

# Giving Thanks & Praying For Camp

*Sagitawa Christian Camping Society*

*Applying God's Word to Every Day Life*

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When it comes time to write these news-letters, it feels as though we are being pulled two different directions. To rejoice in what the Lord did this summer, but also not sugar coating or ignoring the trials and struggles that were there. I believe Ruthie said it best, while looking back to the summer : " We lived through a miracle."

As we look back on the summer, we can clearly see how the Lord came through, as the gaps and holes were so big.

The staff this summer was young, many of them just 18. This resulted in us being low on adults, having to do many swaps and changes to ensure we had a 19+ individual at many of the needed places at camp to run program. These adults who came poured out for the mission in amazing ways, fighting through tiredness, injuries, sickness, and heat.

On the flip side of that, we saw amazing growth, emotionally and spiritually, in those young staff members. They rose up to meet the challenge that was before them, putting their faith into action and meeting God in amazing ways.

Another place with a hole was the kitchen. In May, June, and even through July and August, we didn't know how it was going to work. Last year we were faced with the reality that without cabin leaders, campers can't come. This summer we were faced with the fact that though we had cabin leaders, without food those campers can only stay so long.

Ruthie worked long hours all through those months... though looking back we can now see that she was rarely alone. Sometimes it was through having extra SEEDs, other times through individuals who could come for just a day or two. And then there were those who came for a month at a time.

The burden was still great. And one of the other ways we see the miraculous working of God this summer is how He sustained Ruthie, keeping her from the many camp sicknesses that ran rampant through the team.

And on the flip side of the uncertainty that we walked through, never knowing who would be in the kitchen or even if we would have the help needed to feed the next program or camp... we saw God bring willing people, who we pray will take that spark for camp back into their communities. That the struggle we engaged with allowed them the space to taste and see the amazing work God is doing here.

Even in that place that we stood in during May and June, and then even much of the summer, the Lord gave a blessing our last week of camp. He provided extra hands... and Ruth-

ie was able to step out of the kitchen for 27 hours and cabin

lead one of our taster cabins with another leader and 10 delightful girls. (Though she did go and cook breakfast that Thursday morning, leaving the girls sleeping with another leader and a program staff.)

How amazing is our God? Not only did He provide the help that we needed, but He gave extra hands and energy to those who were there, giving the gift of a chance for Ruthie to cabin lead.

And this is the testimony of many staff this summer. That while the burden was heavy, there is no denying that, God came through in miraculous ways.



# — Summer 2023 —

## What Team Members Said :

"God revealed to me this summer that I need to let go of control and continue to walk towards Him."

"I have grown a lot. And have realized I need God's help to continue living like this at home."

"This summer was hard and trying... but I saw growth in myself and others during it."

"One of my highlights this summer was being able to play a part in children's walks with God."

"This summer was one of relying on God instead of running. I learned I can do crazy things with God's help. I learned to trust that God will protect me."

"It was amazing to see the growth of my team, the campers, and myself."

"I found that I got to know God's character better this summer, that my faith was built up."

"I have learned to rely on God more than on myself this summer."

"Loved building lasting relationships with staff and depending on God."

"I find this to be a genuine place. People don't need to put up a façade. There were problems, but everyone was still loved."

"Coming into this summer I was excited and nervous at the same time. Honestly it was an amazing summer! There were struggles but overall it was great!"

"This summer was overflowing with purpose as I learned to rest in Christ and to share Him with others."



## What Campers Said :

"I want to come back next year to learn about God. The people are nice and there is lots to do!"

"I made lots of new friends!"

"If I could rate my stay I would rate it 5 stars!"

"I had so much fun doing so many things! My favourite was swimming!"

"This is the best place ever made!"

"I want to come back to help remember who God is"

"Everyone is sooooo nice and the zipline is the best!"

"I want to come back next year because I can be around people that go through the same questions about God that I wonder"

"I hope to come back next year as a SEED!"

"The highlights of my week were belly flop contests, pirating, and meeting my amazing cabin mates"

"I love camp! I come back almost every year! Camp helps me with my walk with God."

"Our cabin leader was amazing. She made sure we all felt very loved and wanted. I loved her!"

"This camp seems like it would be a great place to work. I'm definitely going to come as a SEED!"

"Camp is one of my favourite places on earth! I love everyone here and they have helped me become who I am today."





## — Updates —



Cabin Renovations : Cabin 7 & 8 have had the logs sanded and re-stained, along with the insides renovated and new bunks put in. Cabin 12 has also had the outside logs sanded and re-stained.



The lifejacket and paddle shed has been moved down to beside the boatshed.



The mini golf course is set up on leveled ground! Now to create some fun obstacles



The old craft cabin (that was previously behind the lifejacket shed) has been moved to across from the new craft cabin for extra craft storage and some shelter when doing outside crafts on rainy days



Male SEED Cabin & Wash House : The old Male SEED cabin was removed last fall and a foundation has been placed in this spot. Logs around property were felled this winter, and peeled by some amazing volunteers this spring.



STEVE IS LOOKING FOR HELP OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS ( WEATHER DEPENDENT) TO HELP BUILD THIS CABIN! WHETHER YOU CAN HELP FOR A FEW DAYS OR AN AFTERNOON, GIVE HIM A SHOUT AT 250-784-8742.



Big thank you to the District of Taylor for sending us these new-to-us dock pieces! We had been beginning to look into replacing a dock piece, and the Lord provided above and beyond!



### Camp Sagitawa Fall Work Bee

October 28, 2023 8 AM - 5 PM

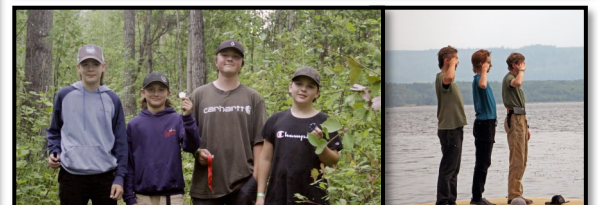
Help prep camp for the winter! Clean buildings, stack firewood, tuck away equipment, and much more!

Reach out to Camp at 250-788-2361  
or email [office@campsagitawa.ca](mailto:office@campsagitawa.ca) for  
more info



Grab a shirt from this summer by contacting the office! \$17 each

Purple (youth and adult sizes) or Green (adult sizes) available





# — Jehovah Jireh —

**The Lord is truly good!** His provision is perfect and we look forward to seeing it continue to unfold as the fiscal year closes in October, and we move into a new season in 2024.

-Generous donors to both capital and operating expenses inspire us to keep moving forward and seeing the potential in the facilities the Lord supplies.

-A challenge this year has been the absence of funding historically provided by the Canada Summer Job's grant. The grant application was not successful this year and it has left a gap in anticipated funding of about \$37,000.

-Other general maintenance, as highlighted in this Newsletter, added an additional \$10,000 to the budget – the work was well needed, but is unfunded at this time.

Even as this is being written, we believe the Lord is moving amongst His people in support of His work here at Sagitawa, and we are humbled by the responsibility He places on us to use those resources carefully. If you are thinking of additional giving, know that General Fund donations will be used where the need is greatest, but, with the shift to directly paying more positions, money previously earmarked for the "Bursary Fund" can be donated to the "Staff Fund" to support those wages.



## Wish List

### Program

- ☐ Button Maker
- ☐ Discs for Disc Golf
- ☐ Old Hockey Sticks
- ☐ Large Roll of plastic (for slip and slide)
- ☐ Inflatable Kiddie Pools

### Maintenance

- ☐ Scaffolding
- ☐ Trailer to move portable climbing wall

### Kitchen

- ☐ Twin Tilt Kettle
- ☐ Braising Pan
- ☐ Heated Resin Cutter
- ☐ Cover for chair trolley
- ☐ Glass baking pans (8x8, 9x13, etc.)

### Miscellaneous

- ☐ Slushy Machine
- ☐ Step stool for Tuck shop
- ☐ Lights for welcome sign
- ☐ 24 x 36 whiteboards
- ☐ Wipeable chairs / couches

## MATCHING DONATION CAMPAIGN



### GIVE ONLINE

Send money through EMT, Paypal or Canada Helps. Head to our website for more information [www.campsagitawa.ca](http://www.campsagitawa.ca)

### SEND A CHEQUE

Mail a cheque with your donation to: Camp Sagitawa Box 61 Moberly Lake, BC V0C 1X0

### CALL WITH YOUR CARD

Call the office at 250-788-2361 and we can process the donation over the phone.

### MAKE YOUR DONATION GO TWICE AS FAR

Thanks to a generous supporter, all donations, from now until December 15, 2023, will be matched up to a total of \$30,000

*\*Include a note with your donation that it is to be included in the matching donation campaign*

86% of the individuals who came to cabin lead this summer took pay.

### Giving on-line!

- 👍 **E-transfer** is the least costly method to make donations. While doing online banking send an e-transfer to [office@campsagitawa.ca](mailto:office@campsagitawa.ca)
- 👍 Contact the office to set up **Direct Deposit**
- 👍 **PayPal** has a link on our website. Their fee is 1.92%. Camp issues the tax receipt.
- 👍 **Canada Helps** has a link on our website. Their fee is 3.9%. They issue the tax receipt.

### Other ways to give!

- 👍 **The Camp Office** uses Moneris to process cards. Their fee is 1.99%. Camp issues the tax receipt.
- 👍 **Postdated cheques** can be given to the office and are deposited as they become due. No fee except for what you pay for a stamp. Camp provides the tax receipts.



## — Other Notes —

### More from the Summer Team:

"It was a summer of doing as God asked and learning to daily trust and lean on Him."

"Even though it was hard sometimes, I was able to accomplish the tasks given to me through the support of the team around me."

"This summer people pointed out skills to me I didn't know I had. I hope to be able to continue building on these skills."

"As I leave camp I hope to continue to step into hard situations, trusting in the Lord's provision of grace, as He showed me this summer."

"This summer improved my mental state and my relationship with God."

"I learned to rely on God more, I have deepened my friendships and I have matured through the work I did this summer."



## Upcoming *events*

30  
DEC

Annual Alumni  
Reunion

20  
JAN

Annual General  
Meeting

16-18  
FEB

Family & Youth  
Ski Camp

18-24  
MAR

BC Spring  
Break Camps

*Follow us on Facebook, Instagram,  
or check out our website to be the  
first to catch new info as it is re-  
leased!*

This summer we saw over and over again the power of prayer. That the Lord is present, cares, and is listening. Whether it was through Him holding off a storm till the end of a swim test, granting opportunities and wisdom in discussions with campers and staff alike, or having the meal be ready sooner than it should have been. (The Lord was a cook in the kitchen this year for sure!)

We want to thank each and every one of you who spent time praying for camp this last summer. It is such an important part of the ministry that the Lord is doing! For those interested in praying more specifically for Camp Sagitawa throughout the year, we do have a prayer update list that is sent out bi-weekly. This update includes prayer requests from the camp for upcoming events, current happenings at the camp, requests from the on site staff, and more. If you are interested in receiving this email, reach out to the office with your email information.

### Director Job Posting Update!

The board is continuing in search for a new director. And though there have been interviews, the right fit hasn't yet been found. The job posting can be found on our website or by reaching out to the office. Would you pray with us that the Lord would be preparing the heart and mind of the individual He has in store for this position? Would you also lift up the board as they sift through applications and seek the Lord's guidance in this matter?

If you've got someone you think might be interested, please share this info with them!

**Interested applicants can submit a resume to the Camp board at [secretary@campsagitawa.ca](mailto:secretary@campsagitawa.ca).**





# Rejoice With Us!



The Lord moved in campers hearts this summer! We know of approximately 45 campers who made commitments/re-commitments this summer!

Praise be that God isn't just God at camp but is still at work in campers lives, no matter where they are!

**Cooks**  
1 Head Cook,  
2 Assistant Cooks

## 2/3

<b>Receptionist</b> 1 / 1 <b>SEED Leaders</b> 2 / 2 <b>Head Cabin Leaders</b> 0 / 2 <b>Wellness Director</b> 1 / 1 <b>Prayer Soldier</b> 3 / 8	<b>Track (Program) Directors</b> 0 / 3 <b>First Aid Attendant</b> 6 / 8 <b>Chapel Coordinator</b> 1 / 1 <b>Chapel Speakers</b> 10 / 11 <b>Kitchen Help</b> 12 / 16	<b>SEEDs:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div>   <b>17</b> </div> <div>   <b>25</b> </div> </div>
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**What Cabin Leading Looked Like:**

<b>Kids 1</b> <b>Kids 2</b> <b>Reach Out</b> <b>Starter 1</b> <b>Taster 1</b>	<b>Kids 3</b> <b>Kids 4</b> <b>Starter 2</b> <b>Taster 2</b> <b>First Nations Youth Camp</b>
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Praise God for how He brought forward help this summer! Will you join us in praying for all the team members who came to camp this summer? That what the Lord grew in them would stay fast. And would you join us in praying for next summer's team too? As we wrap up this summer, we look forward to the next!

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