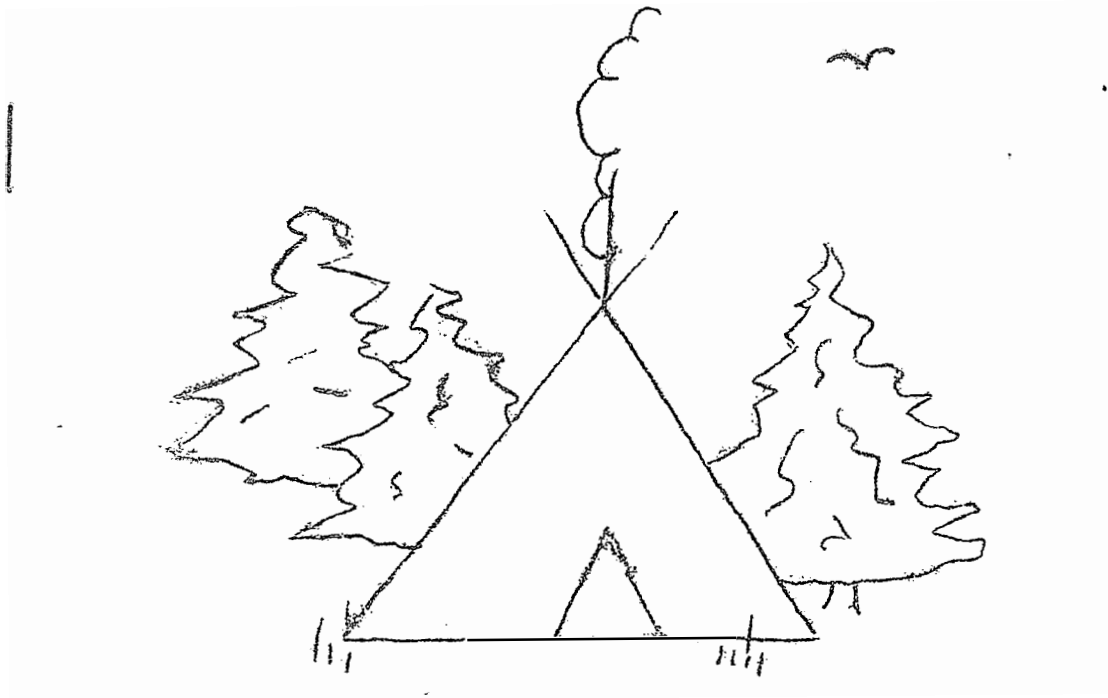
Come and visit the  
camp in the afternoon  
and enjoy the

'SOUP SUPPER'  
5:00 P.M.

(CLAM, OYSTER, & BEEF SOUP)  
Buns & Pie

Adults \$2.50  
Children (under 12) \$1.00

M O C R E C R O F T   C A M P   1 9 7 0



ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN A CAMPER;  
THEN SOMETHING HAS COME TO STAY  
DEEP IN YOUR HEART FOREVER  
WHICH NOTHING CAN TAKE AWAY;  
AND HEAVEN CAN ONLY BE HEAVEN  
WITH A CAMP IN WHICH TO PLAY.

		<del>1974</del>	<del>19.75</del>	ORDER NO
1. Powdered milk	2/50	20.45	<u>23.66</u>	16741
2. Bulk cheese	15 lb	19.66	24.97	583302
3. Mushroom soup	2/48	11.86	12.39	129072
4. Tomato soup	2/48	8.18	9.85	129098
5. Tomato juice	2/48	6.36	7.91	100990
6. Tomatoes canned		8.08	10.72	112151
7. Tomato paste		27.50	19.10 (D)	111112
8. Creamed corn		10.09	14.21	111476
9. Pancake mix	2/50	14.13	16.31	075580
10. Flour	2/100	9.75	9.95	079350
11. Baking powder	1/5	2.97	3.77	260729
12. White sugar	2-6/10 to be supplied for 1975			
13. Oatmeal		4.64	5.33	045203
14. Rice	1/25	9.91	8.58 (D)	026765
15. Macaroni	1/20	6.05	7.05	025106
16. Spaghetti	1/20	6.05	7.05	025080
17. Puffed wheat	6/20			042036
18. Graham wafers		6.57	8.38	034199
19. Crackers		6.57	8.38	034066
20. Apple sauce		9.21	12.39	092437
21. Solid pack apples		11.89	12.08	092528
22. Fruit salad		9.98	15.73	093344
23. Peaches		10.04	14.50	093690
24. Pineapple		8.71	15.08	094383
25. Plums		8.72	13.20	094565
26. Grapefruit juice	2/48s	6.22	7.19	097071
27. Hot dog relish		5.72	7.61	005140
28. Hamburger relish		5.93	8.75	005132
29. Mustard		1.51	<u>1.84</u>	368282
30. Jam	1/30	12.22	14.37	141531
31. Peanut butter	6/64	14.98	17.03	152835
32. Coconut	1/10	6.68	8.78	254854
33. Blueberry pie fill		10.59	11.16	139063
34. Cherry pie fill		13.35	14.32	139071
35. Marshmallows				426577
36. Tuna fish		18.57	25.04	118067
37. Split peas	1/10			217406
38. Kidney beans	1/10			216820
39. White beans	1/10			016873
40. Paper towels	30 rolls	18.44	22.13	602045
41. Javex	6/128	4.31	4.90	179531
42. Tide	8/80	18.16	19.78	193326
43. Liq. Deter.	8/64	8.82	10.51	193433
44. Brooms	6	12.11	14.33	611657
45. Pine Oil	4.gal	12.36	14.21	180760
46. Chore girl	36			184069
47. Noodles				024927
48. Toilet paper		21.30	23.65	600122
49. Brown sugar	1/100	34.82	27.32	081562
50 lbs Carrots, bulk pack				
1 case lettuce				
1 case cabbage				
1 case celery				
25 lbs onions				
5 100 lb sacks potatoes, (Calif White)				
Cheese slices	4/5	5.10	5.98	580811

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MOORECROFT CAMP -

SHOPPING LIST

PRICE 1976

BAKING GOODS

✓ 2 - 100 lb. bags Robin Hood flour	<u>31.90</u>	10 x 219	PILLSBURY
100 lb. bulk pancake mix	<u>34.00</u>	50 x 68	PRAIRIE MILK
100 lb. yellow (brown) sugar	<u>33.00</u>	20 x 165	
100 lb. white sugar	<u>23.92</u>	4 x 5.98	
5 lbs. Magic Baking Powder (tin)	<u>4.86</u>	2 x 243	
	<u>6.84</u>		
✓ 12 lb. dates (bulk)	<u>3.72</u>	12 x 57	
✓ 12 lb. raisins (bulk)	<u>9.96</u>	12 x 83	WALMART

CANNED GOODS

✓ 1 case (48 - 6oz.) Bye the Sea tuna	_____	50¢	(24.00)
2 cases Mushroom soup (12 - 48oz.)	_____	19.55¢	16.56 } 6¢
2 cases Tomato soup (12 - 48oz.)	_____	4.59	13.56 } 1¢
2 cases (12 - 48oz.) Heinz tomato juice	_____		
1 case creamed corn (6 - 100oz.)	_____		
1 case tomatoes (6 - 100oz.)	_____		
1 case tomato paste (6 - 100 oz.)	_____		
1-25lb. can bulk blueberry pie filling	_____		
1-25lb. can Bulk cherry pie filling	_____		
1 case (6 - 100 pz.) applesauce	_____		
1 case " blue plums	_____		
1 case " solid pack apples	_____		
1 case " 2-fruit salad	_____		
2 cases " peaches	_____		
1 case " crushed pineapple	_____		
2 cases (12 - 48oz) unsweetened grapefruit juice	_____	70¢	

CEREALS

2 - 20 lb. package Robin Hood oats	<u>12.56</u>	8 x 1.57 -
1 case (6 - 20oz) melegrain puffed wheat	<u>6.33</u>	5 x 1.27
6 - 2lb. pkg. Red River cereal	<u>3.15</u>	3 x 1.05
1/2 case Corn Flaked (largest boxes)	<u>13.80</u>	12 x 1.15
1/2 case Rice Crispies (largest Boxes)	<u>11.88</u>	12 x .99

CRACKERS

12 - 1 lb. pkg. salted soda crackers	<u>9.48</u>	12 x 79 - MOC
1 case graham wafers	<u>20.76</u>	12 x 173 - Honey Man 28¢

Moorecroft Camp - Shopping List  
Page 2

PRICE 1976

DAIRY

✓ 3 cases Pacific Milk (reg. size tin)  
 80 lb. bulk pack powdered milk

48.00  
54.40 16 x 340 PET.

40 lb. medium cheddar cheese  
 24 lb. bulk cheese slices

35.76 12 x 298 12-KRAFT.

40 lb. shortening (bulk, tin if possible)

28.70 14 x 205 - 14 TINS CRISCO

✓ *Wester Family Marg. 3x129*

JAMS, ETC.

1 30 lb. pail apple/strawberry jam

24.30 10 x 243 14-REGAL.

1 30 lb pail peanut butter

22.90 10 x 239 14-KRAFT

✓ 1 30 lb pail honey

23.38

PAPER PRODUCTS

2 CASES (96 ROLL) toilet paper (least expensive brand)

37.92 20 HONTELAIR.

1 case paper towels (30 per case)

40.68 20 ROYAL

*1 case dispenser napkins*

PASTA

1 - 20 lb box macaroni

7.80 4 x 195 - CATELLI

1 - 20 lb. box spaghetti

7.80 4 x 195 CATELLI

1 - 20 lb. box noodles

PICKLES

2 - 128 oz. hot dog relish

12.00 24 x 2100 LIBBY H. JOG.

1 case (2 - 128 oz.) Heinz mustard

4.38 2 x 219 CHEF MATE

1 case " hamburger relish

10.76 12 x 98 - SIX CUBITS

1 case ketchup

12 x 99 CHLINDA

2 - 128 oz. vegetable oil

7.98 2 x 399 W.F.

*vinegar*

PRODUCE

25 lb. onions

*50 LB*

500 lb. potatoes (California white)

50 lb. carrots

1 case celery

1 case lettuce

1 case cabbage

*TOMATOES 20 lb*

6.99 ✓  
50.00 ✓  
5.99 ✓  
10.00 ✓  
6.75 ✓  
4.00 ✓  
11.99 ✓

*OK  
 PMS*

Moorecroft Camp Shipping List  
Page 3

PRICE 1976

SOAPS, ETC.

1 case Sunlight liquid detergent	<u>13.56</u>	12 <del>1.13</del>
1 case Tide laundry detergent (8 - 80 oz)	<u>36.80</u>	12 1.275
1 case (6 - 128 oz) bleach	<u>53.4</u>	6 x 8.9 - <i>Substituted</i>
4 gal. Pinesol disinfectant	<u>24.44</u>	13 x 1.88

DRINKS

✓ 12 lb. coffee	<u>18.84</u>	12 x 1.57
2 cases (48 oz tins) apple juice <i>other sheet</i>	<u>16.56</u>	24 x 69

MISCELLANEOUS

2 cases (12 - 16oz.) Angelos marshmallows	<u>12.76</u>	1 case 24's
12 corn brooms	<del>5.56</del>	<del>2 cases</del> KRAFT
30 lb. small white beans (dried)	<u>35.64</u>	12 x 2.97
<i>plastic bags</i>	<u>18.30</u>	30 x 61

TUCK SHOP ORDER

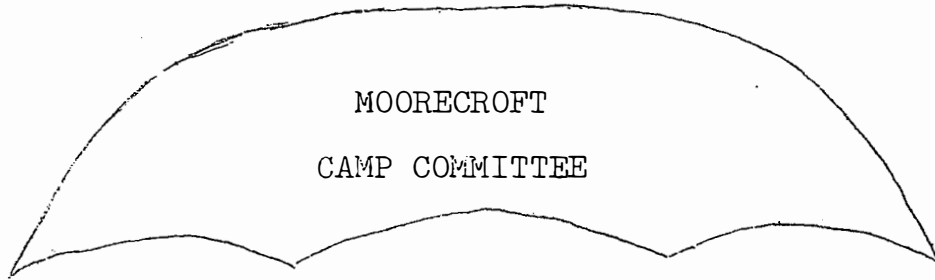
2 cases - 48 pkg. Nalleys potato chips (smallest)	<u>13.16</u>	24 x 59
4 boxes (little pkg) Cheesies	<u>28.32</u>	48 x 59
4 boxes " Planters Peanuts	<u>24.80</u>	
6 boxes - 24 regular Nielsen Jersey Milk Chocolate	<u>28.80</u>	
" " Mars Bars	<u>28.80</u>	
" " Lowney Bridge Mixture	<u>28.80</u>	
" " Glosette Peanuts	<u>28.80</u>	
" " Oh Henry	<u>28.80</u>	

HOLD (keep on-hand)

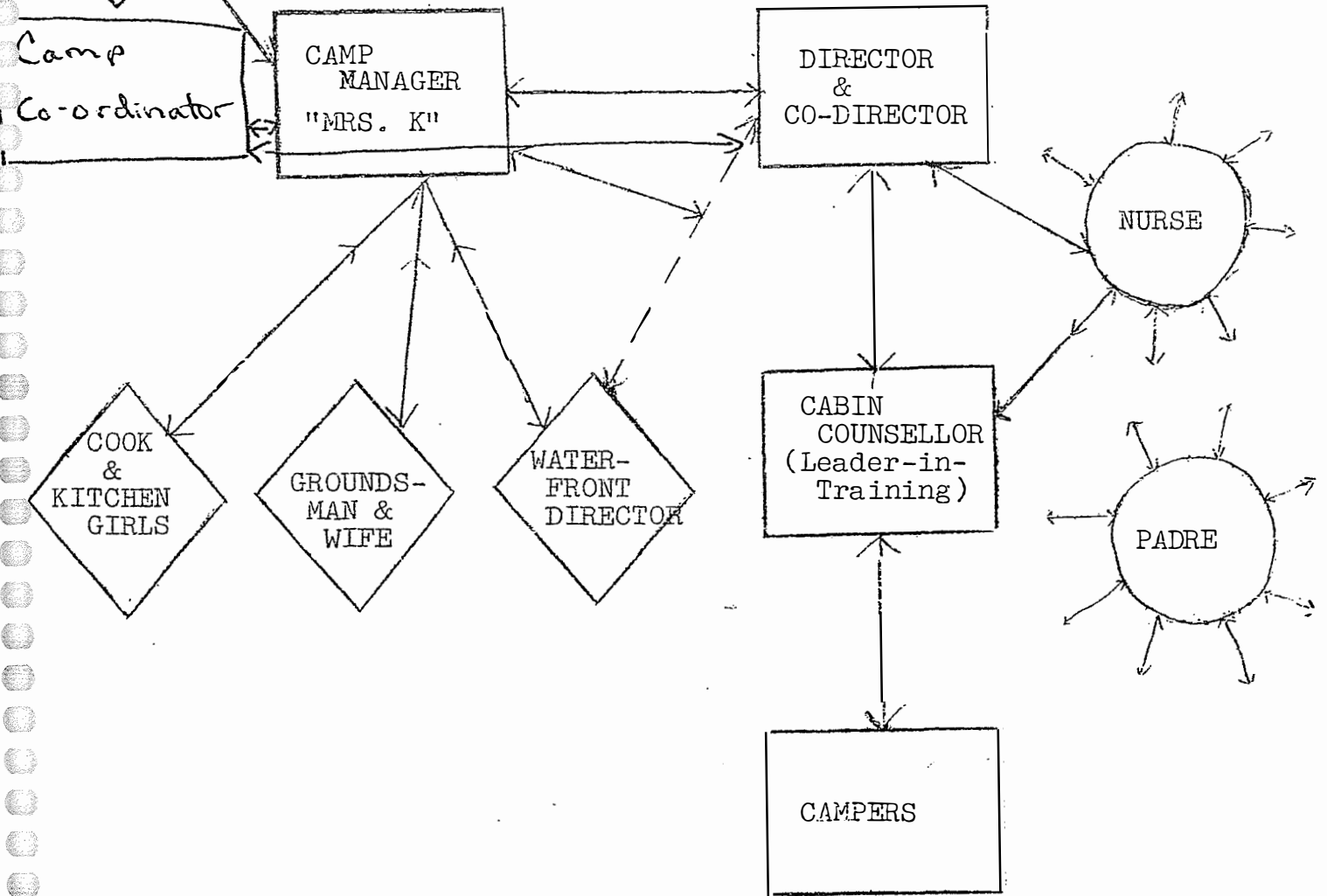
Red kidney beans - 50 lb	<u>34.25</u>	
medium sweet cocoanut - 10 lb.	<u>8.70</u>	10 x 87
long grain rice - 25 lb.	<u>9.48</u>	10 x 87
yellow split peas - 10 lb.	<u>3.30</u>	10 x 33
chore girls - 48, or 24 2's	<u>10.80</u>	24 x 45

LINES OF COMMUNICATION

-MOORECROFT CAMP



OUTSIDE CONTACTS



MOORECROFT CAMP STATEMENT

SUMMER OPERATION - 1976

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1 9 7 6</u>	
<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>			
Registration	\$12,154.00	\$12,300.00	
Casual Meals, etc.	371.05	218.58	
Tuck Shop	1,147.24	1,228.47	
Offering	260.87	291.24	
		<u>14,038.29</u>	
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>			
Camp Staff	\$ 5,575.74	\$ 5,542.71	
Food & Tuck	6,431.99	5,488.04	
Transportation	485.60	606.38	
W. C. B.	29.20	43.10	
Phone	107.06	154.19	
Light & Power	352.27	265.27	
Heat	466.01	358.77	
Office & Miscellaneous	110.72	177.74	
First Aid Supplies	63.32	71.17	
Donations (Offering)	260.87	291.24	
		<u>12,998.61</u>	
NET INCOME	\$ 50.38	\$ 1,039.68	
BANK BALANCE, January 1, 1976		<u>691.86</u>	
		\$ 1,731.54	
TRANSFERRED TO GENERAL ACCOUNT		<u>1,000.00</u>	
BANK BALANCE, December 31, 1976		<u><u>\$ 731.54</u></u>	

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance to Sept. 19/77

399.17

INCOME

Fees	386.00
Donations: Sports equip., swing set	134.48
Telephone refunds	16.52
Vehicle Ins. refunds	228.00
Food sales	47.70
Transfer from C.U.	510.00
Summer Acct. - paid expenses	<u>1,068.81</u>
	2,391.51

2,391.51  
2,790.68

EXPENSES

Telephone	40.00
Hydro	233.05
Garbage	18.00
Liability Ins.	275.00
Land Lease	50.00
Rope	11.24
Misc.	11.00
Property payment	300.00
Taxes	149.92
R. Scoffield -fees	<u>206.88</u>
	<u>656.80</u>
	1,295.09

1,295.09

Balance ~~to~~ Oct. 24/77

1,495.59

PROPERTY ACCOUNT

Purchase price	36,600.00	Gifts	18,337.81
Survey fees -approx.	2,200.00	Interest	1,839.87
Expenses to date	<u>920.00</u>	McM. Fund	<u>15,000.00</u>
	39,720.00		35,177.00

Need to raise approx. \$4,542.00

Have \$6,500.00 in outstanding loans but have approx \$2,200.00 C.U. balance

Moorecroft Camp Weekend.  
 May 22-24/76  
 Please sign and state no. in party.

JAN FERGUSON (+Prot)	2
BILL + ELEANOR CHAPMAN + FAMILY	5
Dorrie + Farnaine Cornish + Christine	3.
Dick Lidrow	1
Jim + Betty Percy	4
Paul Bailey	5
Barbara Liddiman	2
Sail Attwell	4
Mayorie Jeff Brent Clark	3
Frances Kowitzka	}
Helen Kowitzka	
<del>Patricia</del> + Molly Stinger Judyant	2
Rev K. Ellis, Eleanor + Barbara Gray	3
Bill + Lola Lyons,	2.
Russell + Heather Armstrong	2
Kathleen Anne Boyd	3
Norothy + Allan Cox	4.
Judith + Chris Vardy	4
Mary Connelley	5
Elaine + Helen Scott + Family	(5)
Mary + Ursula Simpson + Family	(6)
Ken + Helen Rogers Camp R.	(8)
Art + Cora Peysing + 2	(6)

Jean Bleakly 1

In Camp 5 more

Coming back Sunday 7 more

Gayle Swisshel

Go Shipping ①

Brian + Christina Altona ⑤

CHARLES & KATHY TORHJELM + ④ ⑥

LARRY - EILEEN - JANICE - JULIE DENT ④

MURRAY - DIANE SHELLEY - LAURA - CAROL - PAUL - JORAN

Monica Chermick

THOMAS ⑦

(ROSS & DOROTHY SHAW - Bob, Donna, Renee) - 6

FRED, DIANE, GEOFF & DONNA MOLYNEUX ④

Paul + Glenna Schmidt 2

Cliff, Dorothy PEARSON & family 5

Doug + Susanne McFeely ②



## MOORECROFT ANNUAL REPORT for 1976

We look back to the 1976 activities at Moorecroft with some satisfaction and some concern, but also with thankfulness that so many people have invested time and talent in the programmes held at the Camp. We feel it has been a centre for Christian concern and for outreach into the areas served by our Presbytery.

### OUR SUMMER PROGRAMME:

Mae Pagdin, our leadership committee chairman reports:

#### 8 camps:

- 71 leaders
- 8 leaders-in-training
- 300 campers.

The leadership weekend was most successful. Jim Elliott gave outstanding leadership for this.

We are grateful to the leaders and to the directors for all their work and planning.

Catherine Kennedy once again played the major role in the summer programme. She was ably supported by the summer staff and the volunteer help of Jean Bleakley.

The financial statement for the summer, prepared by Jim Robertson, shows that we had an operating balance of \$1,039.68.

### PROGRAMME DURING THE REST OF THE YEAR:

Church groups using camp	16
Congregational picnics	3
Other groups	32
Estimated number of camper days	5,803

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

- We bought a new van.
- We had a "crummy" donated by MacMillan Bloedel.
- Four boats were donated to the camp.
- Many people came forward with the offer of a \$1,000 loan to help us purchase the Clayton property behind the playing field.
- Many gifts of fruit and vegetables were gratefully received over the summer.
- The "cookie" programme (50 dozen cookies from each congregation) was again successful and very worthwhile.
- 60 new mattresses have been purchased.
- The dining room roof has been re-shingled.
- A boat house and a garage have been added to our buildings.

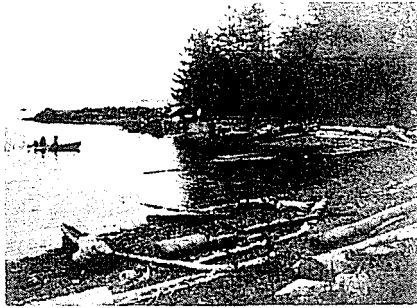
I would like to say a very real thankyou to every member of the committee, especially to Catherine Kennedy, who makes everyone welcome at Moorecroft

# A Call From Moorecroft

JANUARY 1977

Over the past 22 years the face and facilities of Camp Moorecroft have changed, but the purpose is still the same. It has been recognized as a place of beauty and retreat, where serious matters are thought out, and loads of fun and growing experiences take place. Can you put your mind back to when you were there? Remember the outings in the boats, the campfires, perhaps a "sleep-out" when no one slept much, a treasure hunt, or just plain log-sitting or wandering around at low tide . . . each of us has a pleasant memory of a week at camp.

The history of the camp includes the hard work of Bob Moses, Dennet Bryson, Ernie Jackson, Bruce Coleman, Allen Crewe, and many nameless individuals under the umbrella of the United Church of Canada who helped with the purchase and build-up of facilities so that you could spend a happy time there as a camper. (Remember the good meals?).



Since the beginnings in the mid 1950's, nine new buildings have been added and some of them winterized. New boats, a bus, a new van and a truck have been acquired. These facilities have allowed the Camp to be used as a base for outings, a fall and winter meeting place for Presbytery and church congregations, and use in the spring by class groups from local school districts. It is a great place for looking inside ourselves, for a close look at environmental harmony and for examining God's many purposes for people.

Mrs. Kennedy (our Mrs. "K") has made her home in the Caretaker's cottage at the Camp entrance. Work parties come and go with her blessing, and the leaky roofs and drain pits are still being patched and watched. Moorecroft continues to be the rough jewel in the crown of the church, and God continues to work through His most important creation, namely PEOPLE.

The Camp Committee have watched with concern the growth of population nearby, and enquired what could be done to ensure the privacy of the camp. The vulnerable spot for development was the edge of the upper playing field, and so an option to purchase this raw land was obtained from the owner. Look at the map, and you will see that this piece also straightened out the property line of the existing 75 acres. The cost of this buffer zone is about \$40,000, and decision to purchase was made in December 1976.

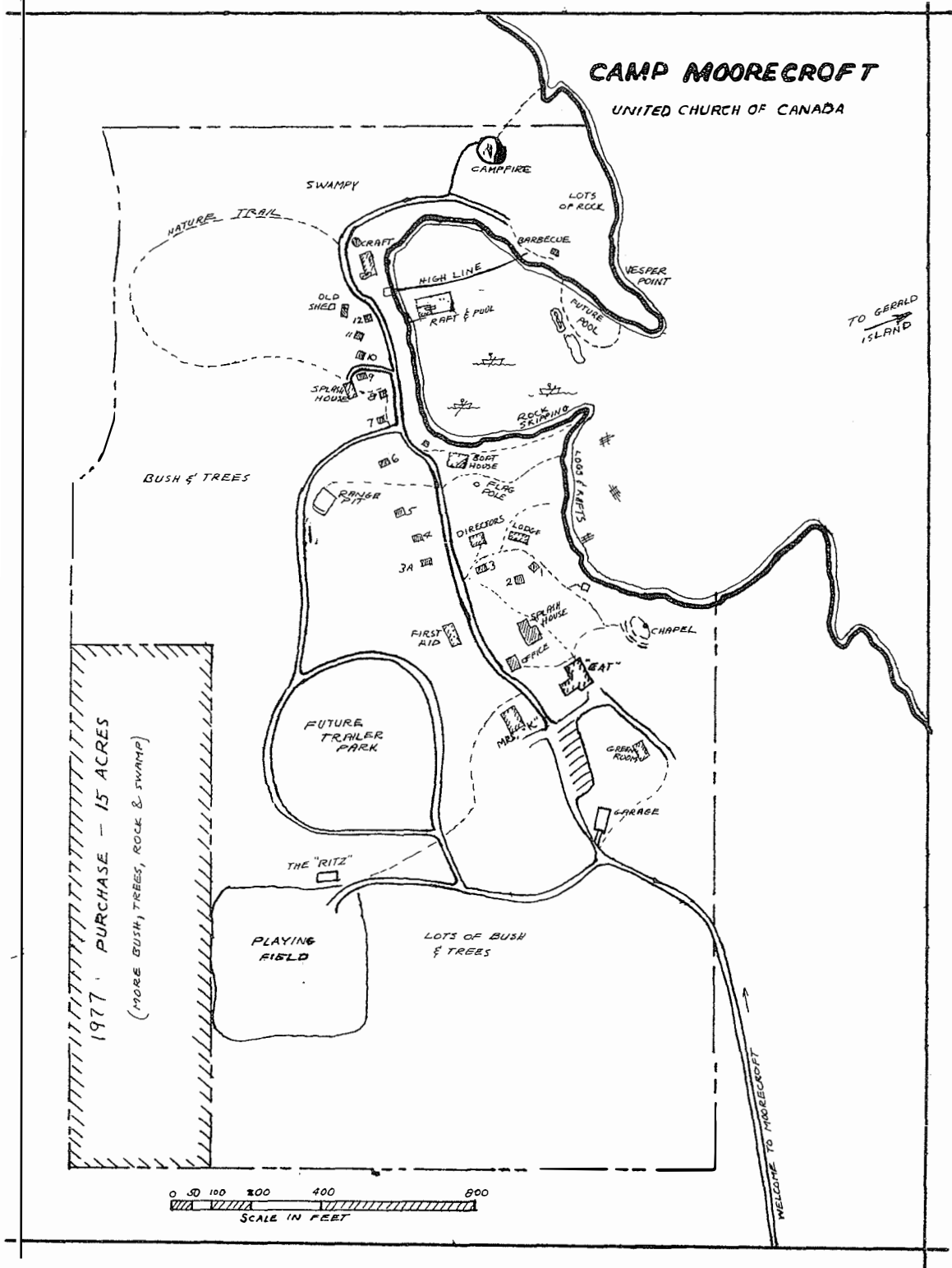


The Camp Committee invite you to share in this necessary investment for tomorrow's campers. We want all who come to continue to enjoy camp activities without residential development overshadowing the area.

The Committee hopes that you will respond with a contribution to the Moorecroft Appeal Committee in your area, or through your local church treasurer, or directly to Mrs. R. Atwell, 2935 Wildwood Drive, Nanaimo. Receipts will be issued for tax purposes.

Make all chèques or money orders payable to "Moorecroft Camp". Post-dated cheques or a regular monthly amount would be most acceptable.

*P.S. — Be sure to drop in to the Camp if you are on Vancouver Island. All ex-campers and interested people are welcome!*



**CALLING ALL CAMPER'S AND MOORECROFT WORKERS**

St. George's United Church - Fellowship Hall  
505 - 6th St. Courtenay, B.C.

A GET-TOGETHER will be held in your area at \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunday Feb. 27th, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. 334-2858

on \_\_\_\_\_ A PANCAKE SUPPER followed by an information and entertainment program. Ex-Campers, future Campers are invited, along with all interested people.



Ian Potts

Chairman, Local Camp Committee



# CAMP MOORECROFT

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

## TITLE DEED

BE IT KNOWN BY THIS DOCUMENT THAT

\*\*\*Mr. & Mrs. M. Atkinson OF Bledin  
HAS PURCHASED 2 SQUARE METRES OF BUSH  
SWAMP LAND, ROCK BLUFF FOREST GLADE  
(depth not to exceed 40 km.; height to infinity)  
This being part and parcel of the 1977 property  
addition to CAMP MOORECROFT.

Holder is entitled to inspect, run on, lie down  
on, lie about, sing to, and otherwise enjoy (but  
not alter), said property at almost any time  
except the moulting season of pet rocks.

\*\*NON-TRANSFERABLE\*\*NON NEGOTIABLE\*\*  
\*\*\*MUHH APPRECIATED\*\*\*

PERPETRATED UNDER THE GREAT SEAL OF MOORECROFT  
February 27 Year of our Lord 1977

The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof.



No. _____	_____	April 3	1977
Received from Mr. & Mrs. Mac Atkinson			
_____	_____	_____	100 Dollars
Re: Moorecroft Camp			
\$ 10. =	MADE IN B.C.	_____	

	1978	Reg	att.
Camp #1		64	64
Camp #2		27	27
Camp #3		70	68
Camp #4		63	63
Camp #5		7	5 - 17
Camp #6		32	27
Camp #7		42	42
Camp #8		28	27
Camp #9	(396)	63	(375) 52

	1979		
	R	A	
Camp #1	6	3	#9 Bible camp 2
Camp #2	24	22	
Camp #3	48	46	
Camp #4	37	36	
Camp #5	53	51	
Camp #6	49	45	
Camp #6 pack	20	20	
Camp #7	70	65	336 registered
Camp #8	27	23	314 attended

## CHAPTER 3

### THE 1980'S

#### FROM THE KITCHEN

Recommendations for next year:

#### CLEAN UP DUTIES FOR EACH MEAL

Each individual group member helps (cabin group designated for clean up)  
Until ALL are finished.

- 1: Clear & wipe tables; sweep the floor.
- 2: Rinse & wash dishes & wipe; put away in cupboards.
- 3: Rinse & wash pots, pans & cutlery; put away in correct places.
- 4: Wipe up kitchen area.

Moorecroft Camp Financial Statement  
Nov. 24/80

Balance Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>		1536	06
<u>Income:</u>			
Refund of Summer Expenses	2215.24		
Summer Camp Donation	252.87		
Donation to Bus Fund	50.00		
Transfer from Bus Fund.	292.87		
	<u>2812.98</u>	2812	98
		<u>4349</u>	<u>04</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>			
Maintenance	8.66		
Bus Purchase	2,860.00		
U.C.C. Bus Ins. - storage	41.00		
Service Chg. - Bank.	3.00		
	<u>2912.66</u>	2912	66
Balance Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup>		<u>1436</u>	<u>38</u>
Bus Fund Account Closed. -			
Balance	0		

## 8.0 CONCLUSIONS

1. The United Church owns 10 of the 11 camp sites which it operates in B. C. The Conference holds legal title to four of the sites. Presbyteries own two sites. Congregations own two sites. One site is owned by the Division of Mission in Canada while the title holder to the remaining site (McKenzie) was not determined.
2. The current market value (exclusive of buildings) of all camp sites owned by the United Church in B. C. is estimated to lie between \$6,824,000 and \$8,849,000. The Kwomais and Moorecroft sites are the most valuable and together represent about 60% of the total value of all camp properties.
3. Attendance at United Church summer camps has remained very stable as a whole over the past 12 years. On the average 2193 persons attend the summer camps each year. The lowest attendance (i.e. 2086 campers) was recorded in 1972 while the highest attendance (i.e. 2373 campers) was recorded in 1979.
4. Only four camps usually offer programs for 80% or more of the two month summer period including Fircom, Moorecroft, Cultus and Pringle. By comparison, six camps are programmed for less than one month each summer including Grafton, Kwomais, Mollice Lake, Rock Lack, McKenzie and Koolaree.
5. On the average, the United Church camps record a total occupancy of 51,445 camper-days each year. This rate of usage equates to an average of 140 campers attending the camps each and every day of the year. The most heavily utilized camp is Kwomais where an average of 27 campers use the site each day. The most under-used site is Koolaree where an average of three campers use the site each day.
6. The summer camping program is the primary tenant of the camps when taken as a whole. Approximately 34% of all camper-days recorded at the camps is attributed to the summer camping program. Use by other United Church groups accounts for an additional 10% of the total number of camper days. Groups not connected with the United Church thus account for 56% of the total occupancy recorded at the camps.



7. Each of the local camp committees has, at some point in its history, examined the theological rationale underlying the continued existence of their camp. As a rule, however, day-to-day operational concerns tend to dominate the agenda at most committee meetings. The consequence is that the committees generally lack concrete plans for putting their theological rationale into practice.
8. As a rule the local camp committees are not widely representative in terms of membership of the congregations in the geographical area served by their camp. Cultus is a notable exception to this rule. The committees are desirous of expanding their membership in order to achieve broader representation but feel thwarted in this regard by a lack of response by the church as a whole.
9. Accountability of the committees is generally quite limited although the committees stress that this is not a matter of choice or deliberate intention on their part. The committees are willing to accept oversight by local congregations and presbyteries but unfortunately such oversight is not forthcoming on any regular basis. In summary the lack of accountability of the local committees arises not because they are 'runaways' but rather because they have been 'orphaned' by the larger church.
10. The Conference has a rather tenuous relationship with the local committees. Contact is irregular and haphazard. The role of Conference in relation to the committees is ill-defined. Regular face-to-face contact would solidify the relationship between Conference and the local camp committees. Unfortunately budget and staff limitations preclude such contact at present.

Menu *Cabin Two*  
 Moorecroft Pack Camp  
 1982

Sun. Aug. 22	Sausages Apple sauce Rice Carrots Pudding (Inst.) Tea Peas	6 lb. Dehy. 2 lb. 4 lb. 6 boxes 2 large
Mon., Aug. 23	(1) Rolled Oats Raisins Bacon Prunes Cocoa, Tea (2) Hardtack - <i>crackers</i> Peanut butter Jam Fresh apples -Juice Candies (3) Bologna Dehy. Potatoes 2 peas Dehy. Veg. Jello Pudding Tea, Cocoa (4) Cocoa, Tea Hardtack Dehy. Apples	1 3/4 lb. 1 lb. 3 lb. 2 lb. 4 pkg. 1 lb. 20 192 oz. 2 lb. 2 1/2 lb. 24 serv. 4 boxes corn 6 pkg. 3 pkg. 2 bags
Tues., Aug. 24	(1) Cream of Wheat Raisins Bacon (sliced) Hardtack Prunes Tea (2) Hardtack Cheese Juice Candies (3) Soup Weiners 2 peas Kraft Dinner Dehy. Apples (4) Rice Pudding Raisins Hardtack	2 1/2 lb. 1 lb. 3 lb. 3 pkg. 2 lb. 4 pkg. 2 lb. 192 oz. 2 lb. 6 pkg. 3 lb. 6 boxes 2 lb. 2 1/2 lb. 1 lb. 2 pkg.

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Wed. Aug. 25 (1) Rolled Oats 1½ lb.  
 Raisins 1 lb.  
 Bacon 4 tins  
 Eggs 4 doz.  
 Hardtack 2 pkg.  
 Tea, Cocoa

(2) Hardtack 3 pkg.  
 Cheese 2 lb.  
 Figs 2 lb.  
 Juice 192 oz.  
 Candies 2 lb.  
 Oranges 24

(3) Stew Meat (cooked) ~~Don't~~  
 Dehy. Potatoes 1 box  
 4 corn Cabbage 2 large  
 Stewed Rhubarb ~~Don't~~  
 Tea, Cocoa

(4) Hardtack 2 pkg.  
 Raisins 2 lb.  
 Tea, Cocoa

Thurs., Aug. 26 (1) Cream of Wheat 2½ lb.  
 Raisins 1 lb.  
 Bacon 3 tins  
 Eggs 2 doz.  
 Hardtack 3 pkg.  
 Dehy. Apples 2 lb.  
 Tea

(2) Hardtack 3 pkg.  
 Cheese 2 lb.  
 Apricots 2 lb.  
 Juice 192 oz.  
 Candy 2 lb.

(3) Kraft Dinner 8 boxes  
 Weiners 3 lb.  
 Hardtack 2 pkg.  
 Cheese 2 lb.  
 Juice 192 oz.  
 Tea

(4) Hardtack 2 pkg.  
 Figs 2 lb.  
 Cocoa

Fri., Aug. 27 (1) Rolled Oats 1½ lb.  
 ✓ Bacon 3 tins  
 ✓ Hardtack 3 pkg.  
 Dehy. Apples 2 lb.  
 Tea

4  
10 pbs

Cohen

9pk Soup ?

cocoa ?

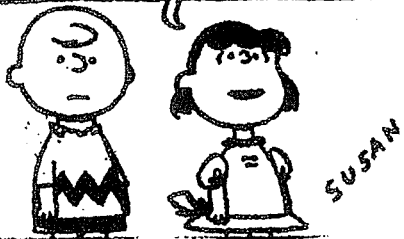
- (2) Harrook 4 pkg.
- Cheese 2 lb.
- Dehy. Mixed Fruit 3 bags
- Juice 192 oz.
- Candy 2 lb.
- (3) Prem 4 tins
- Dehy. Potatoes 1 box
- Dehy. Veg. 5 corn 2 peas
- Jello Pudding 6 pkg.
- Juice 192 oz.

Sat., Aug. 28

- (1) Cream of Wheat 2 1/2 lb.
- Raisins 1 lb.
- Bacon 3 lb.
- Rye Crisp 3 pkg.
- Apricots 18
- Tea
- (2) Rye Crisp 3 pkg.
- Cheese 2 lb.
- Dehy. Apricots 2 lb.

- ① Variety in hot cereal } Sunny Boy  
                                       } Red River Cereal
- ② No pudding, only Whip 'n Chill
- ③ Jello
- ④ Freeze-dried veg. available in gallon bins  
    - see Frank Holm for address
- ⑤ Freeze-dried Hamburger.
- ⑥ Spaghetti + sauce.
- ⑦ Garlic things for meat variety
- ⑧ Coffee + tea in equal amounts.

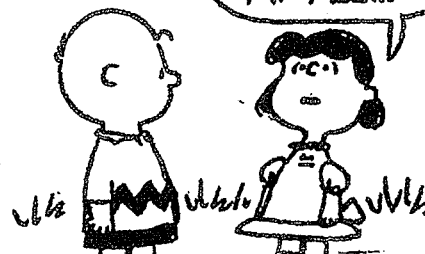
WE'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT A LOT LATELY AND I'M CONVINCED THAT MAKING THE KY BLUE WAS A GOOD IDEA...



"Who Owns It?"  
Date? 1982-83?

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I DOUBT IF ANY OTHER COLL WOULD HAVE WORKED AT ALL...



## CAMP CHRONICLE!

Question: How do you know that Moorecroft is THE camp?  
Answer: How do you know that the sky is blue?....because it's true!

### WHY FIRE ENGINES ARE ALWAYS RED

Have you ever heard why fire engines are always red? You haven't? Well, this is why:  
Fire engines have four wheels and eight men,  
Four and eight make twelve, and twelve inches make a ruler;  
Queen Elizabeth was a Ruler;  
The Queen Elizabeth was one of the biggest ships to sail the seas;  
The seas have fish and fish have fins;  
The Finns fought the Russians;  
The Russians are always red;  
Fire engines are always rushin',  
Therefore, fire engines are always red!



Are you confused?  
DON'T WORRY!

All we really want to do  
Is to tell you something  
About Moorecroft

WE'RE GLAD YOU APPROVE



### Do you know how Moorecroft was named?

The Camp was originally owned by a Miss Moore who was a Phys-Ed instructor at U.E.C. She used it exclusively as a camp for girls. When the United Church bought it from Miss Moore they agreed to leave the trees and to keep the name "Moorecroft". Miss Moore's Uncle- by the way was a leader

WHO OWNS IT? The Title for Moorecroft Camp is in the name of the United Church of Canada. The actual Title is held by the B.C. Conference Property and Development Committee. But the responsibility for administration lies with Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery. The Moorecroft Camp Committee--which really operates the Camp--is a Committee of Presbytery. This is the ownership story on paper. The real ownership story is that a great many people feel that they have a stake in Moorecroft and work at it and for it as though they owned it. The Camp Committee is made up of interested individuals and representatives of Pastoral Charges in the Presbytery. Is your congregation represented? How about offering a little encouragement to get one appointed? This Committee is an important one because it not only looks after the maintenance of the Camp, but also programming for the Camp and the use of the Camp property. Presbytery has also appointed a Long Range Planning Committee to look into winter programming--more about that later.

One of the people who has an "ownership" relation to Moorecroft is Catherine Kennedy. Catherine not only lives at Moorecroft but takes responsibility for it as though she did own it. It is her efficiency and dependability, in large part, that keeps schools and other groups coming back year after year. She is Camp Manager and does a super job for us. Moorecroft wouldn't be Moorecroft without Catherine. She does receive a small honorarium, but it is peanuts in relation to the time and energy that she invests and the responsibility that she so capably carries.

Another person who has an "ownership" relation to Moorecroft is Dave Stringer of Stringer Construction of Ladysmith. Dave spends at least one full day a month at Moorecroft and is on call all of the time. That may mean responding to the emergency of an overflowing septic tank under a splash house with a full camp in residence; not only mucking around in the stuff but also losing a day at work in order to do it. Dave not only organizes work parties and is there himself at them, but also takes responsibility for managing the maintenance of the Camp. Recently he not only used his knowledge and skills as a builder to rebuild Cabin 2, but got the Ladysmith-Chemainus A.O.T.S. to take total responsibility for the project. How about your congregation? Would they be interested in taking responsibility for rebuilding a cabin? If so, call Dave or the Camp or write the Camp Committee c/o the Camp. There are many other people who have an "ownership" relation to Moorecroft, of course, and we will tell you about them in subsequent issues of the "Chronicle".

Have you heard? --that the following projects have been completed at Moorecroft the last couple of years? 1) A New Float has been built that is torredor-proof. Tubular steel-like they use for making portable spar trees- was donated by Madills in Nanaimo, a welder was hired, a portable sawmill brought in to cut the dedar for the decking from trees off our own land, and we have a super permanent float. That's how things get done at Moorecroft--with a little pushing from people like Art Skipsey. Our next project to improve swimming is to build a tidal swimming pool so that Directors can include swimming in their program when they wish, not when the tide dictates. This would mean building a pool that would fill at high tide that could be emptied every couple of days to keep the water fresh--great idea!--as soon as we can afford it. 2) A New Water Line has also been installed. If you ever repaired a break in the old line in the pouring rain--because there was a camp in and they had to have water; or you picked out pieces of vegetation or sundry worms from the water because you didn't fancy adding that kind of nourishment to your drinking water--or drank water that smelled--you will appreciate the new line to the District main line(not Enos Lake)--with a pressure valve. The Regional District has been most co-operative in getting this line in, and we are most grateful. 3) Have you seen the Playing Field lately? We have invested \$ 1,500.00 in getting it levelled and sown in grass; heaps of work; Jim Rogers was one of those who spent several days at it. The Youth Work Camp: On the May 24 weekend

Have you noticed?--that we have found--or been found by--a female companion for Leo?

"Stranger" is a most friendly police dog that has taken up residence with us and will replace Leo as the camp guardian one of these days.

Other occupants beside Leo and Stranger and the deer, are the sea gulls; harmless--mostly. Have you heard about the three male inmates of a mental hospital on Lake Ontario who were sunning themselves on the lawn one sunny spring afternoon? A seagull flew over and made a direct hit on the middle guy.. The man on his right jumped up and said "I'll run up to the building and get some toilet paper." The man on his right waited until the first was out of earshot and then he said to the victim, "you know, that guy really is crazy; by the time he gets back here that seagull will be two miles out over the lake".

Did you know?--that two years ago we were taxed for the first time to the tune of about \$ 6,500.00? In error the Vancouver Office paid the bill, and we were firmly ensconced on the tax roll. When the Assessment Notice came last year we appealed it and won the appeal--we had found that the Pentecostal Camp had also been taxed and had won exemption. We also got back the \$ 6,500.00 that had been paid in taxes the year before--by an Order in Council, no less. A tax bill like that would have put us under for good.

--that each summer different congregations help out by sending cookies for the evening 'mug-up'? Each participating UCW or congregation is asked to contribute 50 dozen. Normally we get about 400 dozen. That's a lot of cookies! Thanks to all who participated--helps send campers to bed happy.

Our Summer Camps: So far camps are going well. Last year we had to cancel Sr. Girls because of low registration. This year we had 21 and a really

good camp. The Music and Fine Arts Camp is in at the moment of writing. WE NEED leaders: Junior Boys Aug 10 - 17; 3 cabin leaders, 1 nurse, and 1 padre  
Boys Grades 6-12, Aug 18 - 25; 3 cabin leaders, 1 nurse, and 1 padre  
(for the sailing camp anyone with sailing experience especially welcome)  
Co-Ed Camp Aug 29 - Sept 5; 1 female and 1 male cabin leaders.  
Family Camp Jul 28 - Aug 1; 1 nurse.

Registrations at the Pack Camp and the Family Camp are low. The Pack Camp is going up Great Central Lake to Della Falls and 'across the top' to Courtenay. The Family Camp has Karen and Lorne Irwin as Directors, Isabel Johnson and Gloria Scott as leaders of the children's program, Joan List to provide input on the enrichment of family life--by talk and trial. At \$ 25.00 per day per family it is a bargain. Mae Pagdin has been in charge of leadership this year and has done her usual efficient and conscientious job. Thanks Mae!

Our Venture in Faith: For years we have talked about using Moorecroft as a Retreat and Spiritual Resource Centre for the Presbytery on a year-round basis, but we never felt that we could afford it. This year the Long Range Planning Committee suggested that we engage someone for four months as a Program Co-ordinator who would visit congregations with a view to increasing attendance at camp, helping find leaders, generally stirring up interest in Moorecroft, and formulating recommendations for future development. Moorecroft has agreed to contribute \$ 2,000.00 and Presbytery \$ 4,000.00 through its Special Appeals Fund. We were able to be included in the Youth Employment Program for about \$ 2,000.00, which will reduce Presbytery's and Moorecrofts obligations proportionately. Susan Dent has been employed to do this job and her report will be included in the next issue of the "Chronicle".

See you in September!

George Affleck, Editor

P.S. By the way, Dr. Jones is under the weather these days; if you happen to be in Port Alberni, drop in and say hello. Address - 4545 Argyle St.; Phone 723-5724. We sure miss him around Moorecroft and hope he will soon be back.

1983

Remission of 1983 taxes has been approved Long Range Planning recommends hiring a program co-ordinator for four months as a start M/S That we drop the water rights to Enos Lake

May Youth work weekend to held in May Souper supper to be held May 22 Playing field to be levelled and seeded Suggested a tidal swimming pool be a priority

1984 Long Range Planning Committee is planning an event March 21-24 with Dr. Bob M~~g~~ure as speaker





Reunion '88

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MOORECROFT REUNION - Sat., July 2, 1988

- 10:00 a.m. Register - Coffee and Chat
- 11:00 Morning Chapel with Jessie Oliver  
in outdoor Chapel  
Free time - pictures in Lodge
- 12:00 Lunch - on Green or in dining hall
- 1:00 Rest, chat, walk the trails, tour campsite
- 2:30 Dedication of David Stringer Memorial Hall
- 3:00 Tea in Stringer Hall
- 4:00 Moorecroft Memories in Kennedy Lodge
- 5:30 Barbeque Supper - on Green
- 7:00 Campfire - led by Ian Potts
- 8:30 Vespers

Thank you Lord, on this day  
For our many good blessings,  
Thank you Lord, on this day  
For our many good friendships.  
Glory to God, may you hear our prayer  
Guide us on forever,  
Thank you Lord, on this day  
For our blessings and friendships.

## CHAPTER 4

### THE 1990'S

Did you know that in 1994:

There were 341 campers and 39 pre-campers?

A Novice Camp (7& 8 year olds) was started?

A two week Leadership Training Camp was added?

There were 133 Volunteers in Program and Leadership?

In the 10 month "off season" there were 4,709 camper days?

There were 11 congregations with active representation on Camp Committee?

*history*

# Moorecroft legacy lives on

As the summer camp season is about to get off the ground for another year, Moorecroft camp is gearing up for the hordes of young campers arriving for a summer of fun and learning experiences. Being a United Church camp there is emphasis put on Christian living, but there is ample time for games, swimming, fishing, crafts and campfires.

When I was there, a class from Rock City School was just packing up after a week of activities in which a scientist from the Biological Station in Nanaimo, a forester from MacMillan Bloedel and a representative from the Fish and Wildlife Branch of the Department of the Environment had all come out to the camp to give them hands-on instruction. Some of the students were playing volleyball and

*"Some were playing volleyball and a group were line-dancing on the beach"*

a group were practising line-dancing on the beach near the boathouse. The camp is open all year. Brownies, Scouts, adult retreats and Church activities are ongoing.

Moorecroft is situated on a little cove called Arab Bay adjacent to Jingle Pot Cove on the Nanoose Peninsula. It was here that Gertrude E. Moore chose to start a camp for girls in 1934. The name Jingle Pot Cove referred to the Jingle Pot Mine at Wellington, where so many Nanoose Bay men worked at one time. It originated from a saying of the miners in the north of England. In early days, miners were paid in coin. When they had a good week and dug more than the usual amount of coal, the pay was extra and on pay day the miner would say to his wife "Eh Hinny, there'll be a jingle in the pot tonight." The money would be tossed into a pewter pot for safe-keeping and the name Jingle Pot came to mean a lucky mine.

Gertrude E. Moore was born in Ontario. She attended the Margaret Eaton School of Physical Education and was Director of Recreation for the T. Eaton Co. until 1927 when she came to Vancouver to become director of Physical Education at the

## Historical Notes

by Marge Leffler  
Dist. 69 Museum Manager



CHILDREN ENJOY VOLLEYBALL and other sports at the camp.

YWCA. From 1935 to 1945 she was director of Physical Education for women at the University of B.C., and was the driving force in the



GERTRUDE E. MOORE  
Camp founder

founding of the B.C. Camping Association in 1939.

Realizing the need for an outdoor camp for girls, Miss Moore (or "Dinty" as she was affectionately called) purchased 75 acres on Jingle Pot Cove, where she established Moorecroft during the Depression. She named it after her family homestead in Ontario. Originally it was a camp for girls only, but in 1946 boys from five to 12 years were admitted.

Miss Moore's health began to fail around 1954, so she arranged to sell Moorecroft to the United Church through their Conference Camp Committee. The camp, with its 75 acres of buildings, trails, boats and swimming facilities was bought for \$50,000. Later on, in 1976, 14 more acres were bought for \$10,000 from Pitt and William Clayton.

Miss Moore died in 1969 at the age of 75. But her tradition is carried on by the United Church, where all summer long groups of boys and girls take part in an extensive camping program, thereby fulfilling the dreams of this indomitable woman.

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	DAY 1 SUN	DAY 2 MON.	DAY 3 TUES.	DAY 4 WED.	DAY 5 THURS.	DAY 6 FRIDAY	DAY 7 SAT
B R E A K F A S T	C. CEREAL H. CEREAL TOAST JUICE MILK Pb/jam/HONEY COFFEE/TEA	C. CEREAL H. CEREAL FRENCH TOAST SAURAGES SYRUP MILK/JUICE COFFEE/TEA	C. CEREAL H. CEREAL BLUEBERRY MUFFINS HONEY/MARG. ORANGE WEDGES APPLE WEDGES JUICE/MILK COFFEE/TEA	C. CEREAL H. CEREAL BIG FOOT PANCAKES SYRUP MARG. MILK/JUICE COFFEE/TEA	C. CEREAL H. CEREAL CINN. BUNS MARGARINE JUICE/MILK COFFEE/TEA	C. CEREAL H. CEREAL TOAST Pb/JAM HONEY MILK/JUICE COFFEE TEA	C. CEREAL H. CEREAL TOAST Pb/JAM HONEY MILK/JUICE COFFEE TEA
L U N C H	BUILD SAND. ASS. C. CUTS SLICED CHEDDAR BREAD/MARG MUST./MAYO LETTUCE VEGIE STICKS MILK COFFEE/TEA	SOUP G. CHEESE VEGIE STICKS JUICE COFFEE/TEA	SLOPPY JOES BUNS SALAD OR VEGIE STICKS JUICE COFFEE/TEA	C. CHOW MIEN STEAMED RICE SOYA SAUCE MILK JUICE COFFEE/TEA	MOORECROFT BEEF CASSEROLE BREAD SALAD JUICE COFFEE/TEA	PIZZA !! HAM/PINE. PEPPERONI MUSHROOMS SALAD OR VEGIE STICKS JUICE COFFEE/TEA	H. DOGS BUNS KETCHUP MUSTARD RELISH DICED ONION VEGIE STICKS FRUIT COFFEE/TEA
D I N N E R	SPAG/M. SAUCE GARLIC BUNS GREEN SALAD DESSERT MILK/JUICE COFFEE/TEA	R. BEEF BOILED POTATOES PEAS G. SALAD DESSERT MILK/JUICE COFFEE/TEA	HONEY GLAZED CHICKEN RICE PILAF G. BEANS COLE SLAW/JUICE DESSERT/MILK COFFEE/TEA	* COOKOUT HAM BURGERS BUNS/MUST/REL LETTUCE, ONIONS VEGIE STICKS POTATOE SALAD CAKE/JUICE	FISH STICKS MOORECROFT RANCH SPUDS CORN/BOLESLAW KETCHUP DESSERT MILK/JUICE COFFEE/TEA	R. TURKEY STUFFING M. POTATOES GARDEN VEGIES DESSERT MILK/JUICE COFFEE/TEA	* WELCOME VOLUNTEERS! MEAT PIES SALAD DESSERT MILK/JUICE COFFEE/TEA

MOORECROFT UNITED CHURCH CAMP  
COMPARATIVE WAGE SCALE

POSITION	1994 B/Gts.	
Coordinator		
Base total	5300.00	
Per week	331.25	
Holiday pay	212.00	
Benefit	1200.00	(room & board for entire employment)
Waterfront/sports		
Base/week	280.00	
Holiday	179.20	
Benefits	1200.00	
Groundsperson      * we in fact paid our groundsperson more than this		
Base/week	175.00	
Holiday	63.00	
Benefits	675.00	
Cook		
Base/week	280.00	
Holiday	100.80	
Benefits	675.00	
Asst cook		
Base/week	175.00	
Base with NLS		
Holiday	63.00	
Benefits	675.00	
General Helper		
Base/week	175.00	
+NLS/Bronz +		
Holiday	63.00	
Benefits	675.00	

\*\* Higher rates are given to those with NLS or Bronze Cross (other than Waterfront/Sports Director) who were asked to act as Lifeguards and do so.  
Rate increase is \$12.00/week for NLS and \$6.00/week for Bronze Cross.

## MOORECROFT UNITED CHURCH CAMP COMPARATIVE WAGE SCALE

POSITION	1990	1991	1992 B/Gts.	1992 A/Gts.	1993 B/Gts.	1994 B/Gts.
Coordinator						
Base total		5000.00	5000.00	5300.00	5300.00	5300.00
Per week				331.25	331.25	331.25
Holiday pay				212.00	212.00	212.00
Benefit (room & board for entire employment)				700.00	1200.00	1200.00
Waterfront/sports						
Base/week	140.00	200.00	200.00	281.25	240.00	280.00
Holiday				101.25	86.40	179.20
Benefits				675.00	675.00	1200.00
Groundsperson						
Base/week	140.00	168.00	168.00	168.00	168.00	175.00
Holiday				60.48	60.48	63.00
Benefits				675.00	675.00	675.00
Cook						
Base/week	200.00	240.00	240.00	281.25	240.00	280.00
Holiday				101.25	86.40	100.80
Benefits				675.00	675.00	675.00
Asst cook						
Base/week	140.00	168.00	168.00	215.00	168.00	<del>175.00</del> <sup>200.00</sup>
Base with NLS			173.50			
Holiday				77.40	60.48	63.00
Benefits				675.00	675.00	675.00
Cookies						
		'Title changed to General Helper'				
Base/week	134.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	175.00
+NLS/Bronz +	138.00	172.00	164.00	164.00		
Holiday				57.60	57.60	63.00
Benefits				675.00	675.00	675.00
Floater						
		'Title changed to General Helper'				
Base/week	134.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	-----	175.00
+ NLS	138.00	172.00			-----	
Holiday				57.60	-----	63.00
Benefits				675.00	-----	675.00
Asst coordinator						
Base/week	240.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Music resource						
Base/week	-----	-----	-----	-----	200.00	
Holiday					72.00	
Benefits					675.00	
Craft resource						
no person was hired for this position in 1993	-----	-----	-----	-----	200.00 (n/a)	

\*\* Higher rates are given to those with NLS or Bronze Cross (other than Waterfront/Sports Director) who were asked to act as Lifeguards and do so.

SALARIES FOR 1995 FOR MOORECROFT CAMP

WINTER	BUDGET		ACTUAL	SUMMER	MANAGEMENT		CAMP	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL			BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
JANUARY	875.00	955.50		MAY	3750.00	2377.12		
FEBRUARY	875.00	955.50		JUNE	3750.00	2240.75		
MARCH	875.00	955.50		JULY	3750.00		10000.00	
APRIL	875.00	0.00		AUGUST	3750.00		10000.00	
SEPTEMBER	875.00							
OCTOBER	875.00			** salaries are recorded by actual				
NOVEMBER	875.00			amounts paid in a given month not				
DECEMBER	875.00			calendar dates of days paid				

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TOTALS	7000.00	2866.50			15000.00	4617.87	18000.00	0.00
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TOTAL SALARIES BUDGETED	40000.00	TOTAL SALARIES PAID	7484.37	RECONCILIATION	32515.63
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SALARIES PER WEEK	PER HOUR	**
COORDINATOR **	330.00	GROUNDS/JANITORIAL
COOK	300.00	7.00
ASSISTANT COOK	200.00	budget allows for
HEAD GUARD	280.00	up to 70 hours per
ASSISTANT GUARD	192.00	week
GENERAL HELP	180.00	490.00

\*\* These positions budgeted under management.  
All other staff budgeted under camp.

Maintenance budget 5300  
Paid out to June 30<sup>th</sup> 4464  
available 836



1996 Summer Staff Wages

Coordinator	\$335 + \$100.00 child care/week
Waterfront	\$285 + \$80 room & board/week \$150 food allotment (May & June)
Head Cook	\$300 + meals/week
Asst Cook	\$215 + \$80.00 room & board/week
General Help	\$185 + \$80 room & board/week
Casual Bus Driver	\$10.00 per hour
Casual General Help	\$7.00 per hour, maximum 8 hours/day

MOORECROFT CAMP BUDGET PROJECTIONS 1997

	1996 Actual	1997 Budget
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Fees	\$64,397.98	\$83,740.00
Rentals	\$26,920.00	\$29,800.00
Donations - Moorecroft 2000		\$18,438.00
Donations - Other	\$14,836.04	\$15,000.00
Tuck Shop	\$8,412.95	\$8,600.00
Forestry	\$12,471.92	\$18,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$3,016.84</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$130,055.73</u></b>	<b><u>\$176,578.00</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Payroll	\$49,353.11	\$71,660.00
Payroll Burden - Benefits	\$4,228.86	\$9,736.00
Food	\$19,333.06	\$25,000.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$11,395.77	\$7,500.00
Janitorial Supplies		\$3,500.00
Hydro	\$7,483.64	\$7,800.00
Heating	\$7,062.19	\$7,200.00
Tuck Merchandise	\$7,729.66	\$7,800.00
Insurance	\$4,212.04	\$5,000.00
Automotive Expense	\$2,959.29	\$4,000.00
Programs	\$1,111.90	\$2,700.00
Office Expenses	\$2,507.56	\$4,000.00
Bank Charges	\$352.14	3
Membership Fees	\$272.45	
Waste Disposal	\$1,606.42	\$1,800.00
Advertising	\$2,057.61	\$2,400.00
Promotion	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Supplies	\$1,374.38	\$1,500.00
Telephone	\$2,019.58	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,476.87	\$1,800.00
Utilities	\$147.11	\$0.00
Conference/Training	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,450.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$126,683.64</u></b>	<b><u>\$168,045.00</u></b>
<b>NET PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>\$3,372.09</b>	<b>\$8,533.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT/REPAIRS</b>		<b>\$29,300.00</b>

# Souper Supper.

1996

Thought this would be the year we would have only a few people. The weath was rainy, windy and cool.

The crowd was slow to come - but they came.

Sittings were ~~the~~ 4:30, 5:30, 6:30

We again served 5 kinds of soup  
Clam chowder, Oyster chowder, Beef bar  
Chicken-rice, Vegetarian.

Apple crisp and ice cream  
Coffee, Tea, water, juice.

Edward shucked the oysters, Myrtle picked them. We also checked with fisheri about the safety of the oysters.

The beef bones came from  
John Abma, J. Grinnell.

The chicken bones were supplied by  
Doreen Patterson.

Help on Saturday was sparse.  
J. Grinnell and daughter Vicki Wendy  
and Allan Barker, from Powell River.

Thank you to the Camp Committee  
for all their help on Sunday.

I don't have a complete report

My expenses were \$98.33.

We took in over \$900.00 Ordered  
through the camp for carrots, onions.  
Canned milk, clams & nectar.

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Thank you & God Bless.

Edward & Myrtle Spencer

St. Andrew's sold chocolates.

Margaret Adams had cards for sale.

## Out West Oyster Chowder (for 100)

2 lbs. salt pork or bacon

7½ lbs. onions

7½ lbs. diced raw potatoes

20 cups of water

10 pints oysters - 2½ pints liquid (12½ pints)

10 tins milk (5 quarts)

2 cups butter

3 tablespoons salt      2 teaspoons pepper.

1. Pan fry diced pork over low heat until crisp & brown
2. Add chopped onion to hot pork fat and fry until tender.
3. Combine onion and diced potatoes in a deep saucepan
4. Add water - bring to simmering temperature and simmer about 15 min.
5. Stir in oysters, liquid, milk, butter & seasoning
6. Heat until piping hot but do not allow to boil

This recipe was given to me by Cora Skips when I took over Souper Supper from her. Most people came for the oyster chowder.

Myrtle (SPENCER)

Camp Moorecroft  
Visioning Report

Adopted by the Camp Committee  
24 January 1994

## Part I: Recalling the Vision

From the outset, Camp Moorecroft has been defined by a central vision, and those who have worked so hard to make the camp a reality have been inspired by that vision. The vision is that of a Christian camp, set in the magnificent natural surroundings of Nanoose Bay, and operated for the enrichment and nurture of young people from all parts of Vancouver Island.

The camp was originally established as a girl's camp by Miss Gertrude Moore in 1934. Miss Moore operated it continuously for twenty years until ill-health forced her to consider disposing of it. As a result of her close connection with the United Church of Canada she approached Rev. Moses of St. Andrew's United in Nanaimo, to discuss the possibility of the United Church taking possession of the camp. Rev. Moses presented this proposal to the Victoria Presbytery, which met in Port Alberni in 1954. An eventual agreement was reached through which the United Church purchased the 75 acre camp for a sum of \$50,000.00.

A Board of Directors was formed in 1957 to supervise the camp's development as a United Church camp. One of the Board's earliest projects was to transfer several buildings from Port Alberni and install them at the camp. The Board also arranged for the extension of Stewart Road to the Camp property line, and was also instrumental in having an Operation's Manual, Statement of Purpose, and a Constitution prepared for camp use.

In 1962, the 38th annual meeting of B.C. Conference named a Commission to study all aspects of United Church camping. Two years later, this Commission presented the 40th B.C. Conference with a series of wide-ranging recommendations. These included a recommendation that each United Church camp in B.C. become the responsibility of an appropriate Presbytery. Conference agreed, and Moorecroft thereby became the responsibility of Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery.

The period from 1968 to 1970 saw Moorecroft operate under a joint Cultus Lake, Ocean Park and Moorecroft committee (C.O.M. Committee). This committee coordinated all phases of programming, training, leadership, etc. for the three camps involved. During 1970 Moorecroft withdrew from the C.O.M. Committee and resumed "independent" operation, serving its traditional clientele, and planning and operating camps to fulfil the perceived needs of its Presbytery community.

It was during the early 1970s that the camp management committee first realized the need for a full-time person to develop programmes, oversee the recruitment and training of leaders and to manage the on-going business of the camp. Over the years three long-range planning committees (under the leadership of Rev. Affleck, Rev. Bruleigh, Assistant Pastor M. Elliot and Art Skipsey) as well as two weekend long 'visioning' workshops, and a much earlier Presbytery-wide questionnaire reached much the same conclusion. The common thread that ran through these reports was the need for a full-time Camp Director as well as the construction of a suitable Lodge facility to accommodate adults and adult education programmes.

Unable to manage the cost of a full-time Director as recommended, the camp management committee was nevertheless able to hire--with the assistance of Provincial grants--Camp coördinators who were in place for the four key summer months, during each of the past ten years. It has become increasingly obvious, however, that Camp Moorecroft--if it is to realize its full potential--requires the kind of year-round, full-time professional leadership that has been recommended by prior Moorecroft visioning groups.

We, therefore, believe that it is time for the Camp Committee --in cooperation with Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery--to address the long-term future of Camp Moorecroft. In order to do that, we need first to renew our vision of the Camp...



## Part II: Renewing the Vision

...The times have changed: of this there can be no doubt. And yet the Camp Moorecroft Committee strongly believes that the vision that has sustained this camp for 40 years remains central to the vision that can sustain it over the coming years. We are moved by the words of a disabled 12-year old who was attending Moorecroft for the first time. As he struggled to keep up with the main group during a camp hike, he was heard to say:

This is sure a great camp. You get up in the morning and have a good breakfast, then there's lots to do. After lunch there's lots of day left! And some of those stories about Jesus are really interesting!

We think he got it just right. Not only is Moorecroft a place where there is lots to see and lots to do: it's also a place where young people (often for the first time in their lives) are exposed to the gospel--the good news--of Jesus Christ.

It is our belief, however, that the challenge of operating such a camp is far greater, and the demands placed on those charged with the responsibility of operating it are infinitely more complex in 1994 than in 1954. The times have indeed been a'changing. We can no longer assume that *any* of our campers, let alone most of our campers, have received previous exposure to the Gospel. In addition, we have no choice but to assume that many, if not most, of our campers have been affected by family and community contexts that will have seriously impaired their readiness for camp life. Without wishing to sound excessively negative, the fact remains that many of our campers arrive at camp with grave emotional and spiritual needs. And while we readily acknowledge that a week at summer camp (no matter how well administered that week may be) is no substitute for year-round nurture, we are certain that a week at summer camp can make a profound difference in a young person's life.

That is why we seek not only to recall, but to renew our vision for Camp Moorecroft. Our hope for all campers in the summer programme is that they be led in small groups by committed leaders: leaders who have the ability to lead *because they have received the kind of training that will make them effective Camp leaders*. If this vision is to be realized, we will need to place a much greater emphasis upon the recruitment and training of leaders. We believe that this renewed emphasis on training and recruitment can only take place under the direction of a full-time paid Executive Director: someone who will oversee the entire Moorecroft operation on a year-round basis. In turn, we are convinced that the hiring of an Executive Director will occur only when we have expanded the Moorecroft vision to include a substantial "winter" programme to complement our present summer programme.

It is to that "expanded-vision" that we now direct your attention...

### Part III: Expanding the Vision

...Camp Moorecroft is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 1994. The Camp Committee would like to make this a year of thankful celebration for the people who have contributed in so many ways to this most beautiful spot in the Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery. We would also like to expand the vision begun and carried by those people.

Long Range Planning Committees were appointed by Presbytery in 1972, 1983, and 1990. In every instance, the planning process led to the conclusion that a full time, professional leadership person was a prerequisite if a renewed and expanded vision for the Camp is to become a reality. Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery has already indicated its own leanings in that direction. The minutes for the Presbytery meeting held last spring (Feb. 19-21/1993) records a motion (see page 68) that "Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery establish a committee to work with Moorecroft Camp in long range planning and fund raising and to establish a position for a Presbytery Development Worker." While the motion was carried, action has yet to be taken.

In September 1993, interested persons from around the Presbytery once again gathered to do "visioning" for Moorecroft, and once again the priority was for a year round paid staff person. (A second priority was an upgrading of camp facilities; a third priority was the use of paid summer leaders to improve our summer programme).

The Camp Committee believes that the *first priority* in achieving an expanded vision for Camp Moorecroft lies in the hiring of a full-time person to act as an Executive Director and oversee all aspects of the camp. The Executive Director, in addition to providing leadership in aspects of camp life presently undertaken entirely by volunteers, would be asked to expand and improve the range of programmes and training offered by Moorecroft. Our hope is that such a person would make a variety of Christian leadership development opportunities available at Camp Moorecroft for people of all ages. In other words, this person--from their base of operations at Camp Moorecroft--would undertake the kind of Christian Education and leadership development programming that could serve the needs of United Church folk throughout Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery.

A *second priority* is for better trained leadership for our summer programmes. Because so many more people are working, it has become increasingly difficult to find leaders for summer programmes and we are aware that many children require more highly trained leaders. Some of our Directors have indicated this need. Having some or all paid leaders ensures that we would have leaders in place and, needless to say, those leaders would be trained through the Moorecroft training programmes that a newly hired Executive Director would be asked to establish. A *third priority* is for upgraded facilities. We are always in the process of upgrading those facilities, but would like to speed up that process to whatever extent it is possible to do so.

We believe, however, that paid summer leadership and improved facilities will only make sense when Moorecroft has taken the decisive step of hiring a full-time Executive Director/Development Worker, as part of an overall strategy of expanding the Camp's year-round programming. This is one of the two key recommendations we now wish to make to Presbytery...

Part IV: Implementing the Vision

Recommendation #1

That Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery, in conjunction with the Camp Moorecroft Committee, establish a *small working group* to implement the Presbytery decision (adopted at its February 1993 meeting) that the Presbytery "work with Moorecroft Camp in long range planning and fund raising and...establish a position for a Presbytery Development Worker."

It is our belief that this working group should consist of six members: three to be selected by the Camp Committee (one of whom will represent the Camp's Finance Committee) and three to be selected by Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery. *It is our hope that the Presbytery representatives to this working group will include at least two senior members of Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery.*

It is our hope that the working group will complete its work within a time frame that would allow for the hiring of the Development Worker/Executive Director no later than January 1995.

Recommendation #2

That the Camp Moorecroft Committee establish a small working group to plan and implement a revitalized Camp Committee that would operate more like a functioning Board of Directors than is presently the case.

This working group would consist of 3 to 5 members of the Camp Committee, and would be asked to report back to the Camp Committee no later than its June meeting.

Appendix #1: Proposed Job Description,  
For Moorecroft Executive Director/Presbytery Development Worker

General: The position of Moorecroft Executive Director is a full-time, year-round position. The Executive Director has final authority over all matters relating to the day to day operation of the camp. The position will require a person with training and experience in the area of Christian Education, who possesses the kinds of skills one would associate with a fully trained Diaconal Minister. (Applications from qualified lay or ordained persons will, of course, be welcome.) The successful candidate will be eager to work closely with the Moorecroft Camp Committee and Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery as we together continue the work of re-visioning and revitalizing Camp Moorecroft.

Summer Programme: The Executive Director will oversee the planning, implementation, and evaluation of Camp Moorecroft's successful Summer programme. In carrying out that mandate, the Director will work closely with the Program Committee of the Camp Committee, and will adhere to the camping guidelines of the United Church of Canada. The Executive Director will oversee the recruitment, training and supervision of all summer staff, both paid and volunteer, working with the summer-team to further the physical, mental, spiritual, and social well being of all campers and staff.

Winter Programme: The Executive Director, working closely with the Camp Committee and Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery, will be asked to plan and implement a greatly expanded winter programme for Camp Moorecroft. We believe that there is great potential for such a programme. This programme will attempt to attract Church-related groups to Camp Moorecroft on a year-round basis. Working closely with Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery, the Executive Director will identify current needs in the area of Christian education and nurture, and will create programming that can meet those needs. We expect that at least some of these programmes would be aimed at equipping leaders for the camp's summer programmes.

For the foreseeable future, these programmes would not take the place of, but would operate in addition to, the Camp's winter rental programme.

Personnel: Because Camp Moorecroft is a church based, volunteer agency, the Executive Director will be working with an organization that is primarily "staffed" by volunteers. The Executive Director will therefore need to be adept at enlisting and mobilizing the talent and participation of the Camp Committee, local congregations, B.C. Conference Camping Committee, and government and non-government agencies from the wider community.

Report to Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery - "MOORECROFT 2000" - Feb.17/96  
COMMITTEE

Since the inception of the Moorecroft 2000 Committee of Presbytery, a total of 6 planning meetings have been held and action taken. A brochure for limited distribution has been designed and used with lists of Special Name Donors. The emphasis has been on funding by pledge over a 5-year period.

To date, approximately \$14,000.00 in cash has been deposited in a special account and additional pledges of \$11,000. Most has been solicited on a one-on-one basis by Committee members and others, and will be continued until the goals are reached. So far the monies and pledges have come from individuals from the Comox Valley south to Chemainus, including Powell River. A renewed effort is to be made for the area Campbell River northward.

A motion was passed unanimously at the February Committee Meeting to: "urge the Hiring Committee of the Moorecroft Camp Committee to employ an Administrator BEFORE the 1996 Summer Camping Program." We hope that the upcoming Camp Committee Meeting will see the value of this recommendation and act upon it. It was felt that any delay in hiring in the Spring of 1996 would seriously affect the continued response of contributors, as well as avoid the need and extra cost of employing a Summer Coordinator. Also, this early action would confirm the need for continued funding for the year and thus urge us into greater action.(!!)

Plans are in train for a Moorecroft Newsletter for donors, preparation of a video presentation for local and regional use and a get-together of donors at the Camp.

The enthusiasm and dedication of Committee members to date has been heartening and it is strongly believed that with God's help all will come to fruition in the near future.

MEMBERS

Ian Potts(Chair)  
Betty Abbott(Secretary)  
Bob Abbott(idea man)

Oliver Howard(scrivener)  
Art Skipsey(historian)  
John Abma(idea man)

SOLICITORS(for funds!)

Sam Boorman  
Art Sweet

# Moorecroft

Volume 1, Issue 6

October, 1999

## Catherine Kennedy

For many many years Catherine Kennedy was Caretaker (more properly Caregiver) at Moorecroft Camp. She watched the property and kept it clean, repaired and ready for its users. She encouraged the summer staff and saw them through many rough spots. She loved the Campers and spared no effort to make their stay at Moorecroft a memorable one.

For those who have known and loved Moorecroft over the past two decades Catherine Kennedy was "Mrs. Moorecroft."

On August 30 Mrs. "K" died at her home in Osoyoos.

Bon Voyage !!  
Mrs. "K"

## The Summer That Was.

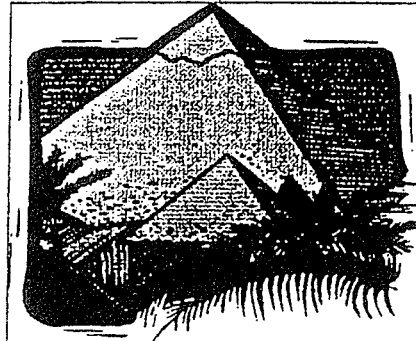
On September 19 the camp directors for 1999 reported to the Program Sub-Committee. They told of their summer experiences at Moorecroft with their campers. Every one of them reported a summer of

g o o d weather, safe camping and h a p p y campers. The summer of 1999 was by all accounts a good summer at Moorecroft.

There were of course the usual problems. Some campers came unprepared for the life at camp and acted out their frustration with the camp or with their own lives. In some cases leaders were not mature enough to handle the load of leadership and became trainees more than leaders. This added to the

work load of the Director and other staff.

As has been the case in pervious years Moorecroft opened its doors to disadvantaged children and youth. A few came from home environ-



*A good character is more valuable to the world than the pyramids.*

m e n t s w h e r e t h e y s e n s e d t h e y w e r e n o t w a n t e d . T h e y w e r e i n c a m p b e c a u s e t h e i r p a r e n t s o r g u a r d i a n s

wanted a break. We are glad to help these children but to do so, our leadership must be mature and adequately trained love and serve children whose experience at home is not one of support and love. Moorecroft is there for these kids. That is one good reason for us to continue to support Moorecroft.

## The Long Range Plan Moves On.

During the spring and summer the Sub Committee on Long Range Planning worked steadily and hard.

Very early in its life it found that to do the massive amount of work a good Long Range plan would require we would have to hire help.

It then set out in written form the tasks it thought a consultant should be asked to do. It then advertised for proposals from competent persons. It had many good applicants from which to choose. In the end it selected Maine Consultants of Parksville

It soon became apparent that the money available would not pay for the work considered essential. The Committee went back to Conference and got more financial support.

Ron Maine and his staff have now started work. Expect to hear from them soon as they work on the report. orh

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### What? Where?

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## CHAPTER 5

### BROCHURES AND FLYERS

#### FIRE LIGHTING

Kneel always when you light a fire  
Kneel reverently and thankful be  
For God's unfailing charity. (Light fire)  
And on the ascending flame inspire  
A little prayer, that shall upbear  
The incense of your thankfulness  
For this sweet grace  
of warmth and light !

For here again is sacrifice  
For your delight!  
Kneel always when you light a fire!  
Kneel reverently  
And thankful be  
For God's unfailing charity.

Author Unknown



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**OUR NEW CAMPSITE**

**MOORECROFT** was purchased by the UNITED CHURCH (B.C. Conference) CAMPING SOCIETY in November 1955 in an effort to provide urgently needed camping accommodation under the pressure of the demands of an increasing population. The Society, set up under provisions established by the General Council of the United Church of Canada, holds other camp properties as well. The Society has power to purchase and develop campsites dependent on funds being made available by the Church constituency and interested friends.

MOORECROFT offers the Church a most desirable and adequate location for the extension of a camping program in the B.C. Conference. At this campsite in the years to come opportunities for the training of youth and leaders through a greatly enriched camping curriculum will be assured to all.

Dr. David I. Forsyth, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the United Church of Canada, has said "... more decisions for Christian living are made in the summertime than at any other season of the year. The primary reason for such a statement is camping. The greatest religious experience of my life was partly due to a Church that sent me to a camp, and a camp to which I could be sent. I believe that Church Camps are rich in their potential for Christian fellowship, Christian leadership and Christian decision."

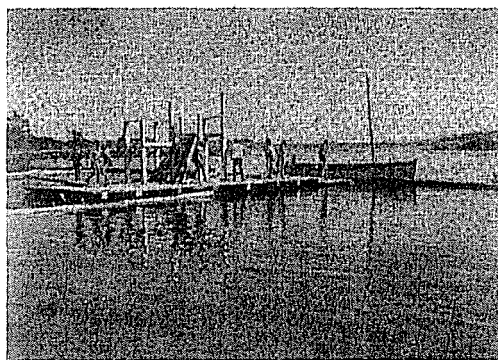
This statement underlines what all competent leaders in Christian Education have constantly affirmed, that camping is one of the most effective instruments for the moulding and shaping of our youth into the pattern of Christian citizenship.

Further enquiries and contributions to the UNITED CHURCH (B.C. Conference) CAMPING SOCIETY may be made to:

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
B. C. CONFERENCE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
505 DUNSMUIR STREET  
VANCOUVER 2, B. C.



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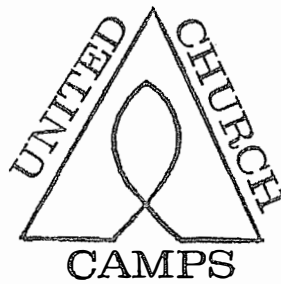


*Summer '76*

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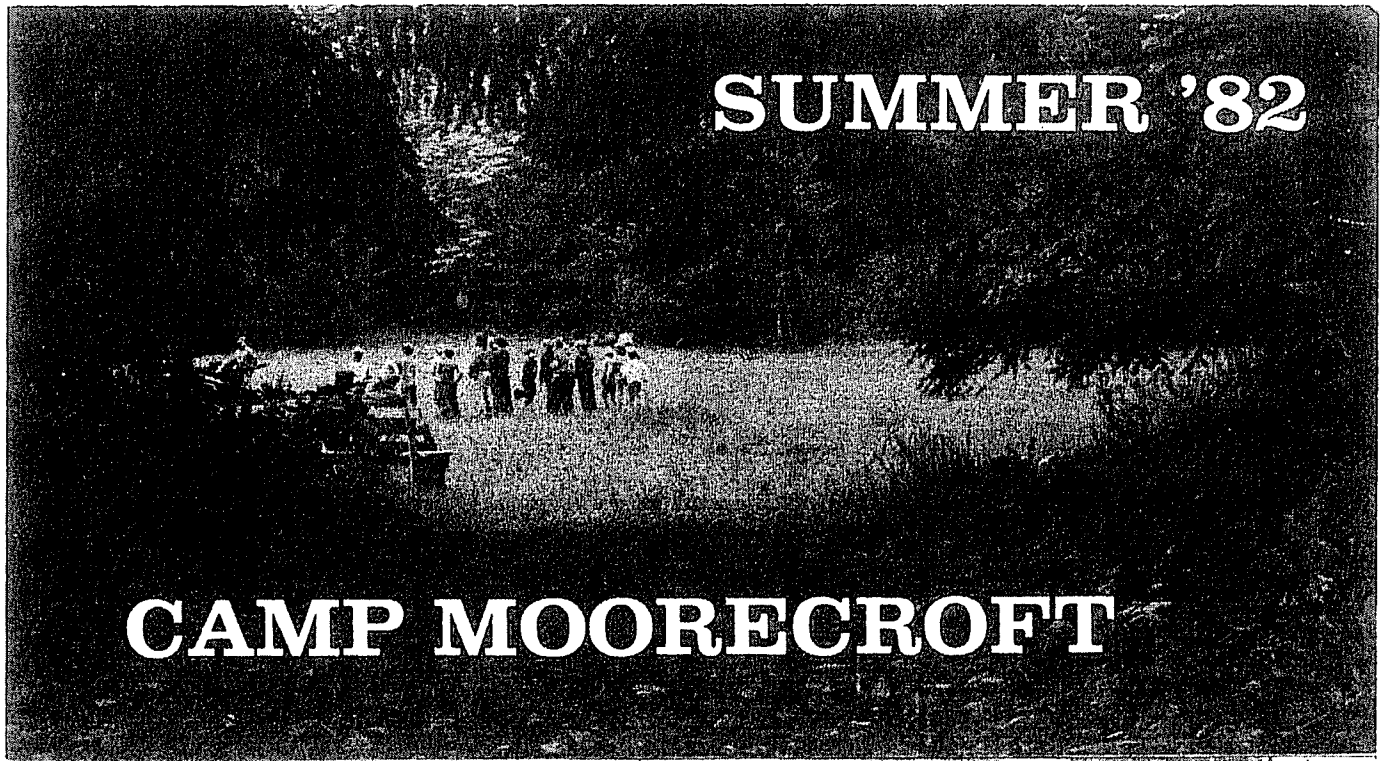
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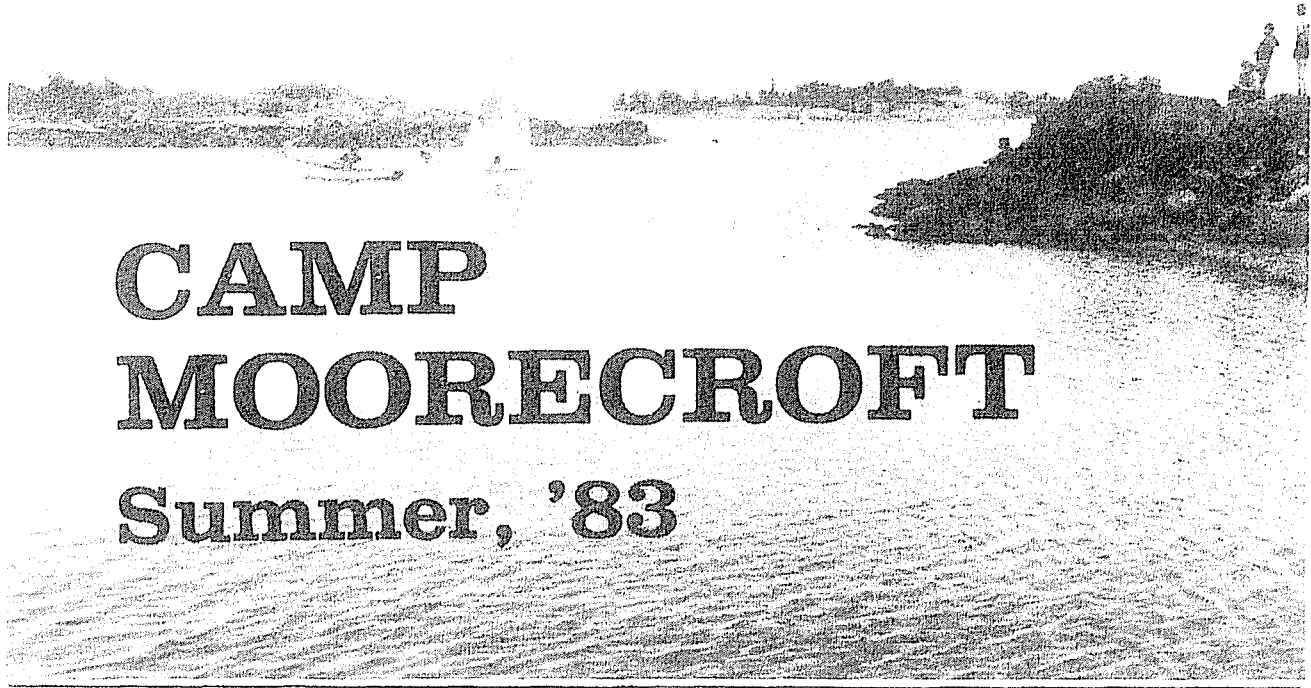


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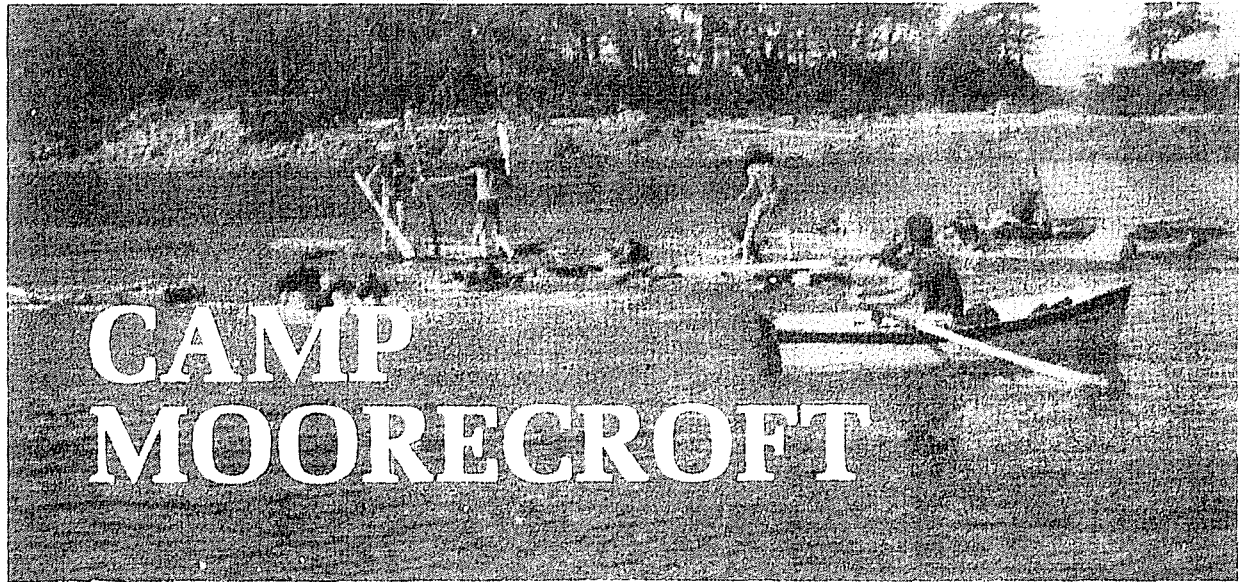
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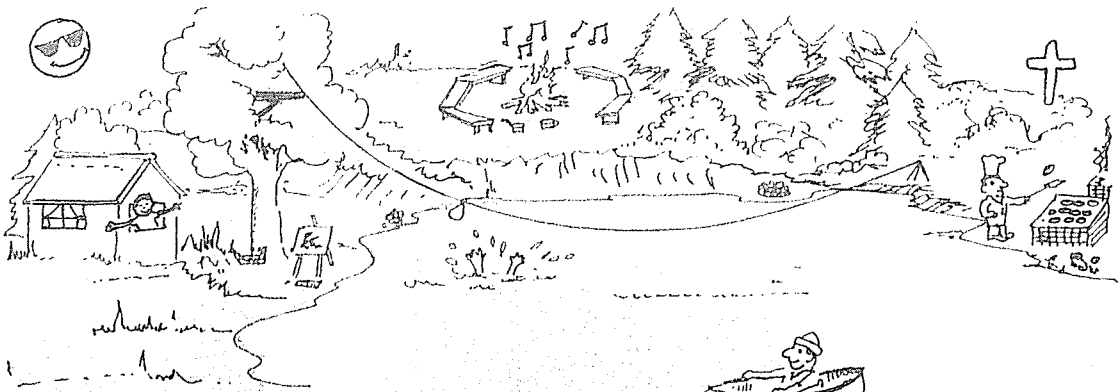
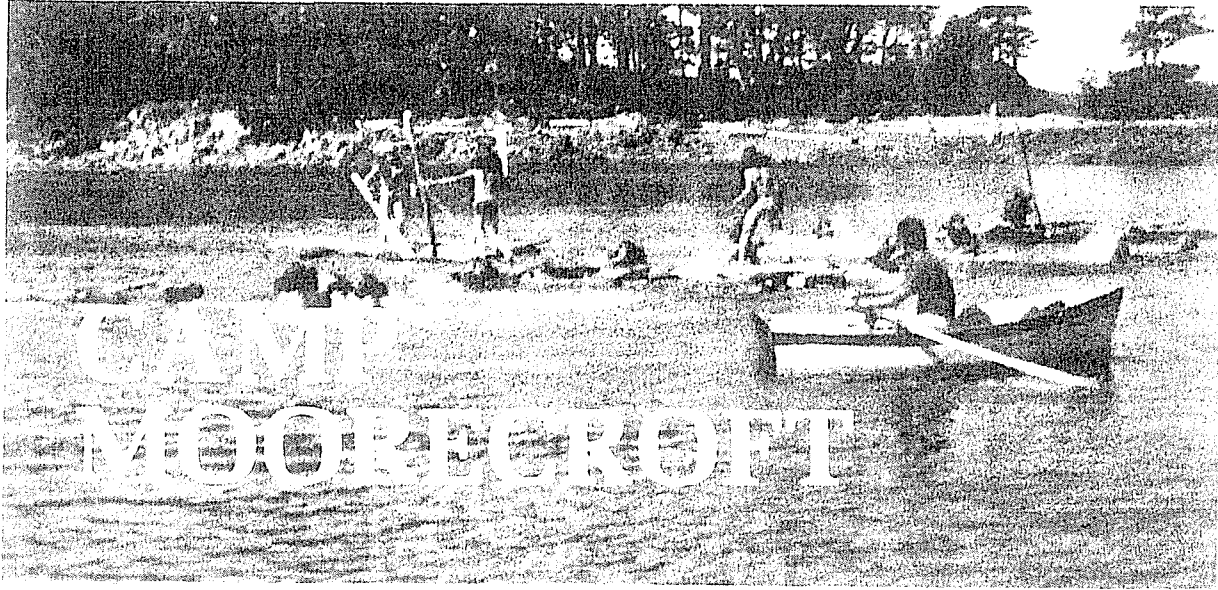
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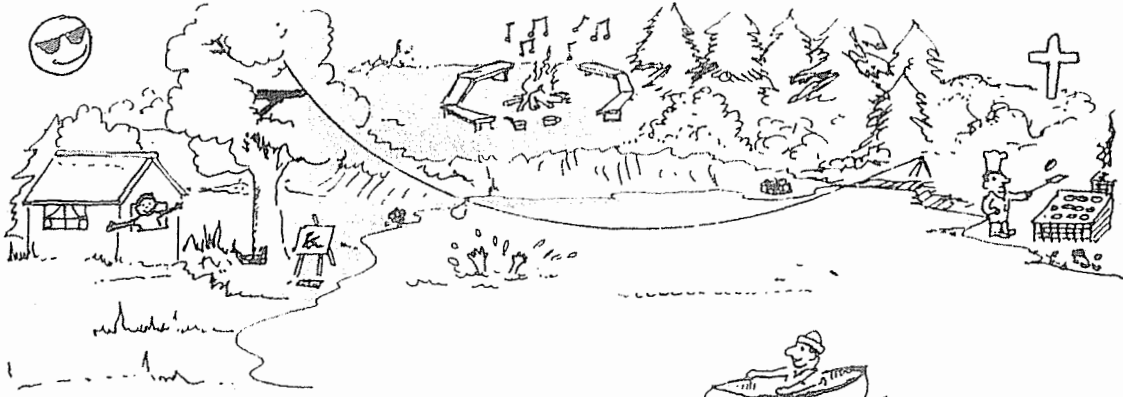
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# SUMMER AT MOORECROFT 1993



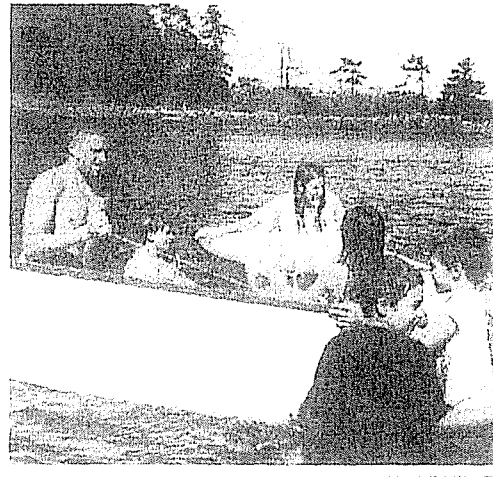
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# SUMMER AT MOORECROFT



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# Summer at Moorecroft



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# Summer at Moorecroft



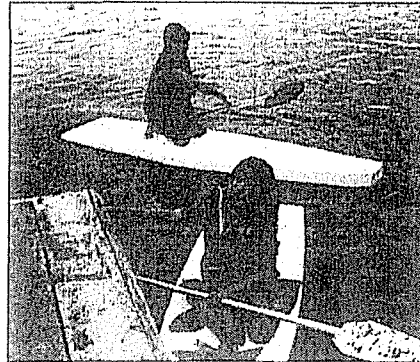
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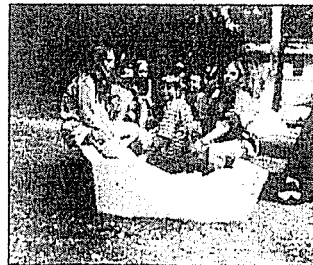
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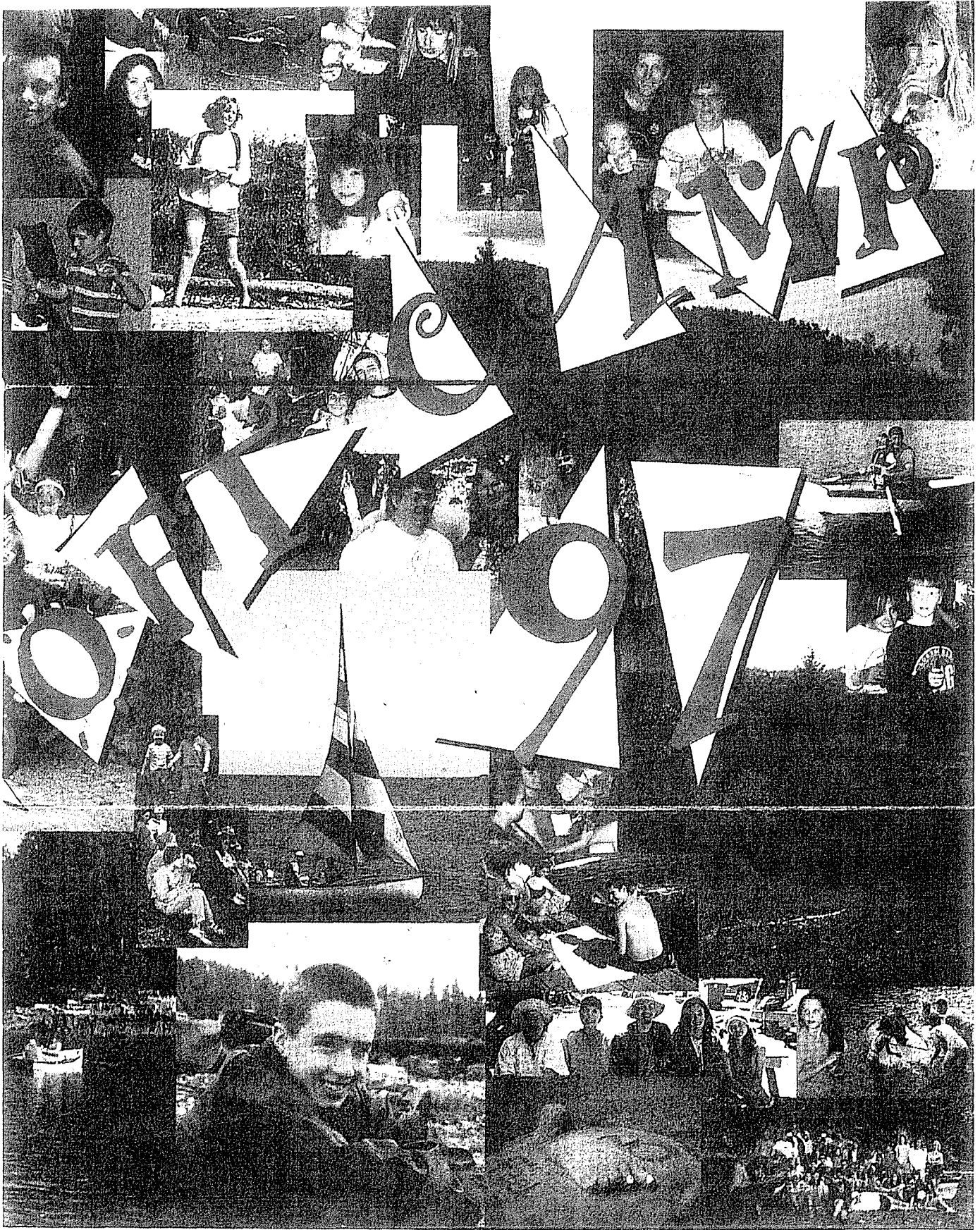
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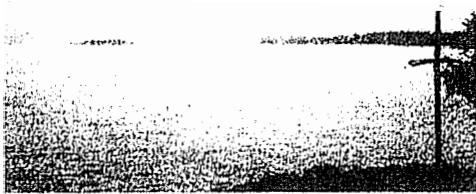
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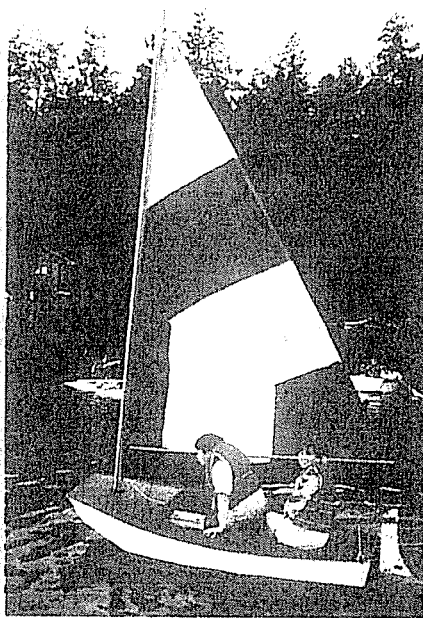


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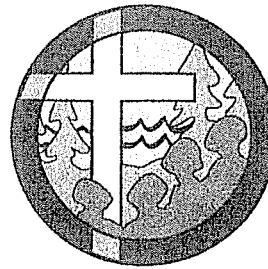
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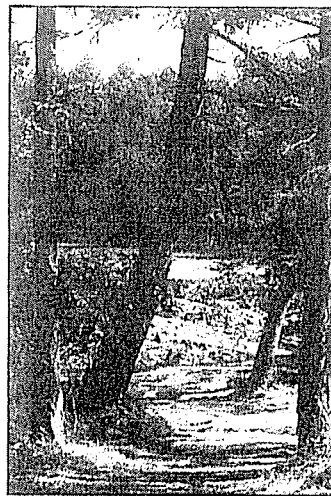
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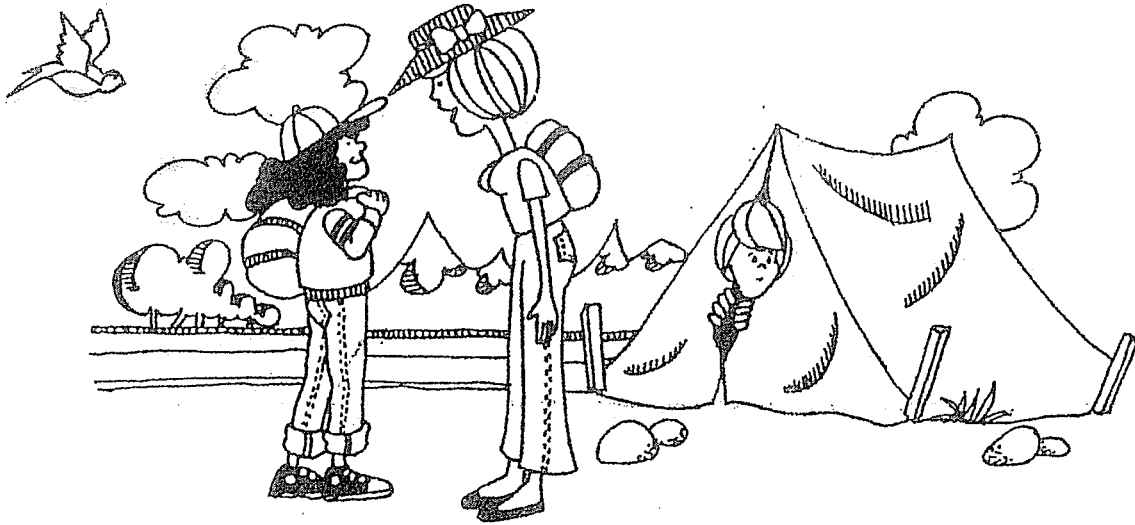
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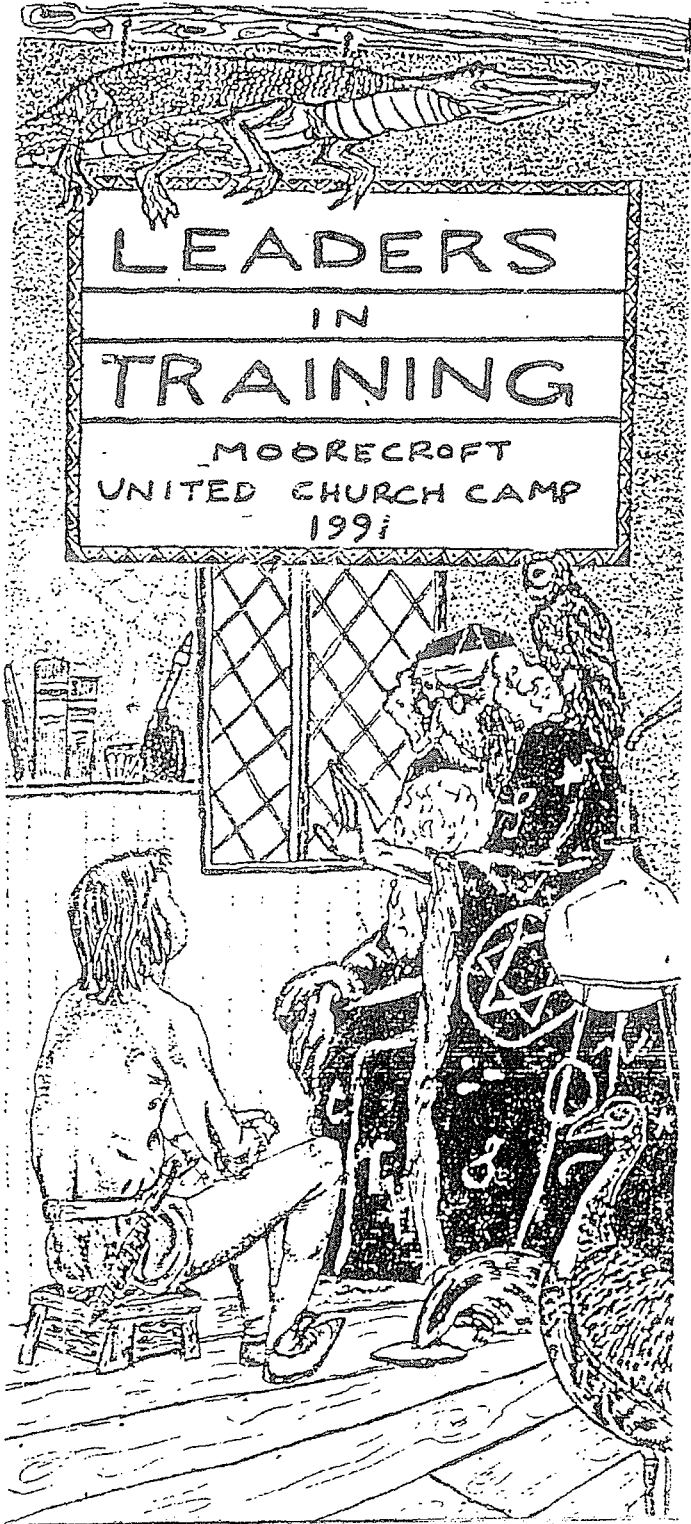
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FRIDAY 18 - SUNDAY 20  
SUNDAY 20 - TUESDAY 22  
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Attend one, two, or all three.

Cost - \$35.00 per person  
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Registration deadline, Monday,  
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*Participants to arrive at camp for evening  
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Retreat ends by 4:30pm on final day.*

*Photocopy as needed for your friends.*

A retreat for ladies wishing to  
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without the need to answer the  
phone, prepare a meal etc. Bring  
along your own crafts to work  
on. If your 'craft' is reading,  
bring your books.

Bring sleeping bags or  
bedclothes, pillow(s), our beds  
are mostly single bunks. The  
sleeping space is heated,  
however some spaces are  
warmer than others, so pack  
accordingly. Personal toiletries,  
don't forget your towel(s) and  
facecloth, warm clothes, good  
walking shoes and slippers or  
inside shoes for in the dining hall.

If you have an easily portable  
lamp, extension cord and/or  
power bar. Bring them along as  
outlets are limited, lighting is not  
the best for close work.

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Adults

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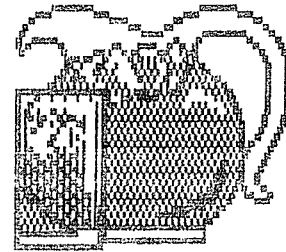
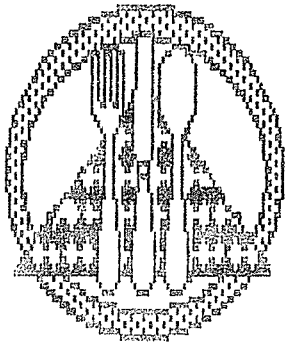
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# OPEN HOUSE



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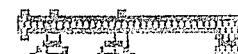
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Sittings at 4:30 and 5:30

Cost. \$5.00 per person

BEST Homemade soup this side of your own!!!

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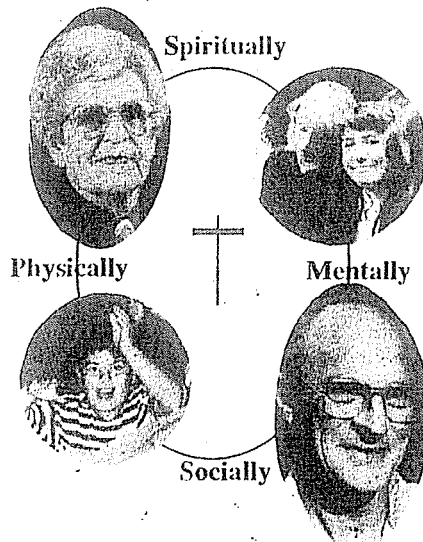


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# A Kilometre of Coins for Camp



Help raise funds for waterfront and sports equipment for Moorecroft Camp.

Place coins on tape from  
March 4 to April 29.

Who will have the longest tape?

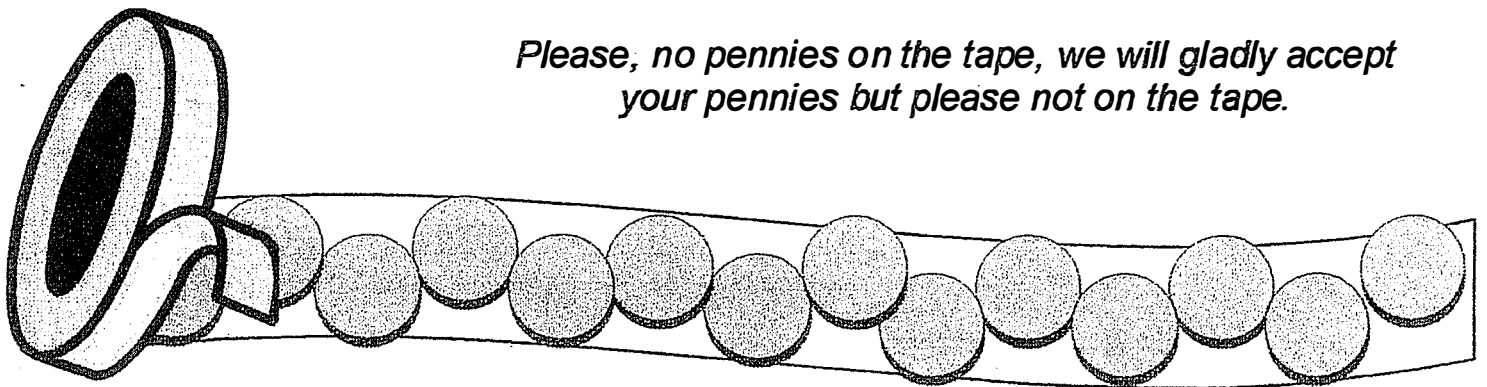
Who will raise the most money?

2000 Results:

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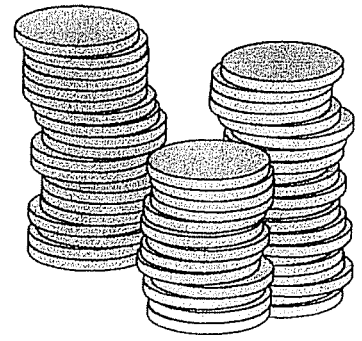
Can we beat this in 2001?

How many years will it take  
to reach 1 kilometre?



*Please, no pennies on the tape, we will gladly accept  
your pennies but please not on the tape.*

# A Kilometre of Coins for Camp



Help raise funds to support the waterfront and sports programs at Moorecroft Camp.

Place coins on tape from March 2 to April 27.

2001  
170.23km  
\$3255.00

2000  
160.73km  
\$2373.77

Who will have the longest tape?  
Who will raise the most money?

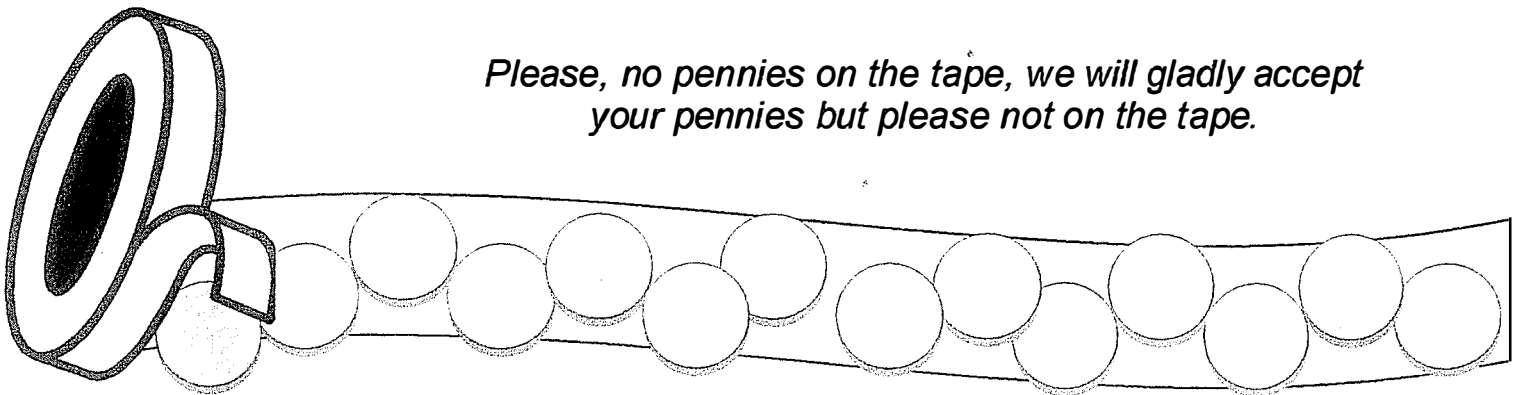
Previous years totals.....

88.60 metres for \$8,210.42.

How many years will it take to reach 1 kilometre?

2002  
150.45km  
\$2593.26

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# CHAPTER 6

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

Below: Catherine Kennedy, "Mrs. K" beloved Caretaker 1971-88



**MARION (SUGDEN) CORBETT REMEMBERS MOORECROFT  
OF THE 1940'S** in excerpts from a letter dated May 5 2006.

Dear Marilyn,

I am writing some memories I have of Moorecroft when I was a camper in 1940-41- during the month of August.

The years I was there were critical war time years. It showed through the requirement for attending in 1941 was a knitted garment. I remember I was handed instructions for a 2 year old boys' knitted suit, a complicated pattern for a 14 year old.

We travelled from the dock in Nanaimo by bus. The Navy was stationed in Nanoose Bay, also during the year '41 there were war refugees, sent from Britain. It meant children 16 and down were scattered across Canada to homes, not necessarily were they sent to relatives, so for those kids there was a feeling of trauma about the idea. Several girls came to Moorecroft for a holiday. There were stories told about their memories of war experiences. One of the children-a girl- Suzanne Holman (7 yrs), daughter of Vivien Leigh "Gone With the Wind" actress; also Bea Kornman who, with her family, fled Vienna in 1938, leaving behind valuables etc. in a park. They went to Switzerland, then somehow got to Spain, across Russia to Shanghai and to Vancouver.

The cost for a month (at camp) was \$ 100.00, a fair fee for middle class families. Swimming, rowing, archery, horseback riding (\$ 15.00 extra); we stayed in cabins, washed up at a shower bath house, walked through the tree to eat up at the top. Things seemed grandiose, trees huge, trails long. We swam in the Jingle Pot (skinny after supper), went on rowing sessions with Cox. We had camping overnight. On the beach I remember we had "Tuck" treats; nose bag lunches on Sunday eve. We had camp fires at the point, I remember being garbed in my old blanket and headband and going around the Jingle Point to a Pow Wow. We had time to put on plays, always heard lots of stories before sleep.

It was wartime with a gas ration so there weren't side trips. Parent day was special, I remember a friend, Lois Kennedy from Edmonton receiving a large birthday cake from family. There were lots of sing songs at meal times, meals were okay. I was homesick, I remember, and was glad when my parents came on the Open House.

Counsellors were university students; Anna Ruth Finleyson, Monica Sloan, Bobby Strong, and Pat Hewitt. I made friends that I was in contact with long after; there is one person who went on to have a high profile in government and was active with many groups. Camp had a profound affect on us with memories, it changed me.

I hope this camping experience on a lovely part of Canada will still be available for todays children. Bravo to Moorecroft supporters for maintaining it over many years. I'll be glad to hear about these activities.

Sincerely  
Marion Corbett

## **MORE MEMORIES OF THE 1940'S FROM MARION CORBETT**

Excerpts from a note written Feb.18, 2008.

In the years 1940-41 I was a camper at Moorecroft (nearly 14 and 15 years of age. These were the war years with many pressures on families. I was an only child and the experience of being a camper helped me to develop socially; also, I learned new skills. Our cabins were basic - no electricity, five girls and one counsellor. Activities were Archery, tennis, horseback riding, crafts, play productions, rowing boats and swimming. We had Christmas in July, and sleepovers outside on the beach at Gerald Island. Staff and Jr. counsellors (six or so), others - nurse, special instructors for activities; a couple of administrators (fees etc.), and arranging programs; and Miss Gertrude Moore (nickname Dinty).

It was a glorious experience in an outstanding setting. Impressions – the Jingle Pot where I learned to swim and row, the greenery and great stands of trees, the memory of the walk around the Jingle Pot to the campfire. The campers – I remember several evacuees from Britain and the daughter of the owner of the Wallace Shipping firm. Counsellors, a Miss Mellish in my cabin; also campers from Ocean Falls – Muriel and Gwen Lipsey and Muriel Smith. I was definitely moulded by my experience at Moorecroft with many memories.

Marion Corbett

## Moorecroft Stories

Many were the changes required when the Presbytery took over the camp. Miss Moore began with the facilities of the original homestead, mostly centred around the playing field. The water came from wells on the south side, the swampy area to the west of the playing field which was the garden. The house, a small log building became the kitchen and present "Green Room" the dining hall. The road access came in through the playing field. Miss Moore built cabins where the present cabins, 1 to 12 are located and built a wash house where the fire stand is past cabin 12. As well she built the Craft Hut, the Lodge and Miss Moore's cabin.

On the new camp committee were half a dozen men who assumed responsibility developing new facilities. Dennet Bryson worked for Bloedel Stewart & Welch as a property manager, who knew what was available in the various company operations, and how to obtain it. From the Pulp Mill construction camp he got the dining hall, which was built on four large cedar timber "sleds". Three still hang under the dining hall, the fourth one was removed and used to drag the Green Room down from the playing field. That "skid" lay beside road causing the road to be called "Skid Road". The kitchen was built onto the side of the dining hall. The original cook stoves came from logging camps and were fueled with wood, and later oil. Splash House # 1 was also hauled from the Pulp Mill complete with concrete floor and toilets. The north side of that building was for thirty or more years was the workshop. The Caretaker's House came from the company town at Great Central Lake.

As well the Office, First Aid, the Directors and cabin 3A were built, plus the Lodge was lengthened and the ceiling raised two feet. This required money and volunteers. Work parties frequently numbered 50 as the Presbytery got behind their new camp.

A new road was built connecting to Stewart Road and a Hydro line put in from the Dorcas Point Road. This line was difficult to maintain as there was no road alongside so in time of an outage service was done on foot. Later this was changed to Stewart Road. In the early years there was a plan to close in the bay to make swimming pool. This led to the construction of the "dyke" as a test, at a cost of just under \$1,000.00. That plan was dropped when it was realized that a pool would kill all the inter-tidal sea life and would limit boats to the bay. The dyke has withstood the test of the storms.

In 1969 a contract was let to build the # 2 Splash house. In 1970 a school bus was purchased for \$ 125.00, Barry Forbes to rebuild an engine for it. A work party was held to sand and paint "Esmarelda" with Sherry Mitchel Painting Moorecroft on the side in "flintstone" letters. The first wave of improvements was complete.

ART SKIPSEY

MARCH 2008

The evolution of camping;

Through the years a great variety of camps have been offered to meet the needs of a changing society . In the beginning most camps were an extension of activities or programs within the congregations, whereas today programs draw from the broader society, instead of Sunday School the campers are often sponsored by social agencies. Does that lessen the value or does it increase it as a tool of evangelism in a secular world.?

What a wonderful variety that has been offered. Here are a few  
Presbytery weekend was lively at Moorecroft, complete with singing grace just as at youth camps. But the best part was when sessions were done, members gathered in the lodge for a square dance, music provided by the members. Dorn Cornish did a good job of getting his notes from a wash tub.

For those that like to keep right on camping there was the “Keen Agers” camp, that was mostly spirited pensioners. They indulged in all the regular activities, swimming, boating, campfires, crafts etc. I don’t recall a sports day.

Music camp was well attended for several years. Campers could choose from band to choral plus crafts and waterfront activities. Often the last night was time for a concert and often a play. Photography was also very popular

Senior co-ed was often the last camp of the summer, allowing the young people to work at a summer job but take the last week off to attend camp, not to end up totally deprived of camping. Some serious soul searching sometimes led to alter calls and a commitment to Christ.

Junior co-ed was a more recent innovation, reflecting a trend in the education system. This often accommodated family holidays that permitted parents to send the kids to the same camp and enjoy some meaningful R & R themselves..

Family camps were offered mostly in the “shoulder” seasons, especially for work parties. They were encouraged to bring their R Vs to augment camping accommodation.

Because of his history of “outward bound” type Boy Scout camps , Fro Affleck convinced Art Skipsey to lead the “Senior Boys Pack Camp” He was able to draw from the scouting family for experienced leaders who had so much fun and adventure that there was always an ample number of leaders, who mostly came back for several years as did many of the boys. It was quite different taking a group of unknown strengths and

experience to leading a scout group where the boys were both known and tested. With this in mind a route was chosen along the Beaufort Range, from Horne Lake to Cumberland. This was chosen so that in case of serious problems help could be found by descending to the Alberni Valley to the West or to the houses on the East coast. In planning it was arranged to access the mountain via logging roads at either end. As the time approached both of these offers were withdrawn as the camp bus did not have air brakes and the road was considered too steep. To cover the distance meant hiking long hours some days.

The routine was for the campers to arrive after lunch on the first day. The time was spent checking for appropriate gear, removing unnecessary items, forming cabin groups and explaining procedures. After breakfast on the second day the food and equipment was distributed and packs checked for weight. The goal was to have the boys carrying 25 to 30 pounds depending on their size and the leaders, 50 pounds. The provisions were checked very carefully as once on the trail there was no chance to make up for deficiencies. Besides the groceries ordered Mrs. K made up a good quantity of granola, which proved to be "lifesaver"

The second day was a critical one where the condition and the spirit of the hikers became evident. This meant establishing a hiking order and moving the slowest ones to the front of the line. Hiking lasted this trip until 10 P M. when camp was made on an old logging road. It was decided that three of the boys were not up to the trip. Then the decision had to be made whether they could be trusted to follow the logging road down to the highway or did a leader need to accompany them. In the morning it was decided to send them on their own with instructions to phone the camp.

The daily routine was to arise at 6 A M and to finish breakfast and be on the trail by 8 A M. After hiking for two hours a break was called where a serving of granola was distributed. Then followed two more hours of hiking before making lunch. On the third day the boys were starting to read nature. They would announce that they could smell snow ahead. The top of the Beaufort is sub-alpine, offering enough clearings to make it good hiking. There were also challenges. On the fourth day Art stopped to survey the route down a steep slope. Behind him were three boys that the leaders thought had been "shanghaied" off the streets of Vancouver. Their language was rough so they earned the tag of the Three Mouthkateers. While standing there, behind Art, one said "this would be a good place to push him over." Then after a long pause another said "Yeh, but how would we get back."

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day Don Brooks stuck up a hiking song, to the tune of the Jamaican Rum song, to tell of our challenges, which referred to as the Granola song. We added verses pertinent to each trip for the next 12 years. An example:

We hike all day in the heather beds  
But sleep at night with a rock at our head  
Chorus:  
Oh No Oh No a little granola and on we go

Art Skipsey say climb to the top  
Roger Whitmee say we gotta stop

#### Chorus

The trip should have been one day longer to make up for the loss of the road access at either end but push we did. The last day was hard on feet as we several miles on logging roads, giving some blisters as souvenirs . Jerry was to meet the gang at lake above Cumberland with the camp bus, Esmarelda. He asked Art's son Joe who was lifeguard at the camp when he should expect the hikers, who were scheduled to arrive at 3 P M. Joe predicted within two hours. Jerry took extra food and blankets just in case. They arrived at 4 P M, tired but happy.

After 12 years this camp was cancelled because of falling registrations, reflecting changes in society. Jack and Noreen Keen led some less challenging teen co-ed camps but these too were later dropped. The evolution of camping continues.

ART SKIPSEY  
MARCH 2008

## Waterfront

Water attracts most everyone, including campers and residents of Vancouver Island. Moorecroft has prime waterfront plus a unique tidal bay. Rowboats were one of the assets specified in the purchase of Moorecroft, and quite a variety of craft have been added on several occasions. The first were 8 foot plywood flatties made by volunteers. Many campers learned to row these small vessels around the bay and were raced in "regattas" Another popular addition were the paddleboards again made by volunteers. For the first 20 years each winter the boats were stored under the craft hut, dining hall or lodge requiring muscles and trucks to move them. Boats were a high maintenance item as boats were more likely to be dragged than carried to the water. In the early 60s a large ramp was built using decking from the assembly wharf in Port Alberni. This brought two more problems, it floated at high tide and built up slippery slime making for good sliding but poor footing. This was remedied in 1979 when concrete footings were poured and alder sleepers bolted on top for planking for a narrow ramp to slide the boats on while the users walked on the gravel. Alder was chosen because torredos that devour wood do not like alder, this proved by more than 25 years use. Windfall timber was towed to an assembly point, loaded on Alex Turner's farm truck and hauled a small mill in Qualicum Beach. One large "peeler" log was beach combed from Gerald Island. This required first taking the Forest Ranger, Harley Norberg to examine the log to verify that because of torredos the log had no commercial value. This log when sawn gave very good planks that provided the floor for the boat house. Through such scrounging the ramp and the boat house were constructed for only \$300.00. Labour for the boathouse was chiefly from the boys at the Senior Boys Pack re-union.

The swimming float was another high maintenance feature. Again the torredos could eat away the logs in as little as 6 years. This happened when McMillan & Boedel gave a number of logs for a new float.. This entailed a slow towing job to bring the logs from Northwest Bay using an eleven foot boat and a twenty horsepower outboard. A new float was constructed only to find the buoyancy was eaten away in 6 years. Sliding new logs under the float was not easily done.

One day arriving at Horseshoe Bay Art Skipsey looked enviously at the large tubular floats used to guide the ferries into the dock. On his return he shared his vision with the camp treasurer Jim Robertson, an M & B employee. Jim was able scrounge some bent mobile spar tubing 28 inches in diameter, 3/8 inch thick, allowing the construction of the steel float on the shore, below cabin 7. A pattern was made to cut end tubes to fit to the side tubes. A welder was hired to weld the tubes in place. When assembled this float weighed 7 tons. The whole structure was painted with a black gum to prevent rust. Logs were placed under float to act as rollers and more logs were placed between the road and the beach to form a ramp. Then the float was slowly pushed forward. As it reached the ramp and gained speed a great cheer went up. Then the float caught on something and swung against a cedar tree. { the scar is still on the tree}. The float had to be winched



back up and start the trip again.. After a year the float was beached at the far end of the bay, jacked up so scratches could be recoated with gum. Since that first year if has remained in the water, when the tide is in, and muscles and barnacles allowed to grow.

Swim tests occurred from the float. For the first 35 years access to the float was by walking a log. This appeared a bigger challenge to the leaders than to the campers, but eventually led to the building of a ramp with railings to access the float. Use of the float was permitted only when a lifeguard was on duty.

In 1968 a scout group from Vancouver installed an aerial tram across the bay, between an arbutus tree near the Craft Hut and a fir tree near the barbeque site. This was operated only at high tide in case a camper fell they would land in the water. Before being allowed to ride across the person had to pass a hang test to be sure they had arm strength. The person would slide down the slope to the north shore and either drop into the water or hang on until pulled back to the launch platform.

Boats were restricted to the inner bay except by arrangement. Excursions using the clinker built boats were allowed, often to Gerald Island for a "camp-out". They were escorted by a power boat incase of problems. When a 27 foot ex-navy whaler was brought into service it added a new element of sailing and also boat rides for junior campers. This boat had a lifesaving capacity of 25 adults. For several years a sailing camp was run for senior boys, using several borrowed boats, some as small as Sabots.

The waters of the straits deserve respect. In the early years some campers became storm bound on Gerald Island. The pioneer who lived on the island ferried them back to the camp safely but on his return trip his boat floundered and he drowned.

ART SKIPSEY  
MARCH 2008

Moorecroft

My memories.

Disclaimer.

My involvement with Moorecroft covers a very short portion of its 62 years as a United Church camp. Most of what I know of its history is knowledge acquired by somebody else's experience, and their telling of it.

What I do tell of my memory is also suspect since I have destroyed printed records that would reveal dates and details that a fickle memory cannot recall or does not recall accurately. Dates and people using my memory as a reference point for a permanent record of the camp's life are to be treated with extreme caution.

#### A try at remembering

I believe the United Church of Canada purchased Moorecroft from Gertrude Moore in the early 1950s. I did not become a member of Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery until my appointment to Campbell River United Church in July of 1960. The congregation in Campbell River and of myself as its minister had only peripheral contact with Moorecroft. The travel distance mandated against involvement in short-term events at Camp. As I recall, the Presbytery did have oversight of the camp, but exercised it very loosely. So I cannot remember Moorecroft has being important in the life of that congregation I'm sure the same was true for those points in the Presbytery that were not within easy driving distance of the campsite: Port Hardy, e.g. -Alert Bay, Tofino-Ucluelet, Ahousat, Bamfield,

From 1964, when I moved to Prince Rupert to be Superintendent of Missions until 1987, when I came to Port Alberni I was not

resident in Comox Naniamo Presbysytery and had no involvement with Moorecroft and knew almost nothing of its operation.

My involvement with Mooreroft began in a tentative way. When I accepted a posting to St. Andrews, United Church in Port Alberni in 1987. For my first few years in the Port Alberni I was heavily involved in the Presbytery being its chairman. Difficulties were being experienced around *the issue*. Then for me there followed a couple of years of heavy involvement at the Conference level of church political life culminating in a year as President of Conference.

When I finally retired in 1992. I had time to devote to the Ministry at Moorecroft. I began to attend the monthly Saturday work parties, and occasionally trips between work parties. Edward Spencer was then chairman of the grounds committee and was responsible for overseeing the work being done on the physical components of the campsite.

There were certain regulars at work parties. Ian Potts routinely brought a carload or more of men from Comox-Courtenay; Spencers of Port Alberni where routinely there; and frequently a carload or more came from Nanaimo's three Churches. Ladysmith;(Dave Stringer was too ill by then to be acctive). Chemanus; Cedar; Qualium Beach was also routinely represented by Joe and/or Art Skipsy. Parksville provided space for the board meetings, but I do not recall names of persons from Parksville regularly at the work parties

Mrs. Kennedy had just retired ending her long-term service as resident Camp Manager and Joe Wallace had stepped down as chairman of the Moorecroft Camp Committee.

The committee struggled to find a Manager who was competent, able and willing to manage the camp on the salary the committee felt it could pay. That proved to be a daunting task. It seemed to me that the enthusiasm for the camp suffered adversely. Finances at Camp were affected as was the ability to recruit an adequate supply of enthusiastic camp leaders who were willing to be trained for the difficult task of leading summer camps.

It was probably in 1995 or 96, that I began to attend Moorecroft Camp management committee meetings. The officers of the committee, and a few who had been attending these meetings for many months or years understood what was going on and did a very competent job. But the membership of the committee appeared to me to be very chaotic. Each congregation was to send a representative. That representative was not consistently the same person. When there was an important issue about which a congregation was concerned there was a delegation perhaps 3,4,5 or more people from one congregation came to argue their case and congregations that were not concerned may not have any representation.

Some of the old-timers and faithful members of the committee took sabbatical leave or pursued careers that took them out of the area. Dr. John Potts, and his wife Kathy left for a term of service in Africa. John had been secretary of the committee, and John and Kathy had led summer camps. And many who took their place while full of enthusiasm lacked experience or knowledge of the camp history. I began to feel the structure of the committee was not helping long-term planning and current management to the extent that it should. I felt others shared my concern, and we began to work on a new constitution for the committee. I lacked the experience of camp life to fully appreciate the implication that history held for future planning. Fortunately, I had the very able help Ian Potts and others. We finally presented a detailed draft of what we thought the committee would look like and how it would

function. One change called for a rather small Committee of persons elected to serve for two or three or four years. We hoped thereby to enable fast and informed decision-making. We hoped that the smaller committee composed of members serving over a longer period of time would find the directors more creatively involved in camp activities. We also called for Presbytery to name two persons to the board thus formalising and assuring Presbytery involvement.

Perhaps the biggest change anticipated was that the Moorecroft Committee would become a registered society with considerable independence from Presbytery and thus making it easier to raise funds outside of the Church structure. When legal counsel suggested to us that perhaps should specify that all members of the proposed society board be named by Presbytery. I could see no advantage in registering as a society as the church relation to the camp would not drastically change and I perceived that to be one of the problems.

During my active association with the camp I twice served as cabin leader for junior boys camps. In both occasions, program manager for the camp had experienced difficulty in recruiting sufficient leadership to run a safe camp. In both cases, I volunteered, very close to the opening of camp. In one case, I think perhaps three days. If there had been any training. I did not share in it and so lacked a clear vision of what the fundamental purpose of the camp and the methods to be used to achieve the goals were. In both camps I was a late draft to the chaplaincy, and thus had to do my planning for that role on a day by day basis while at Camp with its other duties and distractions

At least three times in the years I was associated with Moorecroft a committee was struck to study Moorecroft and make recommendations for its future. Cynically I say that in each case committee came back and reported exactly what everybody already

knew –that the campsite was an excellent campsite and very valuable to the church but its potential was not being fully realized,-that the facilities of the camp needed upgrading and more money needed to be spent on leadership and program development One committee recommended that some selective logging be done on the site to generate income. That suggestion was hotly debated within the committee, and the opposition was so intense that no action was taken at that time.

At a later time, an agreement was struck with the Presbytery to raise \$150,000 for the camp.--half of it to be raised by the Presbytery and half by the camp committee. Ian Potts, did some noble work in raising funds out of the Comox Valley the camp committee raised the small portion of its money by selectively logging taking out mature trees and trees that were a hazard to hikers on the campsite. Neither party came close to the agreement to raise its quota.

At a later date, money was secured from BC conference to undergo professional study of the site. That study when completed commented on suitability of the site and reported a consensus of opinion amongst those consulted that the site needed to be upgraded with modern camping facilities. That study cost in the neighbourhood of \$50,000 and would require about a million or more to implement. Nobody was ever found who could or would raise the money needed.

In spite of all its difficulties Moorecroft still remains a very special place for almost every person who experienced a camp or function at that remarkable sight purchased from Miss Moore some 60 years ago. My own mother, who in her 70<sup>s</sup> went to camp as a girl's cabin leader and served in that capacity in three or four Church camps stated at one time, "Moorecroft is the best campsite the Church has"."

## STORIES ABOUT MOORECROFT FROM MOLLIE STRINGER

1: Dave Stringer and I ( his wife) started going to Moorecroft about 1957, ( I remember well as my son was in my womb at the time ). I remember going to where the old dining room was near the “now playing field “ and where the pellet range is, and having breakfast; well, hotcakes anyway and maybe it was lunch. Bill Van Druten, an early minister at Brechin church was sitting on our side of the table – one long table - as the large plate of pancakes came, and this “ young man “ between Bill Van Druten and me, took his fork and plunged it into the platter of pancakes, spearing them all and plunking them down on his plate! Bill Van Druten said “ Look at that deer over there“, and as the young man looked Bill Van Druten plunged his fork into the lads stack of pancakes and put them back on the platter and sent them around the table and the young lad got none till more were made.

2: We had many years of going to Moorecroft. Early on Gwen Johnston and I and Cora Skipsey and other Explorer Leaders took our Explorer groups for a long weekend (Friday afternoon - Sunday late afternoon), we would have Explorer groups with their leaders from all over the Presbytery and had all the cabins from 1-12 in use and Craft House, and Kennedy Lodge and “Cook Out“ and waterfront got huge use - especially the Cabins and Dining Hall. The camp would be full and such hilarity and good fun. Many happy memories made.

3: One very memorable time for Gwen Johnston and me was sleeping in Craft hut and mice running over our faces in the night. “Craft Hut “has so many memories for us as all groups did crafts in their home groups and we learned each others crafts, songs, skits and games at camp. A hilarious joyous time.

4: How the Dining Hall came to be Stringer Hall:

Dave Stringer was totally devoted to keeping the camp up. All the years when he was in AOTS (mens group) he and the men of Ladysmith - Chemainus AOTS groups made one of their projects to keep up the cabins at Moorecroft. Each church had a cabin or two to maintain. Cabins 1 and 2 were Ladysmith-Chemainus at that time and they rebuilt these two cabins.

Also Dave, being a builder and by hobby, a “general fix-it” man and one who appreciated all Catherine Kennedy was as the Caretaker of Moorecroft, took it upon himself to answer the call when Catherine would phone-even in the night ( freezing weather ) and say “ The pipes have frozen “ or “ There’s a tree down on line “, and Dave would get up and go up to Moorecroft to help fix it. When Dave passed away in 1987 his memorial service said “If you wish to give a memorial gift-please give it for Ladysmith United Church or to Moorecroft Camp. So much money came in for Moorecroft that the Camp Committee completely renovated the Dining Hall and named it “Stringer Hall”, what a lovely remembrance of Dave.

5: Ernie Jackson of Chemainus congregation, Gwen Johnston and Dave were faithful servants of Moorecroft Camp Committee meetings for years and years. Gwen was Secretary and Dave and Ernie on Maintenance or Project Supervisor. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, at 6:00P.M. Ernie would come over to our place and they would go to Gwens,

and taking turns as driver, they would drive to Moorecroft meetings (usually at Parksville or Qualicum (old church) and not get home till midnight. Moorecroft Committee people were sure dedicated and they all were working people - hardly home from their day jobs, but Moorecroft was so important. Dedicated people.

6: "Keen Ager's"

Another memory I have about Moorecroft is that of "Keen Ager's Camp". This was a week (I think it was a week long event) that was started sometime around 1986. I was asked to lead one of these Keen Ager camps, a good experience. People of "Retirement Age", men and women ( married couples in some cases ) came to stay at the camp; some for a full week, some for a couple of days. We had speakers, like one on various kinds of trees that are growing in the Moorecroft area; one on marine life and examining shells, creatures, plants etc. on the ocean floor and tide line; one on sea life around Moorecroft (ie seals, walrus, birds, fish); and one on trails and plants in the walk area. Also one night, a speaker on sky and stars. We had discussions, book sharing, and lots of good food., a great week and I found leading it (getting speakers etc.) a great experience.

7: Meals and "Souper Supper" Early Years

Meals when Catherine Kennedy was resident "Manager and Chief" were something to be remembered. No costly pizza, but lots of porridge and "left over" porridge which later became cookies. Lots of apples and other "in season" fruits and of course, hotcakes and syrup and the perennial favourite "hot dogs". "Cookouts" of course have always been special and as far as I can remember, always with the bonfire at the "cook out" place there by the waterfront near Vesper Point.

Of course campfires have always been a favourite time and place for every camp, and the lighting of the candles and setting them "out to sea" on their "logs"- pieces of wood- as we sang "Day is done, gone the sun, from the lakes, from the hills, from the sky. All is well, safely rest, God is nigh. Often tears as campers left to go home having made wonderful new friends and lifelong memories.

"Souper Supper" went annually for years-for as long as I can remember. Early on each church provided salads, six pies and 6 dozen buns. Margaret Wallace and I cut up pies and served them for years. I also remember chopping veggies for soups - ask Myrtle Spencer - she knows lots about "Souper Suppers". I understand that the Skipseys and others got the clams and oysters from the sea beds at Moorecroft. Myrtle and Co. knew we should have 4-6 kinds of soups. I think we charged \$ 7.00 for each adult and \$ 20.00 for a family, children under 5 ate for free.

Mollie Stringer

March 2008



## ALICE POTTS REMEMBERS

Lying awake early this morning, my mind started wandering, as minds do-- the early acquaintance with the camp---Went back to our early years here. We've been in Courtney 50 years this past summer!!!! Somehow it is all tied up with AOTS mens group; and the influence of those early workers at the camp. Anyway, at the breakfast table I opened the subject up and Ians mind is going like a trip hammer and he is now sitting down and making a diagram---so, something is on its way!

Dennet Bryson, Bruce Coleman, Ernie Jackson from Chemainus, and of course Dave Stringer. Ian first met Dave at a work party and they were putting the foundations under the dining hall. Ian dared to pick up and use one of Daves tools without asking permission!!! Not done! We lived in a little house 2 miles south of Courtney for ten years. All these guys used to visit us there. I remember Bill Van Druten calling by, for instance.

It all comes back to the Mens Groups at the churches, doesn't it? The work groups are an outgrowth of that.

Ian was complaining here not long ago about women running the church now. So, I said, then get the mens group started again. It had been going but petered out. So, this year, they're back having breakfast gatherings one Saturday a month and last month there were 17 fellows out.

So, something is on its way.

Marg Attwell and her CGIT camps.

Hartley Rollins brought school groups down for years then quit when hired staff was inadequate and didn't know how to cooperate with a camp director!

Memories from Mrs. K.!

Ian directed Jr.Boys with Tom Pagdin.

Tom and Mae Pagdin, their son Ross used to maintain the van each year—remember that? He operated a truck repair shop at the time and would overhaul the van.

Alice Potts  
March 2008

## MUSINGS FROM IAN

I have been thinking back a great deal on the short history of Moorecroft under the Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery...about 1950 to the present time, and am seeing it as a huge tree with a wide base, heavily rooted in the Christian base, tapering upward to a small diameter being blown about in the wind of change, and the whole tree at risk of being blown over! ... ..

Here is a brief outline of this "time line", as my own narrow view perceives, beginning at the base, and continuing upward... ..

I have a multitude of vignettes from the 1950's base line to the present, covered with slides, videos, and stories, naming of individuals, concerns etc. None of these extracts should be taken out of the big picture, to my way of thinking, until we glance at the time line. They would have little effect taken individually and would become just curiosities... ..how useful?

Anyway, here goes... ..

1950's... ..Rev. Moses arouses interest in Presbytery, as Miss Moore wishes to pass the camp to them, in trust, for use to youth. AOTS members and other church mens groups get behind the move, shift MacMillan Bloedel's bunkhouses in, and the heavy work parties begin.....

This is the heyday of the camping time, encouraged by the ending of WW 2. Depression time remembered by parents, lots of tasks for male participation, with young sons and daughters to fill the camper slots! Jr. And intermediate boys and leaders available, outdoor privies, group sharing of food at camp, always a volunteer lifeguard in addition to male leaders, full use of the camp, shoreline and beyond to Gerald Island, and the forest behind... .. work parties full bore on basic physical improvements. Etc. AOTS and Mens Groups in full swing in United Churches.

1960's... ..New Curriculum in 1963... ..Liberal theology, small split in developing congregations... ..but full camping continues... ..Cultus, Ocean Park, Moorecroft bring lots of kids from the mainland, good leadership especially in Jr. and Intermediate Boys, good outings along shoreline and in the forest, crafts based on natural materials, (every boy has a jackknife) etc. Rope swings and slingshots used in the forest, real singing at Campfire with skilled guitar music, (I could write a book on that!) Hippie movement begins and youth begins to question everything including Christianity....

1970's... ..Charismatic influence in the United Churches, C.O.M. (Cultus, Ocean Park, Moorecroft) dwindling... ..diminished mens groups and AOTS.... ..more difficult to obtain leaders etc.

Camp used as a base camp by Skipsey (a good thing!) Co-ed becoming popular... ..( It ruined boys camps, in my opinion!) Presbytery losing interest... ..(begun earlier)

Maintenance needed with small response from men. Camp leaders of poor quality and background (apart from isolated few “gems”)

1980’s... ..More of the same... ..needed funding shortfall...youth seemingly losing interest in camping under some discomfort(!) Campfire time more hysteria and shouting from lack of leadership... .. Camp needs fulfilled by outside renting... ..boating equipment upgraded by dedicated men and congregations... ..Leadership aging... ..increasing costs in “hiring” summer staffs (a constant dilemma),,,,,, prior leadership aging. Higher costs by Health and other inspections needed... .. Camp Committee in sometimes disarray!!! Presbytery backing off from solid support.

1990’s... ..More of the same.....Big Question... .. What can we do? How do we get good leadership? What is happening? Overworking leadership that we have followed by discouragement and lack of appreciation by Presbytery... .. new generation of campers does not seem to fit the old methods... ..(no jackknives, for instance!)

2000’s... .. What to do with the Camp? Conference desires sale... ..great resistance by “sacred Few”... ..the future of Camping Ministry seriously questioned....

So, hopefully, all is in Gods hands, Whose Hands are our hands! ... ..

Ian Potts  
March 1, 2008

Mrs. K at Moorecroft

My Mother took over Caretaker and Camp Register, after my Father passed away in 1971, and lived and worked here for eighteen years, and enjoyed the beauty being there, to watch over the camp and all the goings on there. I always wished she had written down her memories and thoughts about her time there.

She lived most of the off season with her beloved dog, Leo, a collie whom she inherited from Peter and Lynn Newberry from Nanaimo. My Sister, Mary Lou lived with them while she went to Nanaimo High School.

Leo and the Cat, and Mother would take daily trips down through the camp seeing that everything was in order, and on several occasions she would return to the house missing the cat. So it was back down through the camp to finally find the cat in the Upper Splash-house.

One day, a young German Shepherd dog arrived at the camp Mom tried several times to find his owners, and when she did , she found out that they didn't want a dog anymore. So he became "Stranger" . He and Leo became buddies , both of them were company for Mom. Mom went to my Brother's for Christmas and when she came home she found that Leo had passed away . It was like Stranger knew he was sent to protect her. He took over Leos' duties of companion, on walks, and making friends with the campers. Both of these dogs were in their glory in the summertime when there was always a kid or two that loved to throw a stick for them. Stranger, also like to pick up rocks and have someone throw them for him too.

She enjoyed getting to know so many children coming to the camp and also all the different staff members that helped make things easier for her during the summer. Some of the kids became her "Special Kids", and a couple came to live with her afterwards .She often talked about the different ones from time to time and also enjoyed many visits with them either at the camp or after she moved to Osoyoos.

Mom enjoyed being there, she liked being near where my Dad had passed away, she was near my husband and I in Parksville and after my Sister got married , and moved to Osoyoos, and had family of her own . Mom made many trips to visit the Grandchildren there or in Terrace with my Brother's family.

Mom was able to move to Osoyoos and live in her "tin box in an Apple Orchard (she loved apples ) and even had a chance to pick one off a tree, at Christmas, that was missed when it was harvested in the fall.

She became a member of the Osoyoos United Church there and worked in the Thrift Shop there for 10 years.

Mom passed away, in August 1999.

Submitted by Jean Dingsdale  
July 08

## MARY GALLOWAY REMEMBERS

In 1958 Mrs. Polly Kellington from the Powell River United Church, Mrs. Veach from the Westview United, and myself from the Cranberry United Church went over to Moorecroft as CGIT leaders. We flew over to Comox, in a 2 seater plane along with some girls from these three churches in Powell River. We were met at the airport by members of the United churches on the Island and taken to Moorecroft. This was before we had ferry accommodations to the Island.

Mrs. Kellington was made "House Mother", I think it was called. A few of the leaders stayed in a house on the hill at the far side of Jingle Pot Bay, as it was called at that time. There were 4-6 girls to a cabin and my girls were not from the Powell River area.

We had bible sessions, crafts, sports, etc. time out, and sing songs. Every evening hot chocolate and cookies were served to the girls, they always seemed so hungry, like all young people. The last evening we had a service at the edge of the bay at high tide; all had to make a little raft, if I remember right, with a candle attached. The candle was lit and the little raft set afloat. They all came away in high spirits.

Mary Galloway  
March 2008

## MARLENE CMIKIEWICZ REMEMBERS 1961

Set in Nanoose Bay, B.C., far from the noise of town or city, Moorecroft United Church camp is nestled deep in the forest (or so it seemed to me) and opens out on the ocean to a small bay, a most beautiful setting, especially when it was bathed in sunshine. As you entered the camp you could see the Managers house on the left, the office directly ahead, and behind that the washrooms with showers and off to the right and up a small hill stood the large dining hall and kitchen. The cabins were just beyond the office surrounded by trees and the ruggedness of rocks. It is still the same today! A paradise for children who go there for a weeks vacation.

1961 was my first year in Canada. I had immigrated from England in July 1960 to Ucluelet on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, and spent that first summer working at Moorecroft to help clear off a few debts. Like all the staff, I was given a cabin to live in, not much in comfort, but adequate and camp style. Our days were long, but we enjoyed being in such beautiful countryside. On warm evenings after work we would swim in the ocean where fluorescent bubbles would bubble up around us, especially where the water was warm. It was so relaxing with the sunset of reds, yellows, and orange painting the sky; the blue of the mountains off in the distance and the forest surrounding us. Sometimes the campers would be singing at the campfire. We felt at one with God and His world.

The camp day began very early for the workers. There were four of us in the kitchen, cook, the cooks helpers, and two kitchen aids, of which I was one and a young First Nations woman was the other. We were up and in the kitchen by 6:30am to prepare breakfast for the young people and their leaders. They would usually have cereal, a cooked breakfast, toast, juice, and maybe fruit. Everything was cooked on a stove that was fed with wood all day long, and on hot days that could be unbearable, but the food had to be cooked for the many hungry children! Later came a snack with fruit so we were kept busy, but I believe every cabin took a turn to help with clean up. My memory is abit fuzzy there, but I can't think how it could all have been done without some help! They often had a picnic mid-day which helped with the dishes since we didn't have a dishwasher then. Then there was a hot dinner in the evening, and after dishes there was always cocoa and cookies to prepare for the campfire.

There was swimming, rowing, canoeing and I believe archery for the children as well as learning about God and learning how to get along with each other. The camp fire times seemed to be the favourite with most everyone.

It was a fun place to be, but all was not fun in the kitchen as cook was a real slave driver, especially if she didn't like you. Unfortunately for me, I was often in her bad books, mainly because she didn't like English people. She thought that I felt above doing hard work (why would I work in a kitchen if I wanted to slack off?!!!) so she gave me the toughest jobs such as, cleaning out burned food on the huge cooking pots, or scrubbing the splintered wooden floor on my hands and knees, and cleaning all the lowest shelves where the heaviest pots were kept. I was as determined as she was, to show her I could do all she asked and not complain, though there were times when unseen tears of humiliation

ran down my face when she would criticize me in front of visitors. However, she was an excellent cook and the kids had great food and she made sure that the children were well looked after.

I did complain to the United Church Minister because the young First Nations woman received less pay than me, but was doing equally as much. I was to understand that this was none of my business! That may be true but it still did not make it right.

Moorecroft holds a special place in my heart, a place where children can learn about God, perhaps for the first time, with the help of their Leaders, camp songs, the Bible stories and being with new friends and old. The atmosphere of love and the overwhelming beauty of God's nature must have stayed with many children for a long time after they left for home. May there always be a Moorecroft!

Submitted by Marlene Cmikiewicz  
March 3 2008

## MEMORIES FROM DOROTHY MALLETT ATKINSON

In 1961, my brother, Rev. Percival H. Mallett, was the minister at Cliffe Avenue United Church in Burnaby; his wife Kay Jones Mallett was a public health nurse. Mac and I lived in North Vancouver and belonged to the Highlands United Church there. Kay phoned one day to say that her older daughter Ethel, aged 10, was planning to go to the United Church camp on Vancouver Island, Kaye was going as camp nurse and taking her younger daughter, aged 8, with her. Would I consider going as a camp counsellor and taking my daughter Pam, aged 7, as company for her cousin Phyllis?

It was a lovely warm summer and the camp property was so beautiful! I helped with the camp song leading at meal times in Stringer Hall and at the campfires, a big circle in the woods at night, after a twilight service at Vesper Point. I also helped as a lifeguard at the swimming at the lagoon, as I had my lifesaving bronze medallion. We also had a clearing for softball and other games. My cabin #4 contained 3 sets of 2-tiered bunk beds for sleeping bags for 6 campers. I had my own single bed. A splash house with toilets and showers was nearby. Before breakfast we had a short worship service in the outdoor chapel. After breakfast we spent time in our own special place in the woods with Bible Study and a special curriculum set out by the United Church. After lunch everyone looked forward to Tuck. On Sunday we had morning service at the outdoor chapel and Vesper service in the evening at Vesper Point.

At the 2006 Open House at Moorecroft, Pam and I wandered all over, reminiscing in all the old places. Cabin # 4 had glass in the windows now; when we were there we had rolled down canvas! Everything else was the same, especially Vesper Point, a magical place. I wish to have my ashes scattered from there when I die!

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Mallet Atkinson

March 2008



## THE ELEVENTH HOUR

We were down to the wire that summer of 1978. The Moorecroft Camp Committee had ruled that all cabin leaders must be in place no later than seven days prior to the camp going-in, and we were still short two cabin leaders for the Intermediate Boys' Camp. This was my third year as Leadership Coordinator for the Camp Committee and this camp had been the hardest ever to staff. Believe me, I was praying – hard. I had followed-up on every possible leader I could think of, or whom anyone suggested – and we were still short. It looked as if a dozen boys would be disappointed.

At the “eleventh hour,” I received two phone calls – and the last two leaders were in place! Imagine my relief, delight, and thankful heart.

During that period, Fro Affleck was Chair of the Camp Committee, and every September she hosted a potluck dinner at her home for all the summer camp directors and Camp Committee members. Following the feast, we would evaluate our summer camp experiences and record the “rainbows and crosses” to guide future planning.

Just before the dinner, I was walking down the Afflecks' hallway, and encountered Fro's husband, Rev. George Affleck.

George said, “Hello, Mae. How did your summer go? Did you find enough leaders for the camps?”

My heart leapt, my eyes widened, and I told him about the *incredible* answer to my prayer.

George just smiled and said, “Mae, why are you surprised?”

Mae Pagdin  
March 11, 2008

## LOVE CONQUERS ALL

A car drove into camp and stopped at the *Office* where I was waiting to welcome late-comers. A 13 year-old girl (I will call her Stella), dressed in designer jeans, white pullover, and sandals, emerged from the back seat. She wasn't kicking and screaming, but she might as well have been.

The time was August 1980, the first evening of the Music and Fine Arts Camp for co-ed 12 to 14 year-olds that Cora Skipsey and I were co-directing.

Stella's response to my cheerful chatter as we carted her bedroll and suitcase to her cabin elicited a few mumbles; and my request that she change to runners met with a look-to-kill. "Let's go up to the *Field* and meet the others," I suggested. She shrugged, but followed along.

Shrieks and laughter fell on our ears as we walked the forest trail toward the *Field*. We stepped into the clearing, and there they were – sweaty T-shirted teenagers, tearing up and down the *Field*, trying to "*Steal the Flag*" without getting caught. Cora's warm welcome and invitation to Stella to join-in was met with a curt, "No, thanks!" Stella preferred to stand at the edge, scowling at the unsophisticated spectacle before her.

An eventful week passed, and the final morning of camp arrived. Cora and I had just checked out Cabin 12 and were returning to *Directors* via the *Jingle Pot* trail when we noticed three girls, arms entwined, walking towards us. The middle girl was crying, and the other two seemed to be consoling her. Who is it and what's the matter? we wondered. No clues in their dress, for by now, all the campers' garb looked much the same – rumpled and pleading for the washing machine.

When we got closer, Cora said, "It's Stella crying!"

"What's the problem, Girls?" I asked as we came abreast.

"Stella doesn't want to go home ...," her new friends replied.

Mae Pagdin  
March 11, 2008

## **PAM BROWN REMEMBERS**

I first went to Moorecroft when I was seven years old. I went to a week long Jr. Girls camp. My mother was a leader and my aunt was the camp nurse. My oldest cousin was a camper but her sister and myself were too young to be campers. What I remember about that week was sleeping in a canvas tent like a tepee, being bitten to death by mosquitoes, dressing up in costumes for dinner, singing after meals and at the campfire and tuck of course!

I was happy to return to Moorecroft when we moved to the Island in 1965. That September I joined CGIT and the following spring I attended my first CGIT weekend camp. That was the highlight of the CGIT year. Telling ghost stories from your bunk at night while snuggling down in your sleeping bag to keep warm in those windowless cabins. It was great to be on an adventure away from home! The other great things about the weekends though were the comaraderies that were formed as you planned a skit for the evenings around campfire or in Kennedy Lodge; or planned a vesper service for that most favoured spot, Vesper Point. Singing in the dining hall and later in the evening, making crafts and participating in a game were all important parts of the weekend. Another highlight was sending out boats with candles that we had made into the bay with a note on them. This was an annual tradition. At the end of the church service on Sunday we would get in two circles and sing "May the Road Rise to Meet You" to the person in the circle opposite you while holding hands and looking them straight in the eye. One of the circles would move. You would sing this song until you had sung it to everyone in the other circle. There was never a dry eye when it was finished. I am sure that every girl went home from that camp feeling that they had had a very special time and that they felt different than before they had went. There was always a time for self reflection while there or for a small group to spend time just talking. Many campers and leaders would go for a beach walk or to Vesper Point for some quiet time.

I was to go to Moorecroft another 7 times as a leader. I missed one year as a daughter was born during CGIT camp weekend! These weekends were even more special as I got older. The weekend camps were a time for the leaders to have some fun together or time to get to know each other better. Much planning for the weekend, for the activities and much learning from each other went on there.

I also led a group at a Junior Girls camp one summer and took all of my girls, none of whom were old enough for camp yet. The next summer I led the Junior Girls camp. It was great fun to give over a hundred young people an opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors and to learn about the Christian message at the same time. What a setting to do that!

Moorecroft is such a special place. I am sure that there is nowhere in the world quite like it. I think of that property often. It brings me inner joy and peace to think of it. I believe that it has given so many people so much pleasure. It is a place like that that makes one happy to be in Gods world.

When I was in Grade 11, my CGIT group helped the cook in the kitchen for the weekend. The cook was Annie Clarke, a member of Brechin United Church who has

since died. I would like to share her bun recipe with everyone that I learned from her and which I still make.

1 T. of yeast      1 tsp of sugar      1 ¼ c. lukewarm water  
Sprinkle the yeast and sugar into the water. Cover and let sit 10 minutes

4 c. lukewarm water      1 c. vegetable oil      2 eggs  
Add the yeast mixture to this when ready.

12 c. of flour      ¾ c. of sugar      handful of salt  
Mix together in a bowl or roasting pan. Add the liquid now. You have to knead it a bit now. Add more flour if necessary so it doesn't stick. They say you need more flour if it is damp weather and that seems to be the case!  
Grease bowl (or roasting pan) and let rise for two hours in a reasonable warm place. Punch down and let rise for another hour. Make into buns and put on greased baking sheets. Let rise another hour before baking at 400 degrees F. for about 15 minutes (or until golden brown).

To make into buns, break off a piece of dough that would fit into the cup of your hand. Flour a board and roll the ball into the flour. Then place the dough into your hand and turn the dough while taking the outside of the ball and pressing it into the middle. This kneads the dough and makes it into a nice shape.

You can also make cinnamon buns with this recipe. You can use all of the dough or say half of it for cinnamon buns if you like. Just roll out into a circle the dough you want to use for cinnamon buns then brush with butter and sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon. You can add what you want after that – raisins or currents, pine nuts, other nuts, coconut. Then roll out lengthwise. Cut slices off about one inch thick. Place circles flat side down on greased cookie sheets, let rise another hour and bake at 400 degrees F.

Pam Brown  
March 17 2008

## GLEN KAWAHARA REMEMBERS

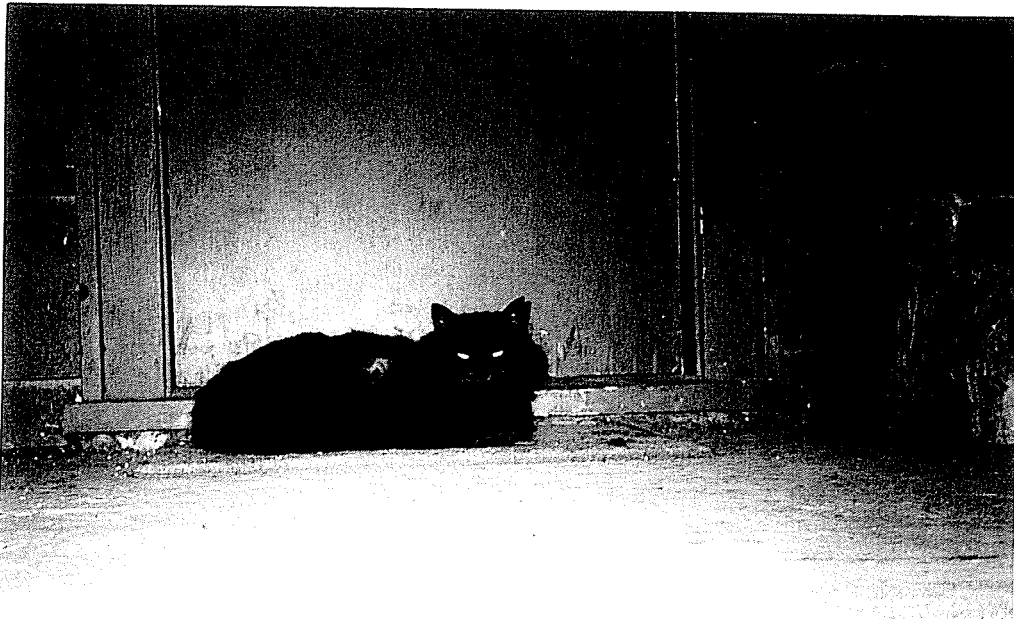
For me, the memory that best represents what Moorecroft was all about when I was there happened at Teen Camp one year.

At a Music Camp the previous year there was one camper who was very disruptive. The camper was bigger than most campers and was somewhat of a bully. I can't recall if the camper was an overage camper for that camp.

The following year this camper was back but came to Teen Camp. When I saw the camper it looked like the camper had last years swagger and attitude. The Teen Camp started off the camp with an obstacle course. This camper had an excellent leader. I was observing the race and was standing near the finish line of the course. The camper was heading towards the finish line with their leader just ahead; the leader kept looking back and I heard the camper say "I can't make it!" The leader slowed up and said "Take my hand and I'll pull you through it." The camper took his hand and they made it to the end. The next day I saw the camper and I noticed a changed person, gone was their swagger and attitude. I never saw the camper after that camp but I'll always remember that experience.

Glen Kawahara  
March 2008

SAM



## SHANNON (HUFFMAN) ZIMMERMAN REMEMBERS

Moorecroft has been a part of my life for many, many years and God has used my experiences there to bless and enrich both my life and the lives of others.

As an Explorer, member of CGIT, summer camper and participant at Work Camps, Moorecroft was an important part of my life – many weekends were spent at camp and I have wonderful memories of Morning Watches, campfires and Vespers, as well as crazy conversations long into the night ...

I was fortunate to be a *Cookie Girl* on staff during the summer of 1986 and it was there that I learned so much about living as part of a larger community. Volunteering as a Cabin Leader and directing LIT Camps gave me leadership experience that I have used both personally and professionally. Working at Camp was an experience like none other – it taught me about acceptance, tolerance and patience! My camp experiences have filled my life with wonderful and hilarious memories! If only the walls and trails of Moorecroft could talk ...

I enjoy lifelong friendships (and an awesome sister-in-law) that were built at Moorecroft. Moorecroft friends are connected in a very special way, sharing traditions and memories that time will not erase.

It was at Moorecroft that I truly began to explore my faith. Sitting around the campfire or singing and praying at Vesper Point, God spoke to me and I began to hear His voice. I began to understand the glory of creation and the power of God's love. It was at Moorecroft that I committed my life to Christ. As a young adult, I did not walk with the Lord and Moorecroft became a part of my past. Thankfully, the commitment that I had made earlier in my life was strong and God used my life experiences to bring me back to Him ... and to Moorecroft, as well.

Moorecroft is a Mission Field. Through the camp experience, there is an opportunity to minister to children, youth and adults. Moorecroft is a place to explore one's self, one's faith and one's relationships with others. Moorecroft is a place to be still and experience the voice of God.

In recent years, I have had the blessing of returning to Moorecroft with my dear friend, my Mum, to share in and co-direct Craft Retreats. Being with multi-generations of women has been uplifting and I have been encouraged. Moorecroft is a place that crosses multigenerational boundaries – it brings people together whose paths might not have otherwise crossed. Spending time with these wonderful friends doing the crafts we love sets the stage for stories to be shared, lessons to be passed along and our faith in God to be strengthened.

Walking through the trees, trails and along the shoreline at Moorecroft, I am reminded of so many people, lessons and memories. Moorecroft is a blessing in my life and it is my prayer that it continues to be this for people for many generations to come.

Shannon Zimmerman  
March 2008

### **LINDA BALDWIN REMEMBERS**

When Kevin Johnstone was very ill with cancer, I noticed many of his Moorecroft friends at the palliative care ward at the hospital. They would sit with Kev, sometimes all night, make meals for the family and support them in any way they could. The friendships that are made at Moorecroft form such strong bonds, and continue through the years.

Vesper Point held a special place in Kevin's heart, and I was fortunate to walk with Kevin and his mother to Vesper Point at a Moorecroft Souper Supper four years ago.

Kevin's Memorial Service at Moorecroft was an evening I'll never forget. It was a fun time when we celebrated his life with skits and rousing campfire songs. The evening ended at Vesper Point with prayers for Kevin, with family and friends cuddling together in the wind and the rain.

Linda Baldwin  
March , 2008

### **KARL KORVEN REMEMBERS**

One year I had someone from Korea in my cabin, that was a great experience. Helping kids build their boats for float out (that was a memory). Getting to work with my cousin one summer at Moorecroft, her name is Michele Korven (that is a memory). The Medieval Theme at Junior Co-ed was fun, we got to see a Medieval dance and the kids got to participate too.

Karl Korven  
February, 2008

### **GWEN JOHNSTON REMEMBERS**

Bunks in the craft hut-we slept on the floor on some kind of mattresses.

Lots of camp songs.

Swimming at the waterfront and playing around down by the waterfront.

Wandering around the lovely trails explaining wild flowers and plants to the kids.

I was a great hiker and lover of the outdoors and adventuring

Gwen Johnston  
March 2008

## MARILYN HUFFMAN REMEMBERS

My first association with Moorecroft would have been back in the early 80's when our daughter was in CGIT attending the weekend camps and I attended during my brief stint as a CGIT Leader. We were a very close knit group and it was truly a wonderful experience. A year or two after that our young people began attending the Youth Retreats there and we all attended the Work Weekends and Work Parties where many wonderful and long lasting friendships began. I remember working in the kitchen for some of the Youth Retreats and enjoyed watching the transformation of many young people over the next few years. Our children all worked at the camp, one of them for about four summers, and we give credit to the many wonderful people who helped mould them into the caring leaders they have become. I think that Moorecroft has played a large part in the lives of many young people who have spent time there and are contributing so much to many people and the communities they now live in.

The dedication of so many people that I saw when I was on the Camp Committee has given me a great insight into the value of volunteers and I cherish the friendships I have made over the years with folks from all over the Island. I became involved with the Board of Directors in 2003 and while no longer on the Board, continue to enjoy involvement with the camp as a volunteer when I can help out and again, have witnessed much dedication and determination from a wonderful group of people.

Moorecroft is a magical place where I feel I am "Re-created" each time I go there... the waves lapping on the shore, seals popping up in the bay; eagles flying overhead, deer passing through on the green, the quiet of the early mornings and the laughter and tears of friends during times of sharing.

I remember Mrs. K. beloved by all, whose expectations of staff were high and she loved them twice as much! I remember Stranger and how he welcomed everyone to camp, and rabbits that hopped by just out of reach of Jacoba and Glens dog, driving him wild. I remember cutting pies for "Souper Supper" and enjoying great visits while we did it, and the fun of watching the many talented ladies at Craft Retreats as well as the great walks we have. I remember helping build cabins 1 and 2; cleaning out the laundry room and under the caretakers house; helping to paint the dining hall.

I have so many more wonderful memories of people and events but I think the memory that tops them all was seeing a young person brought to camp much against their will and making it very clear that they didn't want to be there. Through acceptance and the caring of campers and leaders over the week this young person bloomed into a very active and willing participant who returned home with every intention of returning the next year. To me, this is what Moorecroft is all about.

Marilyn Huffman  
March 31 2008



## JENN (BARKER) AND AYDEN WRIGHT REMEMBER

...the splash house troughs-who HASN'T had the opportunity to brush their teeth while somebody else's spit floats by?!?

...Vespers Point – seals, sunsets, and a sense of peace (also my “Happy Place” during labour!)

...campfire - silly songs (which are used EVERYDAY as a teacher and as parents), crazy skits, “I hate white rabbits”.

...waterfront – cold swim tests (especially when I was the guard out on the paddleboard), snorkelling (like swimming in our fish tank), water regattas (anybody else remember being a part of the “Minnows” in 1991?), overnight trips, a hovercraft rescue.

...dining hall – dip'n'flip, the bell (always fun to ring), the walk – in cooler (a great place to blow off some emotional steam, “Lull 1, purl 2”, singing grace (this is done every day in our house – Ayden's favourite is “Super Jesus”).

...chapel – a place to truly connect with God.

...the blue van and the big blue bus....Morning Watch – sunrises.

...craft hut – I still remember my candle made out of a moon snail shell.

...trolley – scary to guard, but fun to ride!

...May Long Weekend Work Weekend – lots of work, tonnes of family fun.

...full camp games....float outs.

...Mrs. K. – How DID she know everything that was going on?!?

...the nasty sandwiches I got on our out – trips to Rath Trevor Beach during Junior Girls camps. I couldn't eat the peanut butter ones, so I got these interesting mixtures each year. I buried them in the sand. They might still be there.

...anyone remember the infamous “Kitchen Song”?

1 by 1 we're having some fun, in the kitchen, all day and all of the night.

2 by 2 we've dishes to do, in the kitchen...

3 by 3 it ain't for free...

4 by 4 we mop the floor...

5 by 5 we're more dead than alive...

6 by 6 we've meals to fix...

7 by 7 this ain't no heaven...

8 by 8 we broke a plate...

9 by 9 the meals are fine...

10 by 10 we'll do it again...

...bonding over dishes....the old dishwasher system - how many people perfected the behind the back swinging of the baskets.

...working our tails off and loving it....life – long friends.

...finally not feeling like a freak among my age – peers because of my faith.

...finding our soul – mates.

Submitted by Jenn and Ayden Wright

May 2008

TAYLOR REMEMBERS

My name is Taylor. I love Moorecroft because it is a great place to meet new people! I love the leaders there they are always so cheerful. The activities are always fun and unexpected. The one thing I like best is vespers point where we watch the waves sway back and forth while communicating with God. This is a marvellous place and I don't think anybody can take it away from us!!

Taylor Latta-Grimes  
February 2008

AROUND THE CAMPFIRE



**CHAPTER 7**  
**MOORECROFT IN PICTURES**

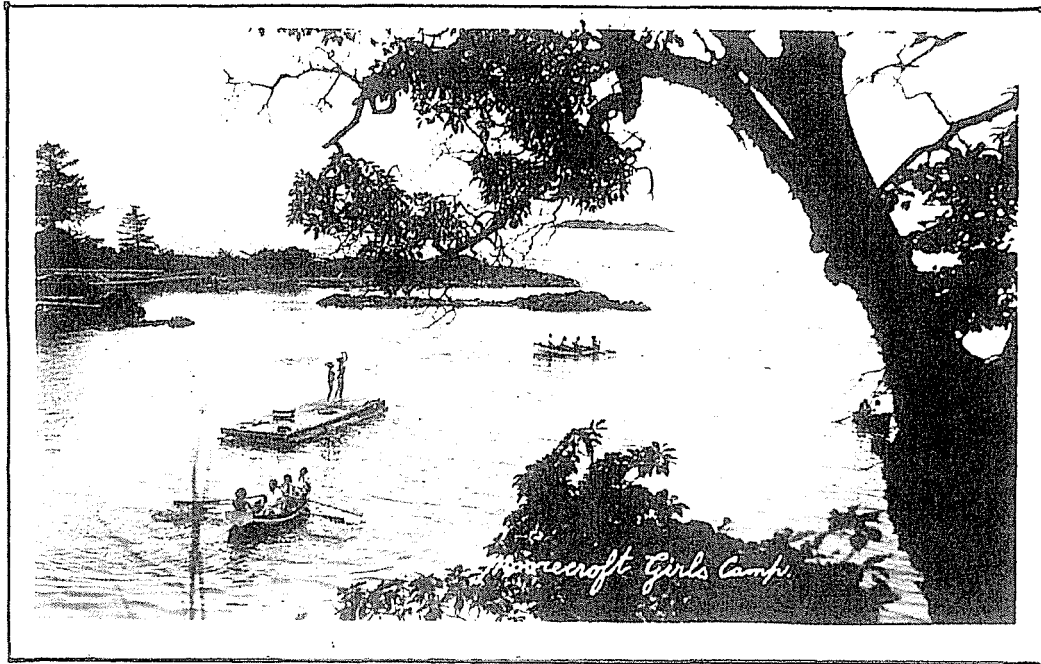
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## MOORECROFT CAMP 1940



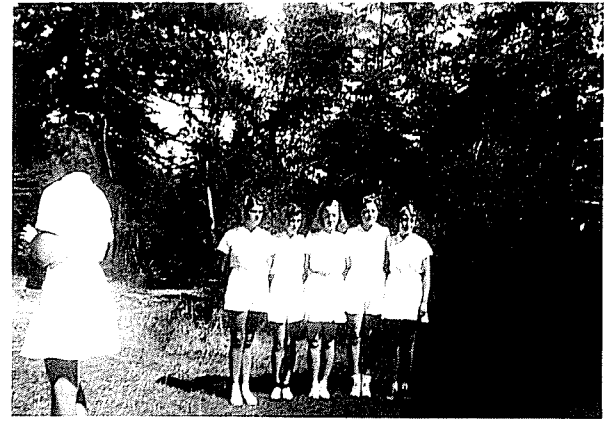
The pictures on the following two pages have been sent in by Marion (Sugden) Corbett who attended Moorecroft in August, 1940 as a camper and continues to take an interest in the camp. Marion has labelled the pictures as follows:

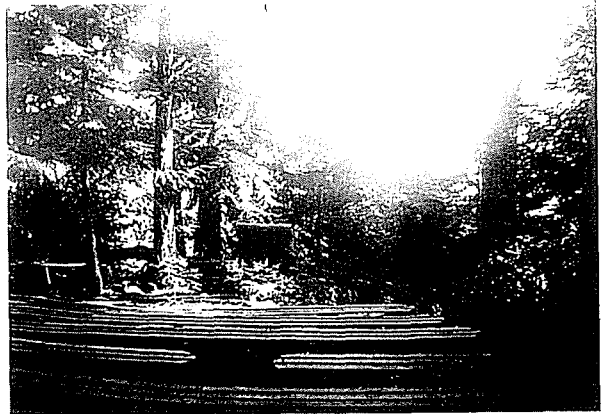
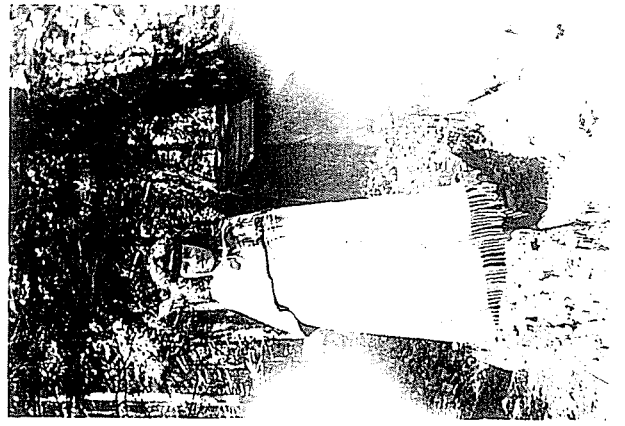
First page, left side going down: Play Stage- we put on dramatization of "Good King Wenceslas" for Christmas in July; Staff cottage?; my cabin mates; Staff of 1940: Miss Gertrude Moore 3<sup>rd</sup> from left in back (nickname Dinty); 4 Jr. Counsell-ors in back; my camp counsellor in front on right, ? Mellish.

Right side going down: Jean Rennie on right; Wallace on left; Main gathering place; My Counsellor Miss Mellish; my cabin members Lois Kennedy then me on the right.

Second page, left side going down: Campfire spot; my counsellor Mellish (?); un-named building (could this be the present day craft hut ?)

Right side going down: Marion Sugden Corbett in attire for campfire – headband denoted cabin; Jinglepot swimming platform; outdoor Chapel; Bottom picture un-named.





## MOORECROFT CAMP 1953

Top: Centre, Gertrude Moore in front of her (or staff?) house. Bottom, Vesper Point in 2006.



# JUNIOR GIRLS CAMP 1961

Top: Leader, Dorothy (Mallet) Atkinson

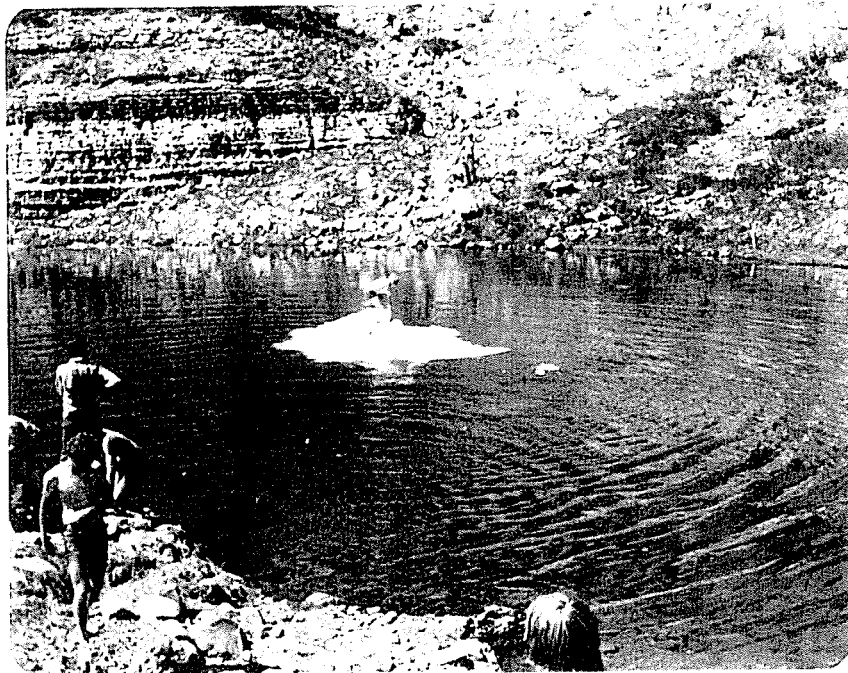




JUNIOR GIRLS CAMP 1961



OUT-TRIP PROBABLY MID 1970'S



## SUMMER 1964

Top L: Ernie Jackson and Grant Hooper. Top R: Cabin 8 Junior Girls. Bottom: Gwen Johnston, Explorer Leader and Moorecroft Camp Secretary for many years

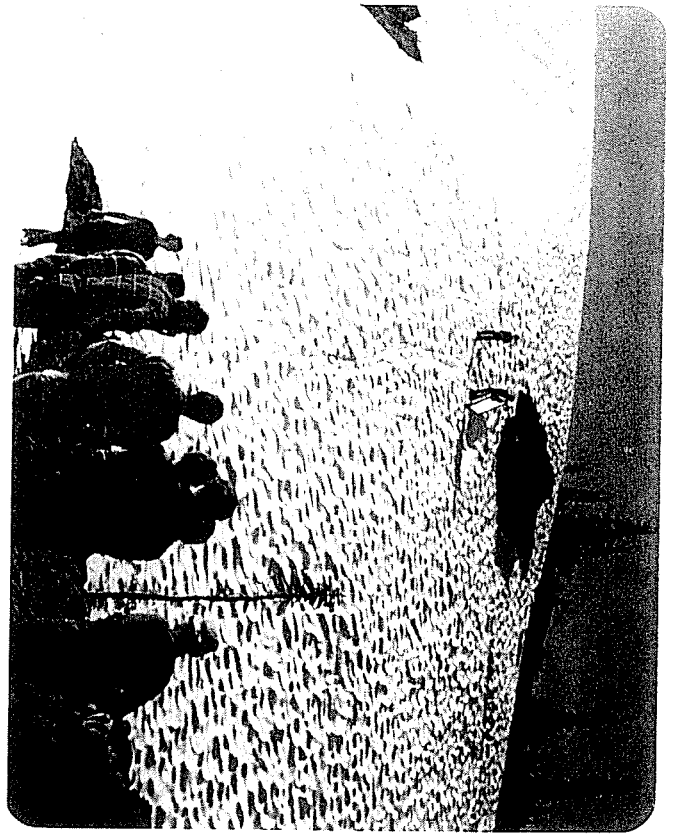


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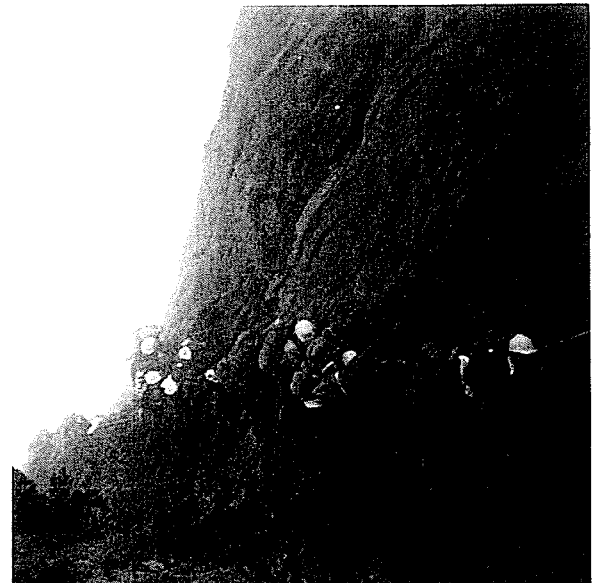




L-R BERT ABBOTT ALAN FALCONER ?



L- ALAN FALCONER, RIGHT- BERT ABBOTT, and to R. - SKIPSEY?



These pictures are from a Senior Boys  
 pack hike from Mo aircraft about  
 1975 - Golden Hind?

Alan was also a leader at a Junior  
 Boys Camp about 1976. As was the  
 custom, their cabin rowed out to  
 spend the night on the nearby island.  
 It poured rain that night so they  
 plipped up the  
 overturned boat  
 or slept underneath

Mrs. Beverley Falconer

The girls made their paper mache  
'pita helmets' + the lion's head for  
the campfire skit.



Dining Hall  
Meerecraft May 1982  
Explorers Camp.



Lion Hunters Campfire skit  
Meerecraft Explorers Camp  
May 1982

Lion, Iris (Abbott) Huffman, (from  
Tracy (Simonas) Russell  
Tiare - from Hawaii) Kwee



Rope swings  
Meerecraft May 1982  
Explorers Camp

## CGIT WEEKEND CAMP 1981

Top: "Toby" Margaret Attwell. Bottom: Doing crafts in Kennedy Lodge.

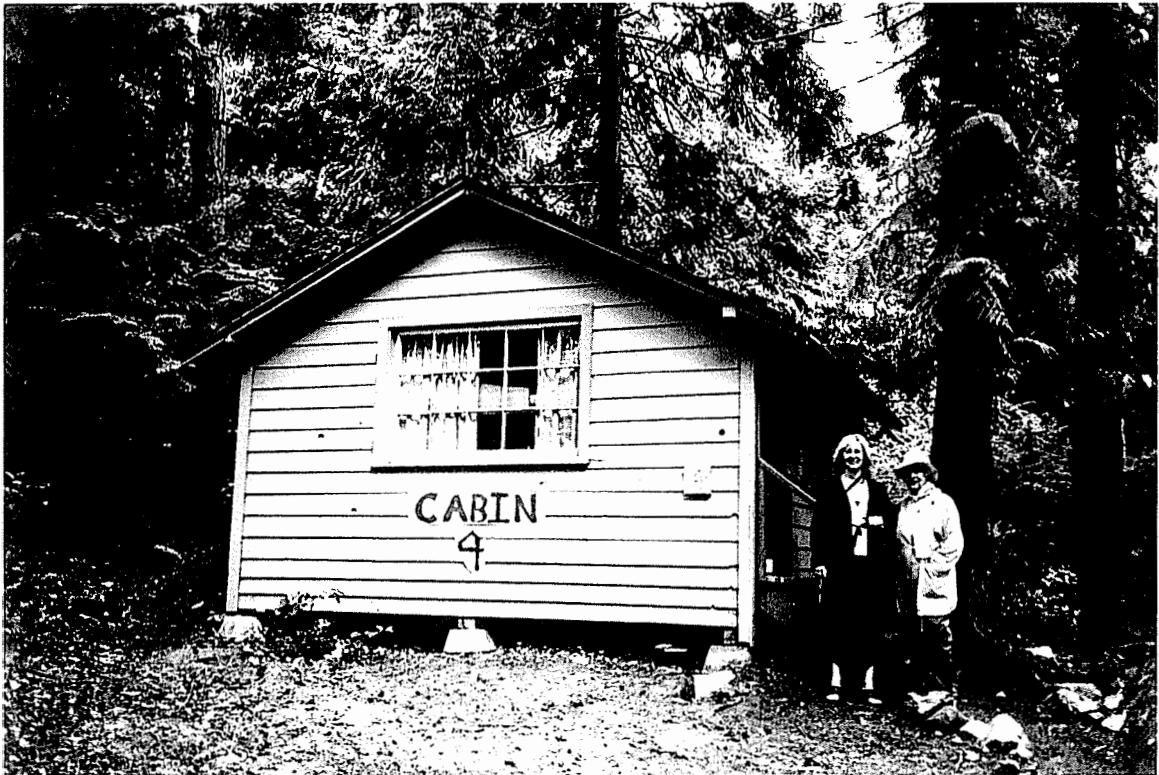


# CGGIT WEEKEND CAMP

Top: L-R Leader Pam Atkinson-Brown, Patti Ryan, Michelle Norman, Heather McDonald.  
Bottom: Pam Atkinson-Brown and Dorothy Atkinson in June 2006



1902



MAY 1983

Top: Cabin Construction. Bottom: Explorer Camp. Cora Skipsy in floral dress





**EXPLORERS CAMP 1983**  
Top: Vesper Point



**INTERMEDIATE GIRLS CAMP LEADERS 1983 (bottom)**



# JUNIOR GIRLS CAMP 1984

Top: Group photo. Bottom: "The Huron Carol"



SUMMER 1984

Top: Leaders, camp unknown. Bottom: Boys Camp





Top: STAFF '86 L-R BACK, CORINNE SKIPSEY, <sup>3</sup>, BRIAN SPENCER, JACK KEEN  
FRONT, CARDLYN TORHJELM, MRS K, NOREEN (MEGGIT) KEEN, SHANNON (HUFFMAN) ZIMMERMAN

Bottom: STAFF '85 L-R BACK, BRIAN SPENCER, ERNIE ROBERTS, KEVIN McMILLAN (?) JACK KEEN  
JOE POLGAR. FRONT, MRS K, ANDRIEL STOECKEL, JESSIE OLIVER  
NOREEN (MEGGIT) KEEN, CORINNE SKIPSEY

SUMMER 1987

Top: "Stranger", camp dog overseeing games. Bottom: Mrs. K and boys doing puzzle.



INTERMEDIATE BOYS

CAMPING OUT ON AMELIA ISLAND

AUG '88



"Don't think I'll be able to eat this stuff!"



"Just a dribble for you!"



"Peanut butter always tastes ok."



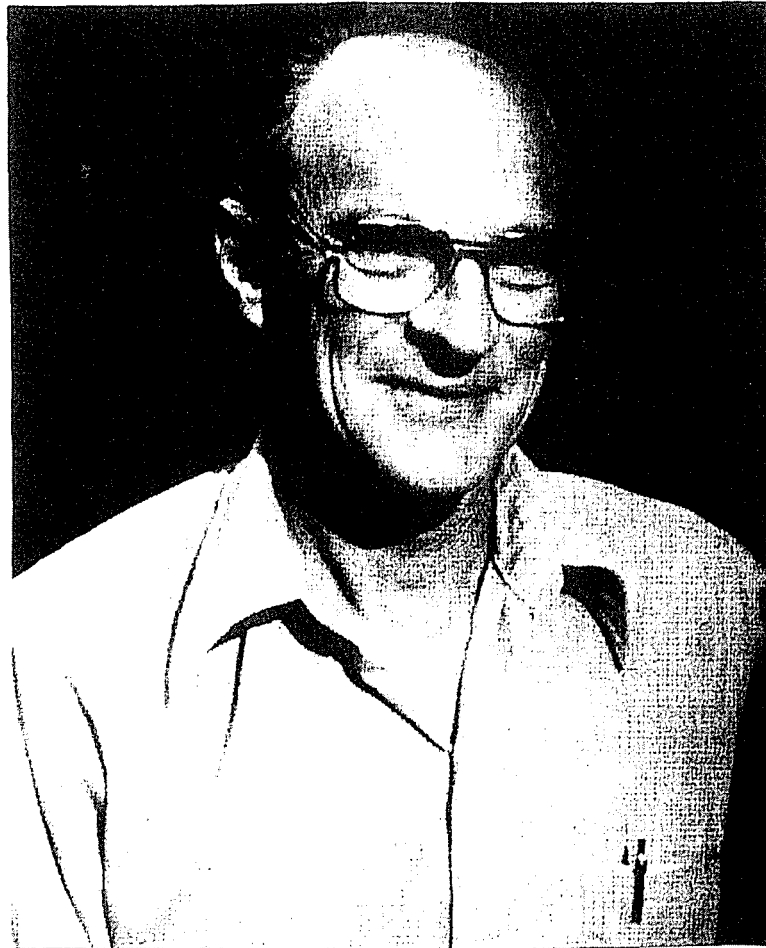
"Sure wish I could have gotten some sleep last night."

DAVE STRINGER

The picture and dedication plaque hang in the dining hall-Stringer Hall

**Stringer Hall**

**Dedicated to the Glory of God  
And to the memory of  
David. J. Stringer  
July 2, 1988  
By Rev. L.C. Hooper**



## YOUTH RETREAT NOVEMBER 1988

Top: L-R Sharon Fearon and Carolyn (Torhjelrn) Ronald. Bottom: Rockin in Kennedy Lodge.





## SUMMER 1989

Top: Staff, Back L-R: Tanya Walter Gardiner, Guy Dubois, Grant Huffinan, Louisa Fawdry, Brian Spencer, Doug David, Tricia (Abbott) Huffnan, Front: Paul Eck, Noreen (Meggitt) Keen. Bottom: Boys Camp Out Trip.



SUMMER 1989

Top: Lunchtime, possibly at Work Weekend. Bottom: The new volleyball court.



## BOYS CAMP 1990

Top: Staff: Jenn (Barker) Wright back L, Dana Walter-Gardiner center B, Heather Harper back R; Paul Eck (almost hidden) second from right middle row; Gary Imeson front. Bottom picture: Leader Ayden Wright.



# JUNIOR BOYS CAMP 1993

Top: Chow Time. Bottom: Trying out the boats!



# FAMILY CAMP 1994

Top: Soccer at the Playing Field. Bottom: On the Zipline.



SUMMER 1992 OR 1994

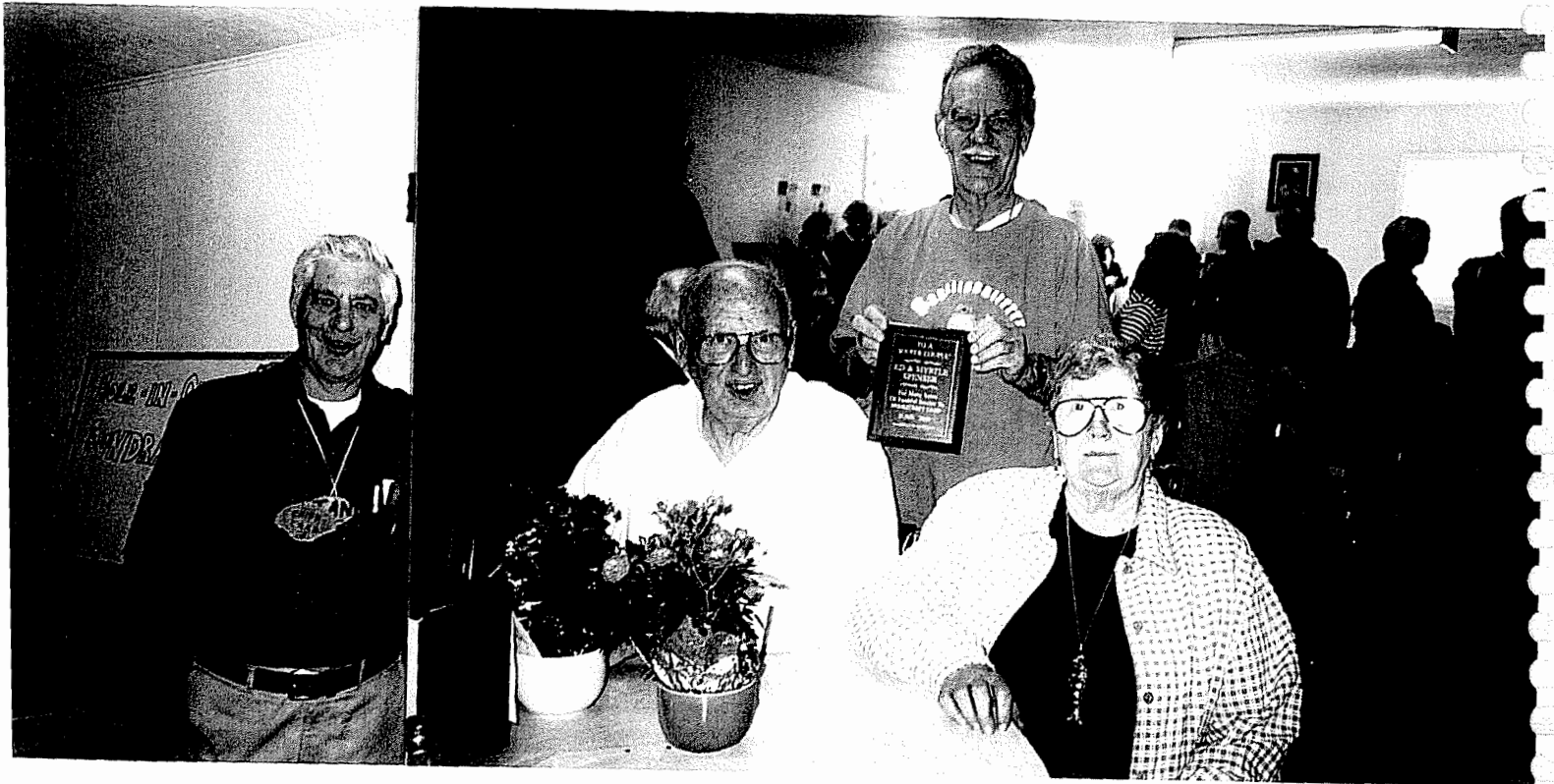
Top: On the Range. Bottom: Steady now....



## SOUPER SUPPER 2001

Recognition for many faithful years of service to the camp.

Top: Skipsey family L-R. Cora, Art, Corinne, Joe. Bottom: L-R. Ian Potts, Myrtle and Ed Spencer, presenter Marv Fowler.



CATHERINE KENNEDY

Moorecroft Camp Caretaker June 23, 1971 – November 4, 1988

“ Mrs K.” in her retirement years enjoying her orchard in Osoyoos

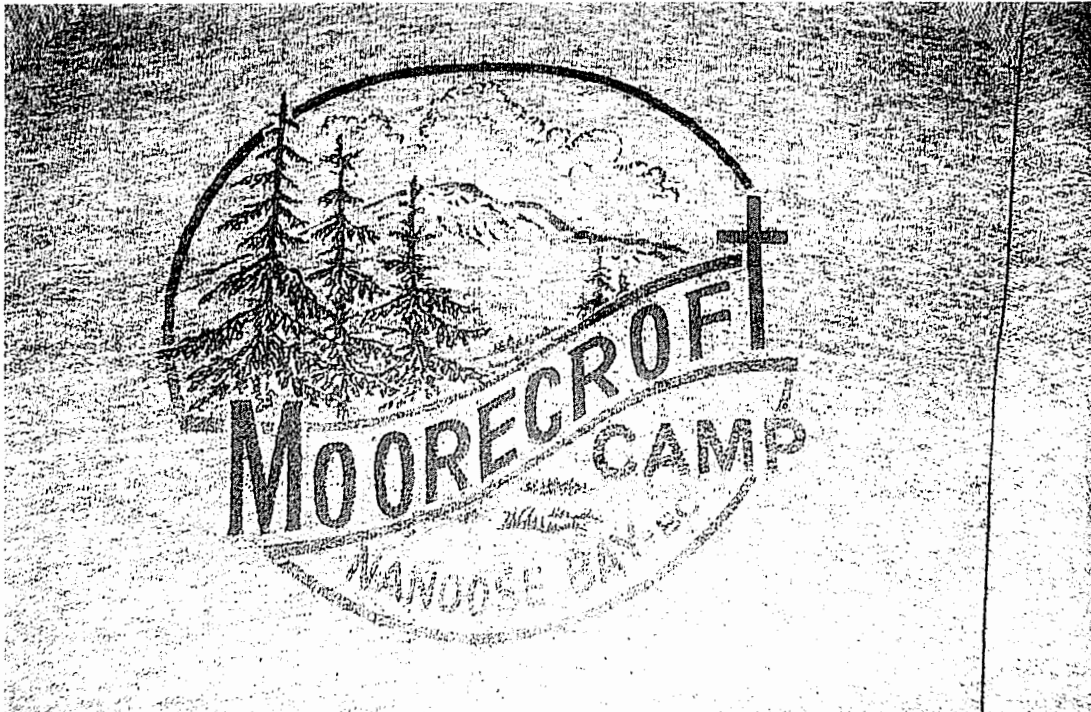




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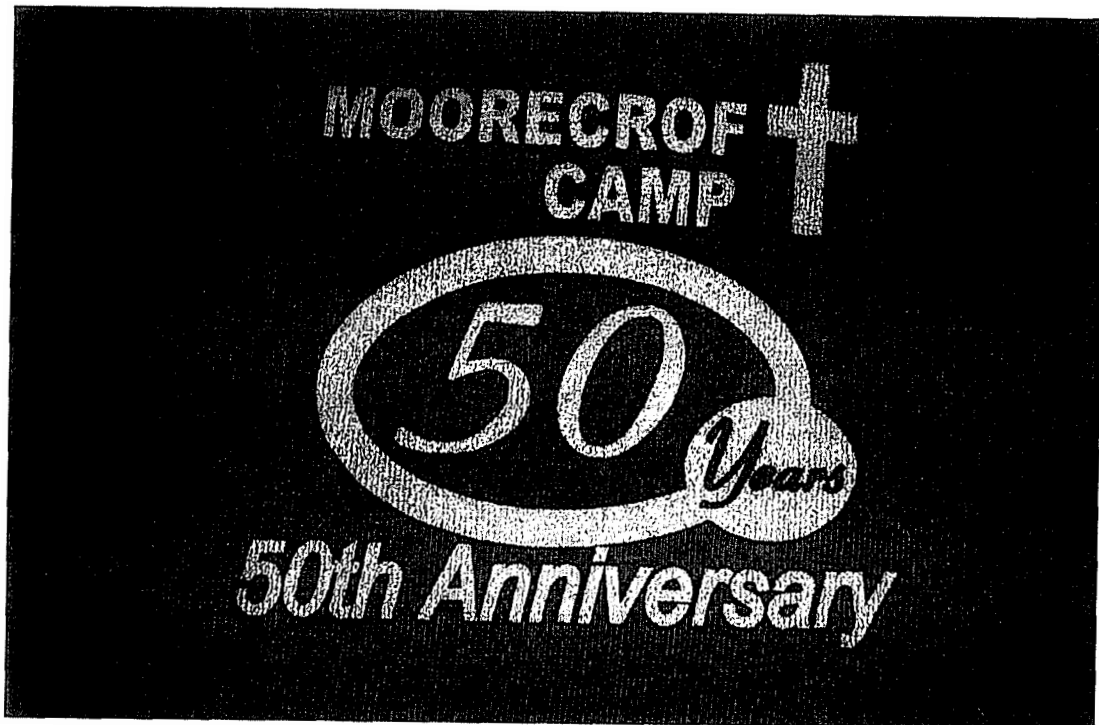
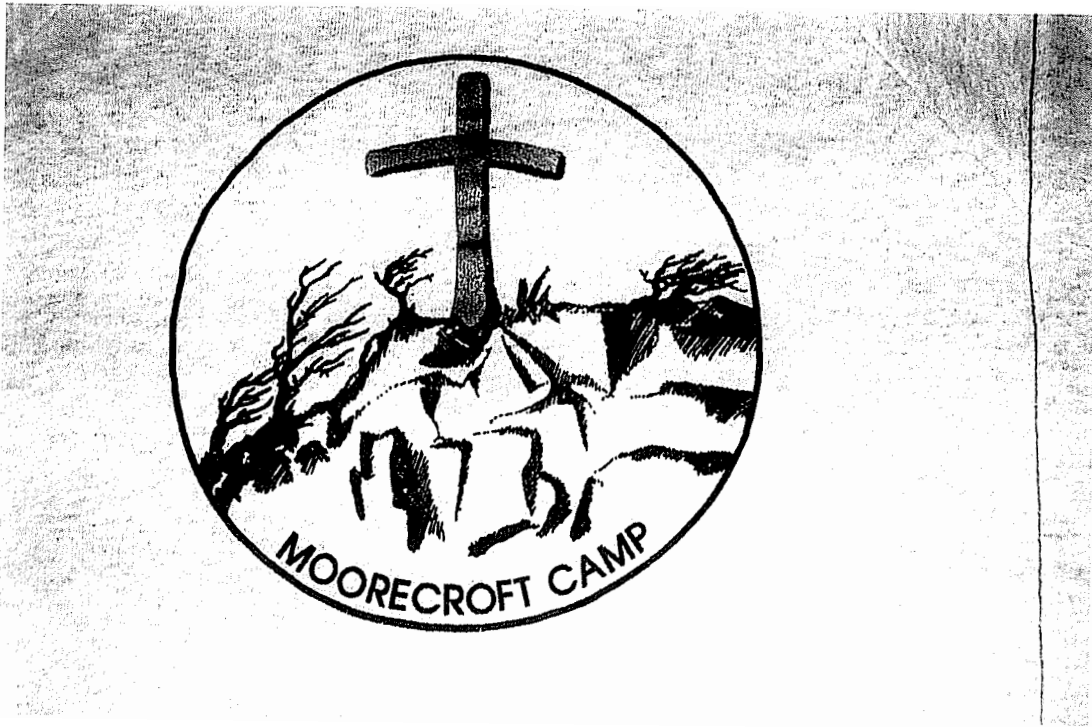
Top: 1980's. Bottom: 1980's-1990's.

# MOORECROFT UNITED CHURCH CAMP



# MOORECROFT LOGOS

Top: 1990's-2000's. Bottom: 2005.



# MOORECROFT LOGOS

Top: 2000's: Bottom: Entrance to Camp.



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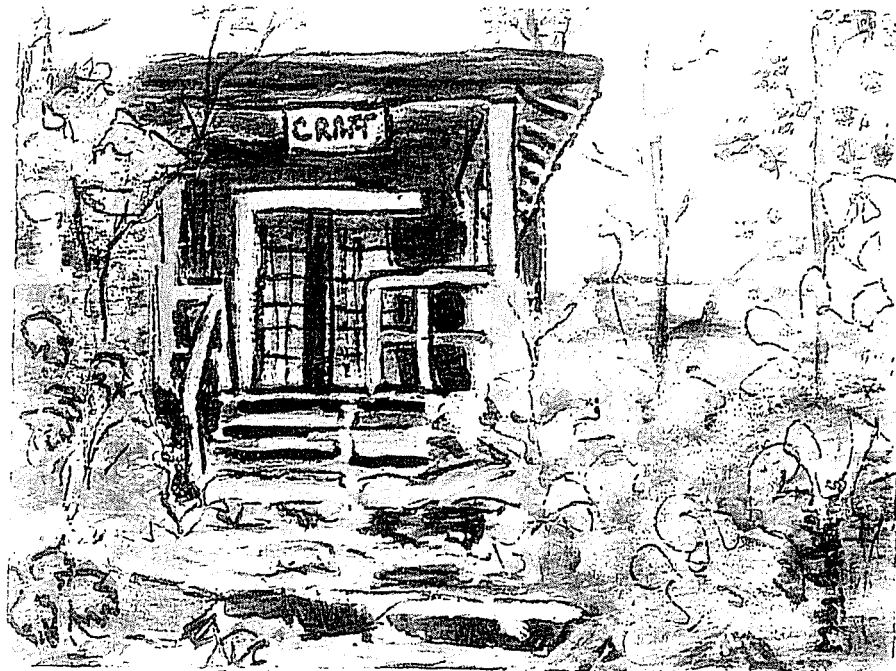


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*Dawn at Moorecroft Camp*



*Moorecroft Camp*

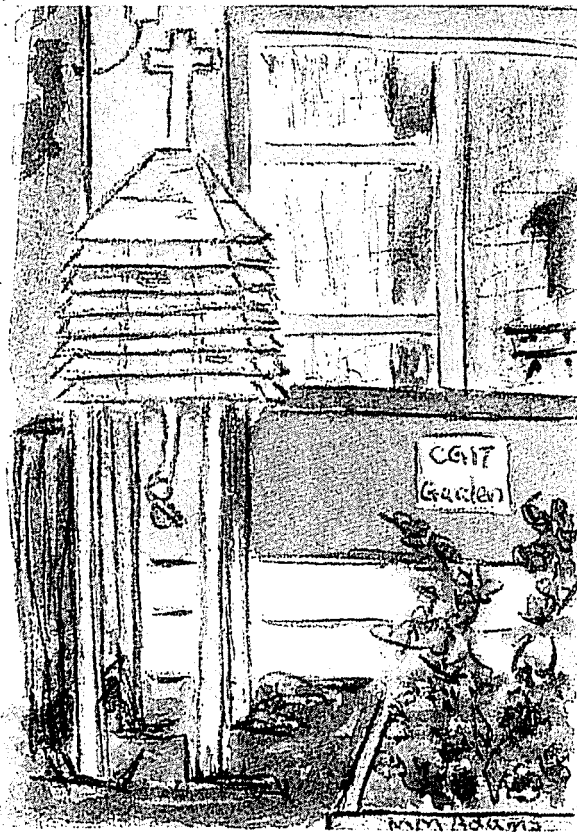
*Craft Hut*

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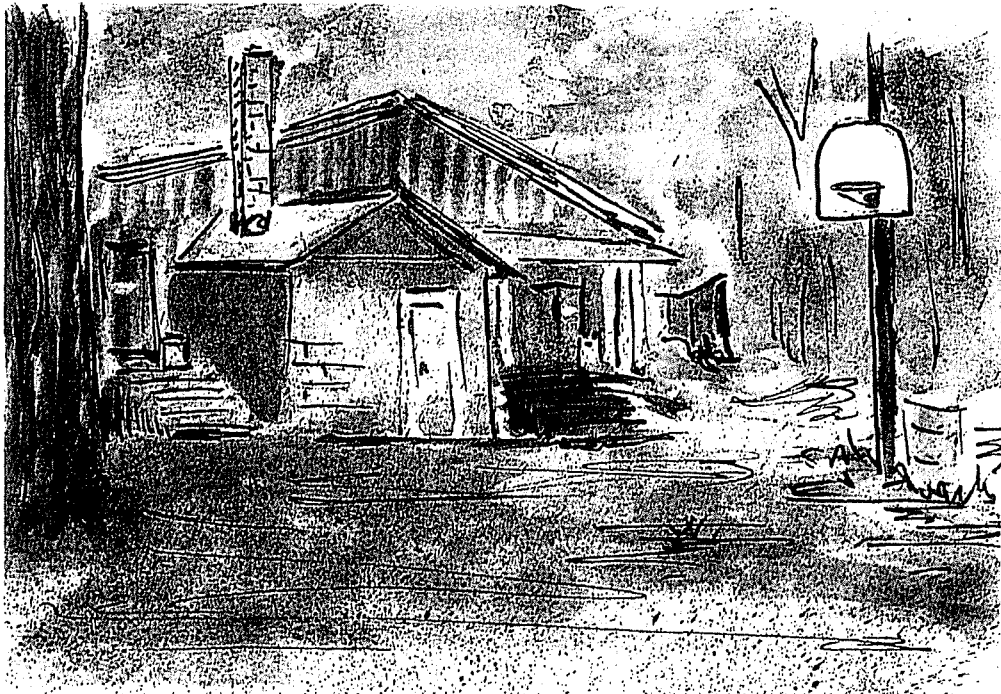
OUT DOOR CHAPEL



Moorecroft Camp DIRECTORS CABIN

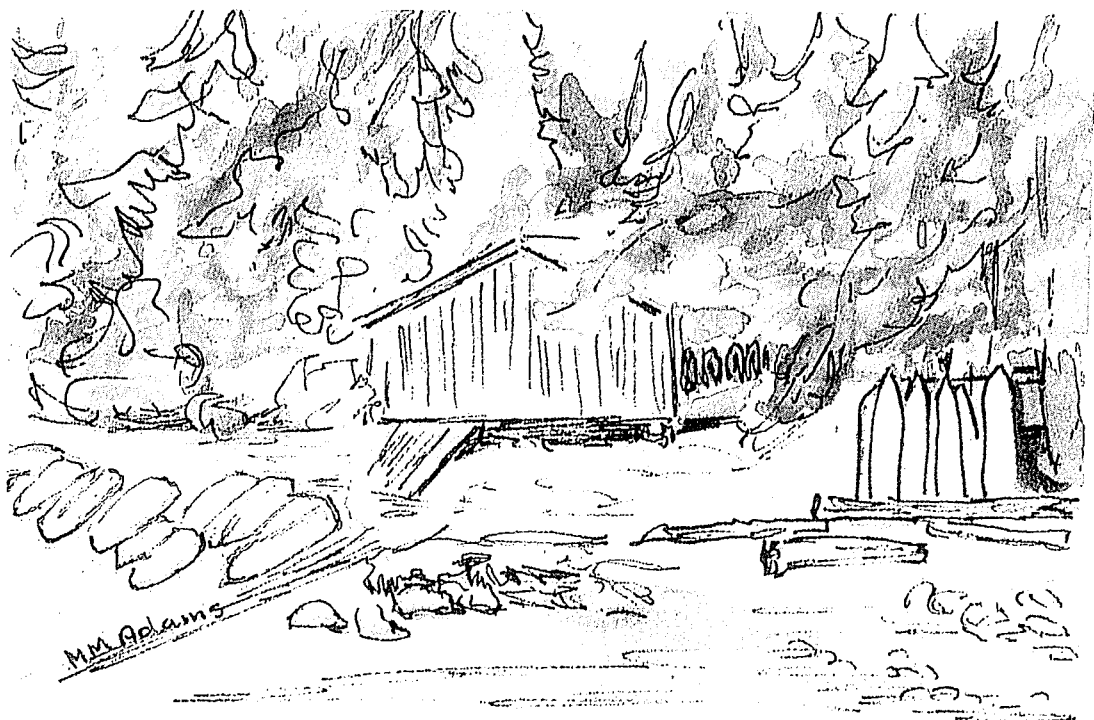
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Splash House #1 Moorecroft Camp



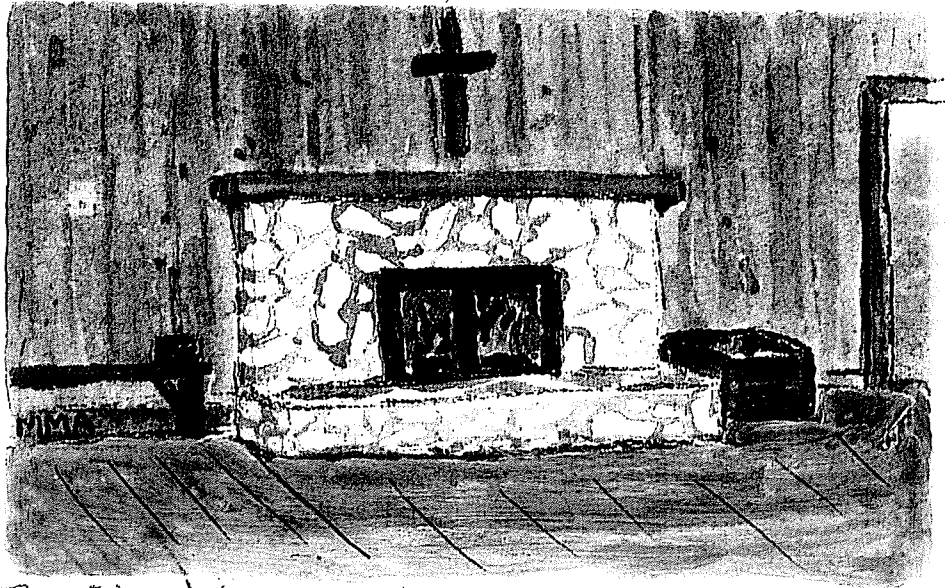
M.M. Adams

Moorecroft Camp

Boat House

MOORECROFT CARDS

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The Bleakley Fireplace - Moorecroft Camp



The Quiet Tree - Moorecroft Camp

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## END NOTES

There is so much more that could be included in a book about Moorecroft and this has been a most interesting experience for me, during which time I have learned much more about Moorecroft. Once again I would like to say what an inspiration the late Joe Wallace was to me, as were many other people on the Camp Committee when I first became involved on the committee in the 1990's. It was my privilege to work on the Visioning Committee with Rev. Oliver Howard during that time and I am grateful that he was able to contribute to the memories portion of this book before he passed away in February of this year.

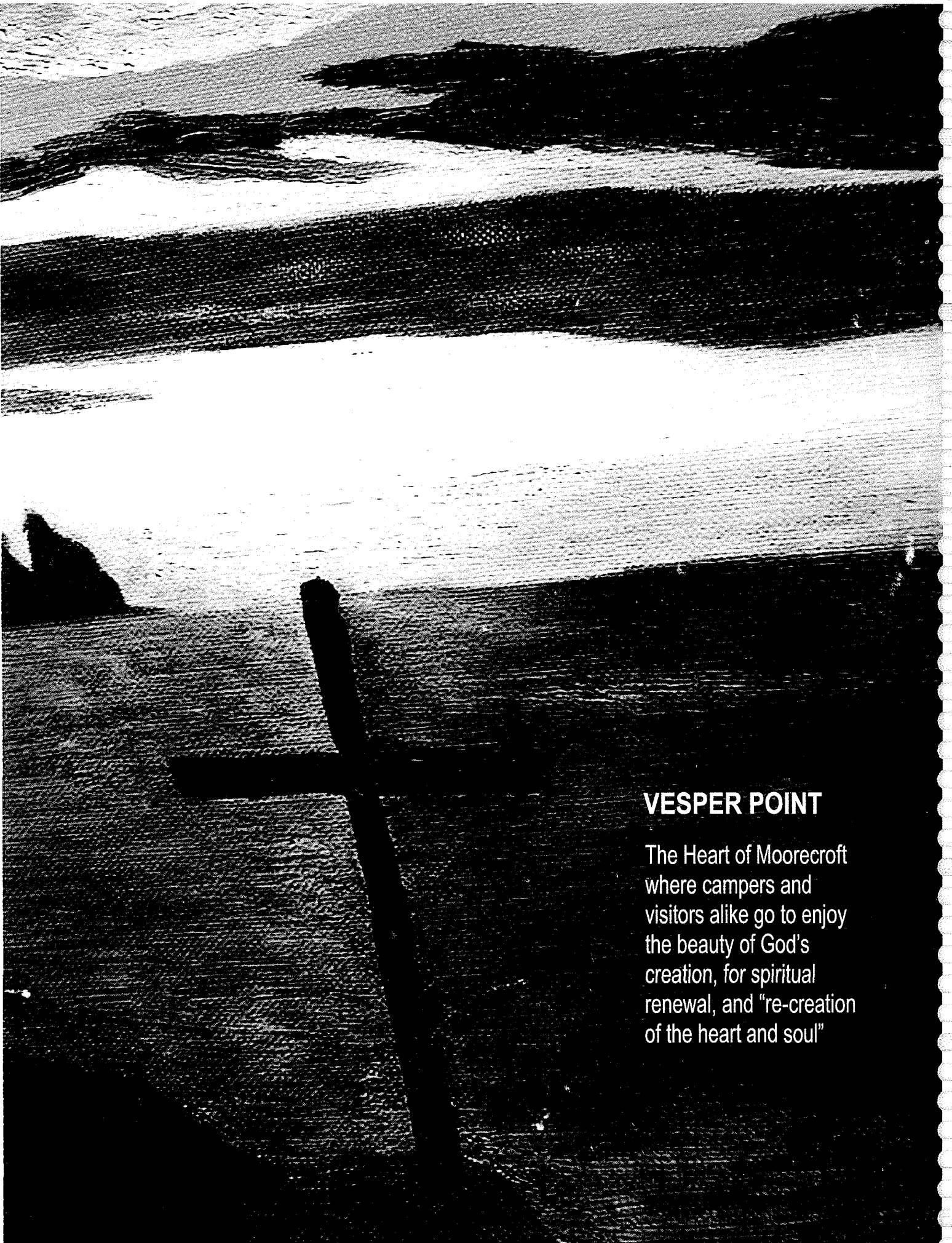
Many people talk about the wonderful friendships, and relationships that are formed at camp and I have appreciated so many of those myself. It is wonderful to go to Presbytery wide events and see many of these people and especially to attend “Souper Supper” and see folks that we seldom see in between.

Until we have been there, we have no idea the many hours of work that go into the administration of the camp as a volunteer and I cannot say enough about the dedicated people who volunteer in Board positions and as staff and volunteers in all the other positions at camp. They all deserve out full support.

HAPPY CAMPING!

Marilyn Huffman





**VESPER POINT**

The Heart of Moorecroft  
where campers and  
visitors alike go to enjoy  
the beauty of God's  
creation, for spiritual  
renewal, and "re-creation  
of the heart and soul"