Hello there loyal supporters of Uni Camp For Kids! Thanks to your continuous and generous support over the past few years, UCFK has many exciting stories to tell you. This newsletter has been written to fill you all in on what’s been happening in the last couple of years. Enjoy!

Exciting news in 2009/10

In 2009, President Brad Girvan and his Committee increased the annual number of picnics from three to four. This was something the kids certainly enjoyed! What made things even more exciting about this new 4th picnic, was that UCFK was able to secure Adventure World as a sponsor for the picnic, meaning we took 300+ kids to Adventure World for the day! So much fun for everyone!!!

Exciting news in 2010/11

The 2010 Committee thought four picnics in 2009 was certainly a big win for the kids, so we decided to provide this again in 2010. Further to this, with the great results we had achieved in our fundraising efforts, it became apparent four camps would be possible for us in given the unique timeline that January offered us in 2011. From that point on, it was history. I am proud to announce, that in the summer just past UCFK was able to run the first ever 4th summer camp! This meant we were able to offer 84 more children a spot on camp, taking our camp capacity up to 336 of Perth’s most underprivileged children.

Favourite picnics and camps venues put big smiles on young faces

A typical day with Uni Camp For Kids, whether it be on a picnic or camp, comprises of half a day at a park/oval venue, and half a day at a pool venue.

The park/oval venues visited during picnics over 2009, 2010 and January 2011 have included Kings Park, Point Walter, Christ Church Grammar School, Mason’s Gardens and UWA’s Oak Lawn. During these times, the kids generally tend to run wild with pure enjoyment, with sports games, face painting and scoobies (friendship wrist and ankle bands) being regular crowd favourites.

Pool venues that have been visited in the last 2 years have included Beatty Park, Claremont Pool, Vic Park Pools, Bayswater Waves, Fremantle Pool, Armadale Waterslide and Adventure World! It’s amazing to see the smiles on all the kid’s faces, as they splash and play around in the pool with 300+ other kids who are all there just for a fun time!

Evening activities are also planned during camps, including scavenger hunts, kids concerts, and kids parties!

Four camps in 2011 a huge success

- We increased the number of children on camps from 252 in 2010 to 336 in 2011;
- Provided two 50 seater buses for daily transport;
- Provided UCFK hats for every child on camp;
- Allowance of $50 per family for Family Day;
- Provided a safer, risk-free environment for our children and leaders as a result of a wide range of initiatives.
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In 2011 we’ve already had two highly successful picnics, with the largest number of kids involved for many years! Our second picnic has only just past, so it was great for us to catch up with the bubbly and energetic kids again.

The second half of the year will be predominantly focused on fundraising for summer camps. This will include the student quiz night, two cocktail parties, the annual tin rattling appeal and participation in the Subiaco Craft Fair and City to Surf. This is not to mention third and fourth picnics followed by summer camps!

We're bracing ourselves for a very busy time for Uni Camp for Kids!

Lucy Greer
Uni Camp For Kids President
2011

Uni Camp For Kids 75th Anniversary Cocktail Party

This year Uni Camp For Kids celebrates its 75th anniversary. We would like to invite all of you to join us in celebration at the 75th Anniversary Cocktail Party to be held in October 2011.

If you are interested in attending, or believe you can offer your services in rounding up interested individuals from your generation, please contact this year’s President Lucy Greer on president@unicampforkids.org.au. More details on how you can purchase tickets will be provided soon.

Induction of a Life Member

A big congratulations to Ben “Sparky” Park, who at the most recent AGM in March 2011 was inducted as a Uni Camp For Kids Life Member.

A huge thanks to:

In the later half of 2010, Uni Camp For Kids was the proud recipient of a Lotterywest Grant for $92 621, which was granted to cover the entire costs of accommodation and food for 84 kids and 50 leaders at Point Peron Camp School, over 4 camps during January 2011.

This grant allowed Uni Camp For Kids to focus our resources on providing fantastic daily entertainment for all the children. We thank Lotterywest for not just this year, but their continuous support of Uni Camp For Kids over many years.

And also thanks to:

Variety WA
Rotary Club of Matilda Bay

A personal THANK YOU

To end on a personal note, I have to say that taking part in UCFK has been the best decision I have ever made. I am so proud to be a part of an organization that for 75 years now, has done what we do – take some of the most amazing kids you will ever meet and just have fun with them for a week of their year.

I would personally like to thank all of you for your continued support over the years. We could not do it without you.

Luc Tasker
Uni Camp For Kids President 2010/11