

Camp
St. Volodymyr
Rejoice & Be Glad
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Ukrainian Catholic
Eparchy of New Westminster

Message from Spiritual Director

Camp St. Volodymyr offers a very unique experience where those participating have a special opportunity to grow in their faith. Growing in faith, or more precisely, becoming more holy, was the spiritual theme of this year's camp, and to assist us in this, we studied Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the "Call To Holiness in the Present World."

It has been my privilege to be camp spiritual director for the last 6 years. What I have observed is that our campers, children aged 7-15, our counselors (aged 16 and up), as well as the staff, grow spiritually throughout these 8 days spent together. It is interesting to observe the atmosphere and spiritual dynamics on the first day, and then appreciate the growth at the end of camp. Through our various liturgical services, catechism, games, crafts, living in the beauty of nature and interacting with others, we learn more about God. This experience is absorbed into our lives and is a gift to be taken away with us when we go home.



My time at Camp St. Volodymyr 2018

This year was my last year as a camper, and it was the best one yet. The Ukrainian dancing was my favorite camp activity. The group games were great (especially Carnival), the Teen Late Night games were epic (Slenderman Mission Impossible was just the right amount of scary, and it was fun sorting the counselors into dating spots during the revamped Dating Game), and the weeklong teen game kept us on our toes from the first clues to the Escape Room in the mess hall.

We had a blast throughout camp, from our arrival, to the talent show, and of course, the Hawaiian-themed dance. I can't believe that next year I'm going to be a counselor. It will be a different experience, but I can't wait to go back.

Anastasia

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God's greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort.

-- Gaudete et Exultate

As part of the clergy of New Westminster Eparchy, I realize that here at Camp St Volodymyr we are not only forming faith on the individual level, but also building up our future parish and eparchial lay leaders. It has been my great joy to see how some of the children who attended the camp a few years ago are now mature and responsible counselors. This is a great gift which our Eparchy has received and I as spiritual director am privileged to be part of such an important and formative journey.

I am looking forward to the graces (and surprises!) God will bestow on us at the next camp! Mark your calendars – West Kelowna – August 15-22, 2019! See you there!

Fr Andrzej Wasylanko

Financial report

REVENUE EXPENSES

Campers' Registration Fees	\$12,000	
Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada, Ivan Franko Society, individual donations	\$1,400	
Accommodation		\$14,800
Transportation		\$2,500
Food		\$2,700
Honorariums		\$2,600
Supplies		\$2,000
Total	\$13,350	\$24,600
Net Loss	(\$11,250)	
Catholic Missions in Canada	\$7,250	
Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation	\$4,000	

To organize our Eparchial Camp Saint Volodymyr every year with so many benefits and blessings, we rely on the gracious support from our parishes and generous donations from various organization We received food donations from both parishes and individuals to help reduce our overall operations costs of over \$24,000. This year, the Eparchy of New Westminster sponsored 13 children from our parishes, and helped 2 families with subsidized rates.

We would like to acknowledge and express special gratitude to the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation and Catholic Missions in Canada for their generous financial support.

Summary

From August 19th to 26th 47 young, energetic children from all over British Columbia, Alberta, Washington State and even as far as Hong Kong and Ukraine, gathered in West Kelowna for the 34th Camp St. Volodymyr.

Our young campers had a wonderful opportunity to experience God through various liturgical services, nature and the companionship of others. They also learned something of the Ukrainian language and culture along with games, hiking, sports, arts and crafts, camp fires, water activities and much more! The wonderful programs and fun time for our campers was only possible with the help of many people.

We are grateful to our volunteers who helped in many roles including camp counsellors, kitchen staff, first aid station, lifeguard, cultural programming and as catechists.

This year our camp had 17 young adults volunteer as councillors (16-22 yrs.) who through their work with children had an opportunity to grow in their faith, develop life-long skills, build self-confidence and self-esteem. Priests of the Eparchy of New Westminster offered special catechetical program for these youths during the camp.

Campers may have only spent 8 days at camp, but they left with a lifetime of memories and newfound friendships. It truly is one of the best weeks of summer!

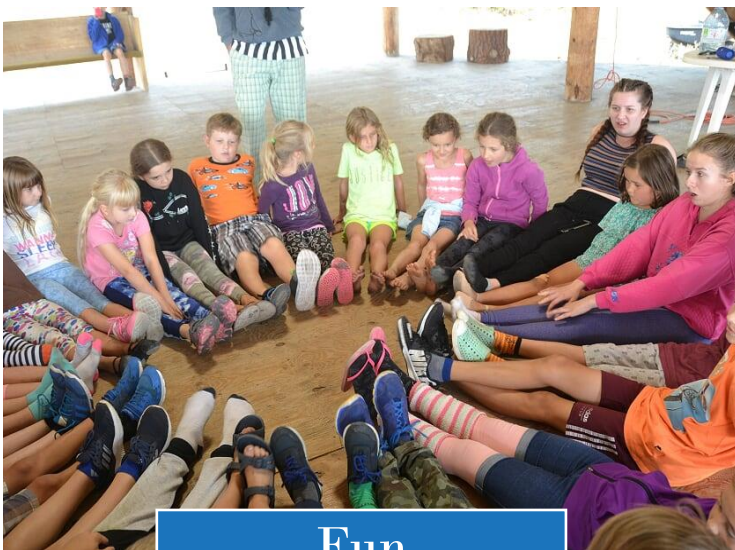




Morning prayer



Crazy hair Theme day



Fun



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