

## Camp Koolaree

The Camp Koolaree Annual General Meeting will be held Saturday, November 26, 1 p.m. at Castlegar United Church. The Annual Report will be available as soon as possible after the camp's fiscal year ends on October 31. So far, the numbers look like the year will finish with the targeted minimum amount of around \$3000 for next summer's start-up costs, such as insurance etc. Volunteers, including many highly skilled ones, are willing and able to help with facility upgrades, however the facility continues to deteriorate in the absence of cash to buy construction materials those volunteers need. In the spring, a large work party of volunteers, mostly from Castlegar, came and removed many hazard trees (mainly rotten birch) to ensure our grounds remain safe.

Once again, the camp ran five weeks of programming, with enrolment comparable to last year. There were also rental groups using the facility during some of the other weeks of the season. Some, but not all weeks had a Chaplain again this year, and the Camp Koolaree Board asks congregations to consider allowing any interested ministers the time to participate in this important work. In fact, everyone is invited to consider whether they may be called to serve on the board this coming year, or to otherwise get involved with the camp. Where else in Kootenay Presbytery do we have more than 75 young people involved with a church ministry?

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