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“TO CREATE COMMUNITY AND DEVELOP LEADERSHIP”

Christine’s session on Thursday was on “Self Care” on an individual level as leaders. After this enlightening session we split into 2 groups and held volleyball and basketball games, great fun was had by all.



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Many thanks to Darlene and Verna for the great meals this week. Also thanks to Verna for being the bus driver.



Our windup supper and dance was a great success. I saw a few moves on the dance floor, like I have never seen before.



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Campfire Corner

Camp Director Betty Ann told us about her walking stick and how she came to have it, it was a very touching story



She then presented the following



Four candles slowly burned
The ambience was so soft one could almost hear them talking
The first candle said "**I am Peace**"

"The world is so full of anger and fighting that nobody can keep me alight"
Then the candle of peace went out completely.
The second candle said "**I am Faith**"

"I am no longer indispensable
It does not make any sense that I stay awake one moment longer."
Then a breeze softly blew out Faith's flame.

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Sadly the third candle began to speak
"I am Love"

"People don't understand my importance,
So they put me aside.
They even forget to love nearest to them.
I don't have the strength to stay alight"
And waiting no longer the candle of Love went out.
A child entered the room where the candles were
And saw that three of the candles were unlit.
"Why are you not burning?" said the child
"You are supposed to stay alight until the very end"
And the child was frightened and began to cry.
The fourth candle said
"Don't be afraid. **I am Hope,**

And while I am burning we can light the other candles"
With shining eyes the child took the candle of Hope
And lit the other candles.

The flame of Hope should never go out from your life,
And with Hope each of us can have a life
With Peace, Faith and Love.

From all the Northern Alberta Lions Youth Camp staff we would like to thank you for making our first camp a success and wish all of you a safe and happy summer.



Br: Neil, Andrea, Hank, Terri, Dennis
Fr: Betty Ann, Christine, Tammy



Neil the "Campfire Man"

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LEADERS

**Within us all
Lays a dream.
A dream to lead;
A dream to succeed.**

**We must take the chances with ourselves and each other,
A dream needs a seed to nurture and mother.**

**Learn together, grow together,
Strive for each step.
One day closer means one more challenge met.**

**Start your journey with a step each day.
Face each challenge come what may.
Determination and grace you see,
Forge the leaders you will be.**

I am looking at the leaders of our future. Thank you for the privilege of working with you this week. I too have grown and become a better leader.

*Terri Robson
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