

Camp Sagitawa

"This summer was hard but God is good and faithful. He was at work and strengthened and protected me. I might never see the fullness of all God did but I am ok with that because I know God was working. It wasn't me in my own strength cabin leading this summer but only Jesus. When I look back at all that happened, the different challenges and struggles, the only way I got through this summer is Jesus. God is so, so, so, good!"

-Summer Cabin Leader

Summer 2025 is all wrapped up. How did it come and go so quickly? We hold in tension opposing emotions... Sadness that the summer is now over, for its what we look forward and work toward each winter. But also some relief in being able to sleep through the night without a knock on the door. There is the relief of no longer bearing the weight of low kitchen staff and volunteers, but then there is the feeling of emptiness that a quiet dining hall now holds. We feel excitement in watching staff and campers start new chapters in their lives, but grieve not being a part of that new learning and growth.

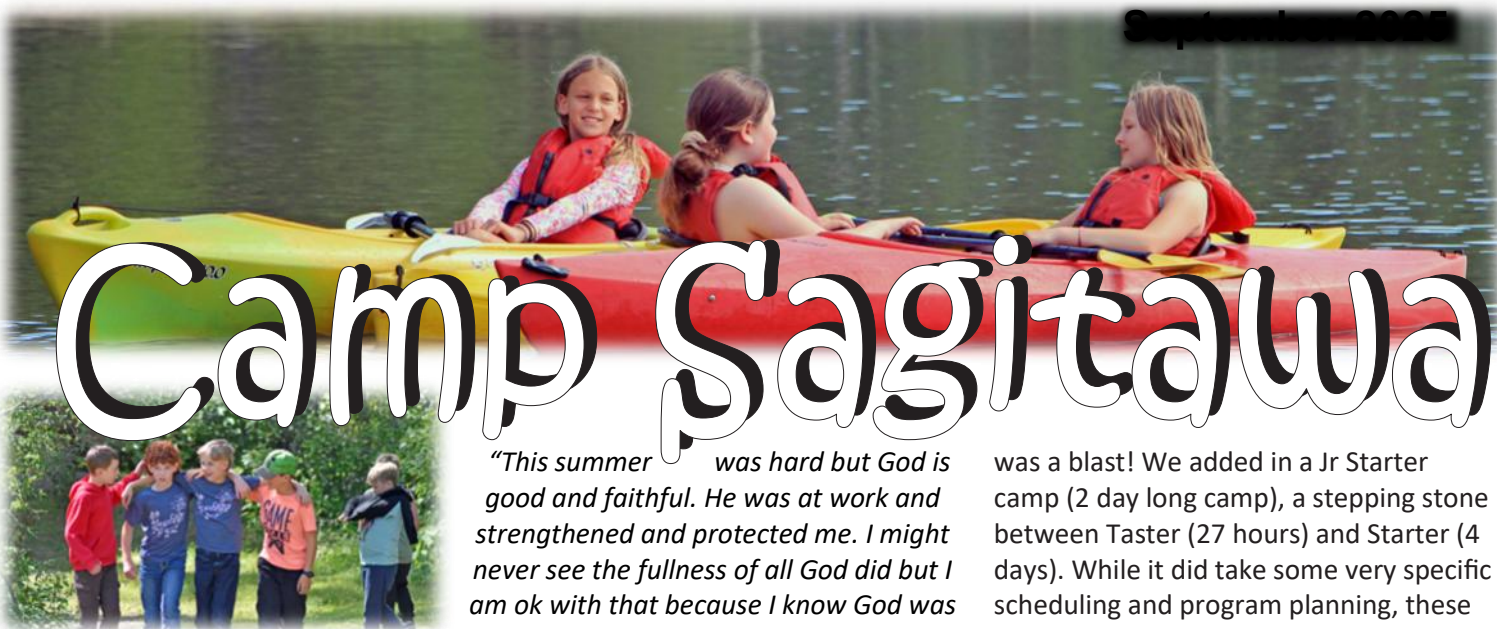
But what a comforting fact, that the love and care we feel for all these individuals, is but a drop of what the Lord has for them. That He delights in them and calls them His children. What a blessing it was this summer (even with late night visits of campers who couldn't sleep) to get to care for and share eternal heart changing truths with His children.

In Summer 2025 we had over 530 campers come on site, some of them 2-3 times. These campers ranged from ages 6—17, as we added in a Sr High camp in the middle of August. The Sr High camp

was a blast! We added in a Jr Starter camp (2 day long camp), a stepping stone between Taster (27 hours) and Starter (4 days). While it did take some very specific scheduling and program planning, these two weeks went well and helped a slightly younger / unsure group of kids have a successful stay at camp.

Another addition this summer was 2 weeks being themed... this year was Medieval theme! There were capes, crowns, and swords all week long. There were medieval mysteries and adventurer training. We even had an adventuring board in the dining hall set up with quests and wanted posters. The campers loved the wanted posters! These posters were of team members on site that week and person specific "crimes". Campers would gather evidence about said person and where they last saw them, bringing that info to the Program Director. When enough evidence was collected the individual would be "arrested" and given a "punishment" fitting of the crime. For instance : Carmen's punishment (See her wanted poster on page 2) was to give each of the campers a cookie before our night game.

This summer's Discovery material was based off of Pilgram's Progress. Throughout their stay campers got to hear the whole story while their cabin leaders or chapel speaker shared with them the gospel alongside. There were chapters acted out in chapel, activities to enforce the concepts in Discovery times, and many campers asking to go on to the next chapter when one came to a close. We were so encouraged to see the campers engaging well with the material, asking thought provoking questions... and ultimately, making decisions for Christ.



— From the Director's Desk —



As I was walking along our path to the chapel yesterday, I found a very large collection of pinecones tossed from the trees above down to the ground. Clearly one (or more) of our permanent furry four-footed residents is collecting for the winter. Not only do we as people have a special harvest time, so do the creatures around us that God created!

This summer has been a fan-

tastic time of storing up for the future by investing in the lives of children and young adults. This summer we opened our doors to over 500 children who were presented the Gospel, in the hopes that we would reap a harvest sometime in the future. At times we saw God impact lives here at camp immediately; as answers to prayer were received, volunteers showed up just in time, a day of rest refreshed us when needed, a word of encouragement shared and so on. We also know that we won't see all of what God has done until sometime in the future, maybe not until heaven.

Our biggest time of working is, of course, during those summer months. But the work continues all year long. There is bookkeeping,

property maintenance, emails to answer, guest groups to care for and so much more. And then there is preparation for summer 2026!

We continue to labour, knowing that our work in Christ will produce a harvest of righteousness both in us, and for those whose lives are touched by camp.

Who are you labouring for?

So then, dear brothers and sisters, be firm. Do not be moved! Always be outstanding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:58

-Carmen Bahr
(Co-Director)

From the Campfire to the Kitchen!

Try a favourite dessert from Summer 2025!



Mix together your favourite Chocolate Chip or Double Chocolate Chip cookie recipe.

Before cooking...

Place on a cookie sheet graham cracker squares.

On top of the graham crackers stack in the following order:

- 1 square of chocolate
- 1 scoop of cookie dough
- 3 mini marshmallows

Bake according to the cookie dough recipe!



— Getting Involved —

Financial Support Needed

As summer busyness has come to a close, so has a majority of camp's revenue.

Wondering how you can help?

Year End for us is just 5 weeks away (Oct 31) and \$35,000 is urgently needed to close our year.

Please consider joining us in reaching this.

You can give the following ways:

E-transfer is the least costly method to make donations. While doing online banking send an e-transfer to office@campsagitawa.ca

Visa or MC payment information can be made by contacting the office.

Cheques can be mailed to the address below
Cash should not be sent by mail. Please drop off at the camp office in person.

Mailing: Po Box 61 Moberly Lake, BC V0C 1X0

Phone: 250-788-2361

Email: office@campsagitawa.ca

AGM 2025 & Society Membership

Over the last decade we have seen society membership decline. We are looking for individuals who are excited about the ministry work that is happening out at Sagitawa to join the society as a member. And in the future, step up as board members.

This year's Annual General Meeting is on November 29 in Dawson Creek (Time and Location TBD).

Mark your calendars and come on out!

What a blessing it was to receive so much rain at camp this year... and the rain revealed that it is time to replace the shingles on the Director House (also known as the Gate House). Currently there is a tarp adhered to the peak of the roof, acting as a temporary solution. Camp needs your help to implement the permanent fix.

FIX THE ROOF!

The shingles on the Director House need to be replaced.

We are looking for individuals to partner with us to make this happen!

**60 BUNDLES
AT \$50 EACH**



Pray with us:

-For the campers who made decisions for Christ this summer. That those seeds would be protected and nourished throughout the year. That there would be a ripple effect into their families and communities.

-For the summer team as they head from a busy summer back into school / jobs. That they would recover well from the summer, while continuing in the growth the Lord accomplished in them this summer.

-For Camp Sagitawa as a whole as the leadership discusses and implements long term goals and plans.



After a busy summer there is lots to clean up and prepare for the winter. Putting away boats, splitting and stacking wood, taking down danger trees, deep cleaning the dining hall from 100's of happy but sticky hands, winterizing buildings and vehicles, and many other projects! No matter your skill level there is work for you.

Mark it on your calendar and plan to join other amazing camp supporters on October 18th!



Summer Snippets

After Chapel on Wednesday, a group of about 10 boys walked back to their cabins singing "One Way" at the top of their lungs

God is Good moment for a cabin leader: Campers praying for the first time at camp who were not Christians.



During Memory verse time in chapel... a staff rhetorically asks the campers: You know what helps me remember things? (Eluding to making up actions) A camper in the back: YOUR BRAIN!

God taught me a lesson on personal struggle and how He is present through it all. How He works through the lives of broken people in unlikely ways never ceases to amaze me!!!



Catch more pictures from this summer on our Facebook page!

A big shout out to the Dawson Creek Co-op for their donation of fuel that helps ensure boats, lawn mowers, and more keep running through out the summer, helping camp stay safe, fun, and beautiful.



A highlight of my summer was seeing the amazing way God worked in people. I saw so much growth in people, and the Lord working through them in so many amazing ways. Specifically it was awesome to see the team helping each other out and encouraging one another throughout the summer. It was so heartening when people were willing to serve and help others. I loved seeing the ways in which, through Christ, people showed up for each other.

Cabin Leader Summer comment: I absolutely loved Chapel. Being able to listen to Carmen speak as well as the music, it was my favorite part of every day. I also really enjoyed when my campers would come up to me after chapel with questions because they were so interested in what happened in Chapel.

Sometimes it was good and fun, other times it was hard. But overall I can say that God is good all the time, and He is faithful in our strength and weakness.



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