

"I -Ride" is a ride-a-thon for Pioneer

It's been billed as I-Ride!

Ride a horse. Ride a bike. Ride for Pioneer Ranch Camps.

Great ride. Great cause.

The date of the first annual event is Monday, September 7 at Pioneer Lodge. Funds will go toward supporting the mission and work of Pioneer Camps.

So we need wranglers. And first aid people. And those to serve up snacks on the trail. Call or email our office if you'd like to be part of the team.

But mostly we need campers and

volunteers to sign up for I-Ride.

I-Ride works just like any popular walk-a-thon. People seek pledges from family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Then they come out to The Lodge on September 7 prepared to ride 20 kilometres.

So, a pledge of \$5 per km raises \$100 for Pioneer.

There will be prizes for the camper and adult with the most funds raised. And other prizes for best riding and good spirits on the trail.

Talk to a friend. Talk to a group of friends. You could ride together. Perhaps an entire cabin of campers from this

summer would like to see each other again. It's easy. Get everyone to participate in I-Ride, and your friendships will be renewed on the trail.

If you're into biking rather than horseback riding, bring your bike and hit our trails – all 20 km. It could be epic.

Participants must be at least 12 years old and have some previous horseback riding experience. A minimum of \$200 in pledges is required to participate.

See our website for full details including an application form and donation sheets.

Join I-Ride. Show your spirit. Support Pioneer.



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Five year old raises funds for Pioneer

In the last issue of InView we put out the word that we could put to good use any Canadian Tire money people have collected over the years.

And one reader – quite a young reader actually – caught the vision.

Joshua Scholman, a five-year-old nephew of Fred and Jennifer Tyrer, site managers at The Lodge, heard about the call for Canadian Tire dollars, and immediately began collecting from everyone he met.

His mother, Julie Scholman, sent Fred and Jennifer an e-mail shortly after the last newsletter to say, “we read in the newsletter that Pioneer Camp is collecting Canadian Tire money so I let Josh know. He has a five cent piece for some time that he keeps telling me he wants to spend. We often talk to him about giving to others, and I thought he would like to collect it to send to his uncle Fred for tools and things.

“He got really excited about it. This is his first fundraising effort, and I think that since he sees others ask us, and sees older kids knock on our door, he thinks he is all grown up.”

Before too much time passed, an announcement appeared in Joshua's church bulletin: “I am Joshua Scholman, and I am collecting Canadian Tire money for my uncle Fred and his camp. Do you have any? Uncle Fred works at Pioneer Ranch Camps in Alberta. He needs to buy tools and stuff to fix things. If you have any money please put it in my mailbox at church.”

Joshua recently sent Fred an update:



“Hi Uncle Fred. What will you buy with your Canadian Tire money? I am getting money just for you. I am knocking on people's doors and asking if they have any.”

Joshua's efforts have been rewarded. He has raised \$51.45, and says he has many more people to ask.

Thank you very much Joshua. We hope you can come to camp at Uncle

Fred's summer camp as soon as you are old enough!

Dear readers: Please send us your Canadian Tire money. We can put it to good use for camp.

Urban Pioneer thrives in Lethbridge



For a number of years Lethbridge Inter-Varsity staff worker James Penner and his wife Claire (and many other volunteers too) have organized “Urban Pioneer” events for high school students. Claire sends this report for InView.

Urban Pioneer is “camp in the city”. The goal is to live and create

shalom for high school students – wholeness, health, peace, welfare, fullness, harmony, tranquility. Jesus, the Prince of Shalom, is ultimately the one through whom this wholeness comes. Four times a year at Urban Pioneer, high school students gather to spend a weekend together, living as community, essentially creating a colony of heaven.

Urban Pioneer is very intentional about inclusion.

This is truly one of our hallmarks; if everyone is not included, “kingdom” has not occurred. Says one student about Urban Pioneer: “Even when I'm not feeling accepted at school, or my family is putting a lot of pressure on me to succeed, when I come here I know that people are happy with me.”

Though it takes place in the city, Urban Pioneer operates like a camp:

chores, team building activities, and new experiences. Campers grow in their awareness around the issues of social justice. As leader Dana Karapita says, “theory without action is not transformation.” So during the weekend campers help at a L'Arche home, or work at a soup kitchen, or do a bottle drive or garbathon to raise money to put an African child through school.

The camp is filled with teaching sessions, stories and studies that help students to meet and know and embrace Jesus and the Kingdom of God. This year the themes of the four camps have come from Simply Christian by N.T.Wright – spirituality, justice, relationship, and beauty. The teens have discovered that these are signposts to the possibility that people were made for more than what modern secularism says.

“Urban pioneer is the kind of organization that helps kids grow as individuals, mentally and spiritually,” says one participant.

This community is larger than the teens themselves, and very much

includes the leaders (James and Claire Penner) and the university and college students who come to help. In addition, this community includes a few families and older folk who come alongside to participate and support some activity, with the goal of becoming part of the lives of the kids. Families are important; contact with them is created as often as possible.

Claire believes that God has been challenging her to let go of her small ideas of what Urban Pioneer can accomplish, to be more flexible, and to allow God to wave his large arms and do things in His ways. So when one of the speakers wanted to bring Randy along for one day only (against the rules), she let it happen. He took home a book to read, and has been spending time with Urban Pioneer people since. YES!!

This inter-generational ministry encourages cross-cultural work and a heightened awareness of Christ's heart for the poor. It is a bridge to bring kids, young adults, and their parents into a new and revitalized understanding of following Christ.