



Warrior Camp Catch Up

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Hello Warrior Camp leaders,

As the weather starts to get colder Camp now feels like a distant memory and as you look outside at tea time it's hard to imagine that only a few months ago, we were out on the field playing the evening game! It was another fantastic year on camp with a new bigger field, hot weather and lots of weird and wonderful children coming onto the field.

The Warrior Camp Decision Making Group (DMG) had a meeting in November and below are the relevant topics that were discussed.

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There was a feeling that God really blessed us with a fantastic year on camp and feedback from campers, leaders, camp staff and parents has been very positive.

It was a real privilege for all the leaders to see God continuing to use camp to help young Christians grow in their Christian faith and others to ask for salvation. There were many fantastic testimonies about how God had been moving on camp from the very beginning of camp all the way through to the end, with one camper even asking for salvation as they were about to leave the camp field!

Throughout the three weeks we had over 150 children on camp and we praise God for bringing each of these children onto the camp field.

All three weeks were blessed with good weather and it was noticeable what a difference this can make to the atmosphere and mood on camp.

This year we were on a new field (across the road from Teen Camp) and the general consensus towards our new bigger site was positive and that it allowed us a lot more freedom with games and activities.

The DMG and in particular Chris and Rachel would like to thank all the leaders, kitchen staff and helpers who were on Camp this year, as you helped to make it an outstanding year. We were also aware that the camp was constantly being prayed for and we thank the people who were supporting us in this way.

Camp Finances

Although camp was a big success on the field, in terms of finance we were not so fruitful and unfortunately Warrior Camp made a loss of £3,500. This follows on from a loss of £5000 last year and we ask for your continued prayer on this situation.

Warrior Camps income is generated by fees, gifts and on site sales (bookshop, pop shop). Fees



are the biggest source of income and we want to keep these as low as possible for children and leaders, particularly in the present economic climate. If you give or would like to give to Camp and you are a tax payer please consider gift aid. It is very simple to set up either as a one off payment or for regular giving (direct debit) and significantly increases the impact of your gift and will help to keep fees reasonable.

You can find out more information or download a form at <http://www.weccamps.org/booking/makeagift> or you can email the youth office who will be pleased to send you a form.

Camp numbers

The number of children on camp this year was lower than previous years and we are asking leaders and people connected to camp to make a real effort to encourage children to come to camp next year.

If we had an extra 65 children on camp this year all paying their £100 fees, we would have met the £6,500 shortfall which camp experienced this year. This works out an extra 20 children each week and is something that we feel is achievable. Word of mouth is camps best advertising tool and we ask leaders to make a special effort this year to promote camp in their churches and youth groups.

Book into camp now

Did you know that you can book into camp now? Leaders and campers can download a form from the camp website, fill it in and send it off to book their place:

<http://www.weccamps.org/booking/camp-application-form>

Out Now!! New 2010 Warrior Camp brochures

The new Warrior Camp brochure is hot off the press and ready to go and will be hitting doorsteps in January.

If you need some brochures before then because you have some children or leaders who are already interested in camp and want to snap them up, you can contact the office who will be more than happy to send you some.

Youth Office: 01753 278113 office@weccamps.org



Beer, Devon 2010

The camp dates for next year have been confirmed.

Week A - 31st July – 7th August

Week B – 7th August – 14th August

Week C – 14th August – 21st August



Shh it's quiet time!

At camp we continue to encourage children to get into the habit of spending time reading their bibles and talking to God in prayer on a daily basis. We would like a new and exciting name for this time on camp, as the words 'quiet time' are a little uninspiring to children and are actually the opposite of what we want the children to be doing during this time. This is a time of the day when we want the children to be talking and engaged in conversation with their leader and the other children in their tent, so consequently were looking for a new exciting name. Can you think of a more suitable name for this time on camp? If you can, email Chris and let him know. csale@btinternet.com



Leader's weekend

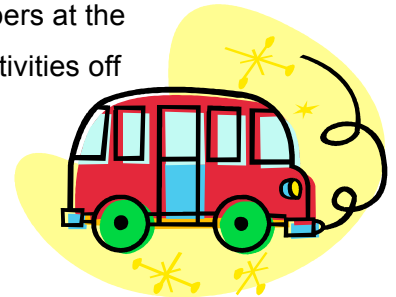
The DMG has decided that it will now be compulsory for all **NEW** leaders to attend the leader's weekend before they attend either Warrior or Teen Camp. This will ensure that both camps continue to maintain their high standards of child protection and ensures that all leaders come onto the camp field suitably prepared. Any new leaders that are unable to make the leaders weekend will be offered an alternative date, where they will receive training.

Please note in your diaries that the leader's weekend will be on **July 2nd – 4th 2010** at Bulstrode.

Mini-bus

Have you got access to, or know someone that would be willing to let camp use a minibus? A minibus would open up a whole range of possibilities, including allowing us to pick up and drop off campers at the train station, taking groups of children down to the beach and also running other activities off site.

We would be very interested to hear from anyone who knows a church or an organisation who may be happy to lend or hire us their minibus. If you know anyone please contact Chris. csale@btinternet.com



WEC Camp Website

The newly updated website contains:

- All the latest details for Camp 2010
- Downloadable camp application forms
- Camp photos from 2009
- All the recordings of memory verses



Our thanks go to Andy Deakin and Jon Robinson, who continue to keep the website up-to-date.

<http://www.weccamps.org/>

A warm welcome to baby Daniel Gough

A warm welcome to baby Daniel William Gough, who was born on 4th November, weighing 8 pounds 11 ounces.



After the birth there were complications and Daniel required an operation, but we are pleased to report that Daniel is now home and doing well. Dave and Verity would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support and ask for continued prayer for Daniels feeding and breathing. We look forward to welcoming Daniel onto the camp field.

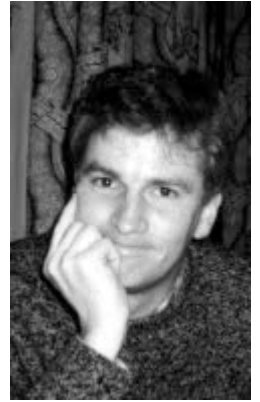
Graham Hollows

For those of you who may not be aware, former Warrior Camp tent leader Graham Hollows unfortunately passed away on 12th November 2009.

Graham Hollows, who was affectionately known as 'Bodge', collapsed at The Stoke Mandeville Combined School, where he was serving as Head teacher and died later in hospital, he was 48.

Graham was a tent leader and Adjutant on warrior camp during the 1990's and will be very fondly remembered by all those who had the pleasure to meet him.

Graham was a devoted husband to his wife Towe and an adoring father to Aila, Leiva and their soon-to-arrive baby.



Please remember his wife and children in your prayers, as well as the school who have lost a much loved headmaster.

A memorial service for Graham will take place on:

Monday 7th December

St. Mary's Church,

Thame, Oxfordshire

4 pm.

The service is open to all, and they expect it to be very full.

Phillip Weatherdon

Many of you who know Denise Humphries will be sad to hear that unfortunately her father Phillip Weatherdon sadly passed away at his home. Phillip served on camp in the kitchens during the 1990's and will be sadly missed, our thoughts and condolences go out to the family.

If you feel there are any issues which you would like the DMG to discuss at their next meeting in January, please let us know and email csale@btinternet.com

From the DMG

(Chris & Rachel Sale, Anne Ball, Dave & Verity Gough, Paul Round, Ray Trendell, Dave Cawston, Michael Lawrence, David Trendell)