

HERMOSA HERALD

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New Camp for 2009!

We are excited to introduce a brand new camp for the 2009 summer season! A week of Arts/Drama camp will be offered to campers aged 10-14 during the week of August 2-8, 2009. Under the direction of experienced drama instructors, campers will spend the week working on a play that will be performed for parents on the last day of camp.

Look for more details in your 2009 camp brochure, or on the website early in the new year.



2008 Fundraising Dinner

Our 3rd annual fundraising dinner was a huge success! Close to 300 people gathered in London on September 27 to mark the close of the 2008 camp season, celebrate our accomplishments, hear inspiring stories from people whose lives have been changed by our ministry, and experience the joy of connecting with old friends. You can view photos from the evening in the online photo gallery on the camp website.

Almost \$15,000 was raised to support the ongoing work of our camp. If you would like further information on how you can financially support the ministry of Camp Hermosa, email treasurer@camphermosa.org

IF THE SKY WAS THE LIMIT, WHAT WOULD YOU GET HERMOSA FOR CHRISTMAS?

SEND YOUR RESPONSES TO manager@camphermosa.org FOR INCLUSION IN THE
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WE ASKED KRISTA LAMBIE, THE 2008 RESOURCE WORKER, TO SHARE A FEW THOUGHTS ON THE SUMMER

Four years ago, when I began university, a fellow student in my residence asked me if I attended a summer camp. When I responded in the affirmative, the student exclaimed, "I knew it -- you can just tell summer camp kids from a mile away." I am not sure whether she meant this as a compliment or not, but I took it as such.

What signals us out as camp folk? Maybe it's our seemingly limitless knowledge of ice breakers and time filling games. Perhaps it's our capability to work the crowd on the first day of uncomfortably new situations. Just maybe, it is our ability to consume pudding at speeds which would bust the average gut. Regardless of the origins of this magic camp glow, how wonderful it is that we wear our time at Hermosa for all to see.



Camp Hermosa's work certainly has an amazingly visible quality about it. As Resource Worker this past summer, I was fortunate enough to see numerous campers take on that "you can just tell summer camp kids from a mile away" quality. What a privilege it was to witness a camper celebrating his cabin's glorious victory in the points' race, proclaiming "I have never won anything before." I have so many stories of small, but powerful, notices like this which make me passionate about camp and keep me committed to this place and its people.

As the Resource Worker, Krista was responsible for providing onsite training to staff regarding abuse awareness and reporting procedures; fostering good relationships through support and encouragement to staff and campers; liaising with the Children's Aid Society, parents, and staff; facilitating conflict resolution; and conducting appropriate investigations and documentation of incidents and abuse disclosure, along with many other tasks.

**LOOKING FOR A FUN AND REWARDING SUMMER EXPERIENCE?
CONSIDER APPLYING FOR PERM STAFF IN 2009.**

DETAILS ON AVAILABLE POSITIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER. FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL HIRING@CAMHERMOSA.ORG