

THE BINGLE BUZZ

SPRING 2006

BINGLE CAMP AT HARDING LAKE

SHARE THE BINGLE BUG! (FOR THOSE THAT LOVE BINGLE CAMP)

We are launching a new buddy program! You could earn yourself a **FREE** camp in 2007. We are keeping track, and the camper that recruits the most new campers during the 2006 camp season will receive a campership to the camp of your choice* in the 2007 camp season. Drag those T-shirts out of the hamper or closet, when someone you know asks you about Bingle Camp, share the Bingle Bug with them.



Once we receive a registration claiming your name on the line "I heard about Bingle from _____", we will also send you a Bingle Bug pin that you can wear to church, school or around town to help you in your quest to share your love of Bingle Camp with others. Remember: everyone has an Awesome time at camp!

** Does not include Canoe Camp*

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SUMMER TIME IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * BINGLE CAMP NEEDS COUNSELORS
- * HELP US MAKE CAMP EVEN BETTER!
- * KIDS NEED YOUR HELP TO ATTEND CAMP!
- * DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR CAMP!

DON'T DELAY...SIGN UP TODAY!

We are still working really hard to get our online registration up and running! Keep checking, one day you'll be surprised; however in the mean time, don't let that keep you from signing up today. Canoe

Camp already has just a few spaces left. Visit our web site, www.binglecamp.org. You'll find the camp schedule, costs for camp and registration forms for download!



Don't have the time to commit...this is a wish list of some new items that we are seeking to make things a bit better at Bingle Camp this summer!

Lodge Improvements:

- 2 - rotating waffle irons \$49.00 ea
- 2- Dual Cereal Dispensers \$40.00 ea
- 3 - 4ft serving tables \$45.00 ea
- 1 - 6ft serving table \$46.50 ea
- 1- Hoover Floormate Vacuum \$150.00

Chapel Improvements:

- 1 6ft conference table \$46.50
- DVD/VCR Combo Unit \$80.00

Shower House:

- 1- Hoover Floormate Vacuum \$150.00

Office:

- Canon All in One MP780 Printer \$240.00

Waterfront:

- 10 - stacking plastic Adirondack chairs \$19.99 ea
- 2 - Picnic Tables \$130.00 ea
- *Kayak (used?) \$350.00
- Paddleboat \$700.00

Program

- New Archery Targets \$300.00
- New picnic tables front lawn \$130.00 ea
- Portable Flipchart Easel \$200.00

Staff

Chest of Drawers for each cabin \$50.00 ea or
donated units in good condition

Here are some ways you can help!

Do you have Alaska Air miles that you are willing to donate to a staff member? The benefits of being a staff member are eternal, but let's be real most Bingle Staff members are sacrificing a lot to come nurture and care for the Bingle Campers. By helping with airfare through a mileage ticket or 15,000 miles which makes a ticket really affordable, you will offer relief to one or more of our summer staff members. Currently, I have a fantastic waterfront director living near Chicago that would love to work with us this summer, but without help this may not happen!



Are you looking for a rewarding summer ministry opportunity? Is God calling you to help us at Bingle Camp?

If you are over 18, sign up to be a camp counselor!

Are you under the age of 18, anxious to help out like those really cool staff members, check out the **Bingle Pathfinder Program** and see how you can help out this summer! Email Lisa at bingle@polarnet.com

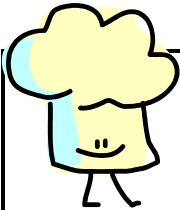
From the Bingle Board of Directors President:

I love Bingle Camp and have many fond memories of the different ways I have been involved. Since you are receiving this newsletter, I know that you, too, have memories of Camp. I am very excited about the “Bingle Bug” campaign to share our enthusiasm about camp. So far this year, Lisa and I have tried to spread the word about camp at Kid’s Fest held in January and the first Mission’s Fest held this March. I am always amazed at the number of people who have never heard of Bingle Camp.

Bingle Camp is an incredible local mission field that we have available. Lisa has already outlined many of the needs, financial and in terms of facilities/equipment, that we have. Many people are traveling to Alaska, and in particular, our camp at Harding Lake, for their experience on the “mission” field. Others are dreaming of attending camp for the first time. Please prayerfully consider helping them fulfill this dream.

If you have time to serve, please consider joining us on May 20 to get camp ready for the season. We plan on starting at 9:00 and working as needed. We will stop for a potluck lunch (what is Christian fellowship without food!). It is amazing the variety of chores that need a willing servant to complete before camp can begin—washing the dust off all the dishes, sweeping cabins, replacing batteries in fire alarms, to more skilled labor needs.

As always, the most pressing need is for prayer



Do you like to work in the kitchen? Or do you know of someone that would love the opportunity? Bingle Camp is looking for an assistant cook! From June 2—August 1, 2006. Experience is preferred. Contact Lisa Eldridge, 479-0562 for Job Description or email at bingle@polarnet.com

Signed up for camp, and have not received your confirmation letter? We are now sending out camper letters and receipts electronically to those that provide us with an email address.. Sometimes, they end up in Junk boxes. You can send us an email at bingle@polarnet.com and ask for it to be resent.

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NO KID LEFT OUT!

My kids are all but grown and are not attending camp as a camper these days. They are great supporters through helping me with my numerous tasks.

Not long ago, I was thinking, WOW, I don't have to try and figure out how to pay for summer camp anymore. However, about as soon as I said that, God sent a woman to me that was searching for summer opportunities for her 2 nieces. These girls have lost their Mom, Dad and Grandparent within the past year. She doesn't have the money to provide a summer camp opportunity and was asking for help. How could I say no! God sends many with

different stories to Bingle Camp every summer, some are from rural villages and many are from right here in Fairbanks.

Please consider assisting us to ensure that no child/youth misses out on summer camp.

If you are a parent or grandparent like me, I challenge you to continue sending kids to camp regardless of whether or not they are your own!

The requests for assistance is beyond my capabilities and is only provided for through the contributions of many individuals, businesses and churches. May God bless you as you give and may you know that the difference you make is eternal!

Lisa Eldridge, Camp Director

