

Minute for Camp Abby # 1

For many children across Prince Edward Island, Camp Abegweit is the only contact they will have with the church.

During the year, many children will resist or simply choose not to go to church. But come the summer, children eagerly look forward to going to Camp Abby.

At Camp Abby, children experience God's presence as they hear God's voice speaking in the wind and waves that beat on the shores of the Northumberland Strait at Augustine Cove. At Camp Abby children experience the glory and wonder of God's creation: in the rising and setting Sun; in moon and the stars that grace the Camp.

In small cabin groups, children develop skills in communal living. They learn to work together creatively as a team. They learn to manage and resolve the conflict, to solve problems, to communicate their feeling. And in so doing they build confidence and self esteem. At Camp Abby they come to know Jesus Christ and become part of the Body of Christ.

As a result of the skills developed at Camp Abby many go on to become Camp Counselors and leaders in the community and the church.

Camp Abby established in 1946 needs to be redevelopment. The Camp needs a new lodge for a dining room, kitchen, meeting space and staff quarters. The Camp also needs new or renovated hall for rainy day activities, for arts and crafts, and for indoor games.

Cabins need to be upgraded and relocated. The property needs to be developed so that the Camp can make better use of its surrounding for outdoor sports and environmental educational activities.

Camp Abby also wants to become a three season camping centre for children, youth and adult activities.

In order to accomplish these things, a Capital Campaign has been established to raise a minimum of \$100,000.00. As of January 9/07 \$552,956.00 has been pledged to the Camp.

You are invited to participate in the redevelopment of the Camp. But most of all you are invited to make a difference in the life of a young child by making a contribution to the Capital Campaign or by making a pledge to the Capital Campaign.

Pledge cards are available through the church office. All gifts of more than \$10.00, if placed in an envelope with your address, will receive a tax receipt.