

## COTA Campout at Parksville – July 8 to 15, 2011

We were once again at Parry's RV Park in Parksville, on the Englishman River. This is our 4<sup>th</sup> year at Parry's, celebrating our 31<sup>st</sup> camp. 27 camping families attended with most of us arriving on Friday.



Saturday we were off to Rath Trevor beach, where the



young and not so young had fun creating their sand castle masterpieces. 112 campers and visitors attended our very popular pot luck dinner on Saturday evening.

Following dinner, the sand castle awards were handed out. Everyone looks forward to these awards. 38 ribbons were handed out. We thank our 'judging' team of Michelle Gossman, Tina Weatherell, especially to Barb Gossman who always does a wonderful presentation for each of the recipients.





Sunday morning our church service was held with Michael Deck (from



Nanaimo) presiding. 89 campers and visitors attended. Following the service, Mike & Kathy hosted the 'after service coffee time'. Sunday evening (around the campfire) Brandon Weatherell's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated.

Our weather was not hot like last year!! The rain started on Monday and stayed raining off and on until Thursday. Tuesday night we were woken up at 2 a.m. with thunder, lightning, and a very heavy rain fall.

We got used to entertaining under tarps!  
We enjoyed some special events during the week. Lorne Dearsley got his 1<sup>st</sup> hole-in-one golfing on Monday! On Tuesday, many of us went out to a Chinese buffet (celebrating Mike Armstrong's birthday) and then onto the "Summer by the Sea" Street Market.



Pizza Night turned into Pizza Lunch on Thursday! Because of the poor weather, 8 families left on Thursday. To accommodate everyone who was leaving, we had our gathering at lunch time.

Ed and his 'gang' worked hard all week collecting bottles/cans which were returned and \$88.24 went toward buying the pizzas. Everyone enjoyed the yummy pizzas.



Seven  
'families'  
hung in  
for the last  
night  
(which  
was rain  
free!). All  
in all it  
was a  
great  
camp



despite the weather with new friendships being made, new adventures experienced, and many looking forward to next year. There were a total of 78 campers, 9 dogs, 1 cat, and 2 day visiting dogs.



*We are once  
again booked  
for Church  
Camp 2012 at  
Parrys, starting  
Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>,  
2012.*

*Please contact  
the church  
office to book a  
site.*

*Book now to  
avoid  
disappointment.*