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AROUND THE CAMP FIRE

**SPRING & SUMMER
2025**

Hey friends and family of Camp Arnes, Spring has finally arrived, and with it comes new life, fresh energy, and the excitement of looking ahead to another incredible summer at camp! Whether you've been part of our story for years or are just joining the journey, we're so glad you're here. This season is full of preparation, vision-casting, and getting our hearts ready for all God wants to do in the months ahead.

As we move through spring and look toward summer, we'd love for you to join us in prayer—for the campers who will step onto these grounds, for the staff who are saying yes to the call, and for the moments that will be full of growth, joy, and transformation. Your prayers mean the world to us.

***With hope,
The Camp Arnes Team***





ICE FISHING MAKING MEMORIES

Ice Fishing Derby 2025 - A Record-Breaking Day on the Ice!

This March, after a slight weather delay in February, Camp Arnes hosted our much-anticipated Ice Fishing Derby—and it was well worth the wait! With over 46 fish caught (a big jump from previous years!), it was our most exciting derby yet. Families and friends gathered on the frozen lake for a day of fun, friendly competition, and community connection.

Attendees warmed up with hot chocolate, Fireside Roast coffee, and cozy campfires throughout the day. Thanks to the generosity of our incredible sponsors, we were able to give away some amazing prizes that brought extra smiles to the event. It was a joy to see the community come together to support camp through this fundraiser. See photos above for some of the best moments—we're already looking forward to next year!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Exciting New Season at Camp Arnes!

From the Desk of the Executive Director

It is with great joy and a deep sense of responsibility that I step into the role of Executive Director at Camp Arnes. I'm thrilled to join this incredible community and to help carry forward the life-changing mission that has been shaping lives for over 75 years.

For generations, Camp Arnes has been a sacred place where children, youth, and families have encountered God, built lifelong friendships, and grown in faith and confidence. The stories of transformation that come out of this place are powerful—and it's all thanks to the faithful partnership of churches, parents, campers, staff, volunteers, and donors like you. Thank you for being part of this remarkable legacy.

As we look to the future, I'm filled with excitement for what God has in store. I can't wait to meet many of you—whether around a campfire, at a church event, or over coffee. Camp is a community, and I'm eager to connect personally with as many of you as possible.

With a new season just around the corner, we need your help. We're actively seeking volunteers, summer staff, and financial partners to help make 2025 our best summer yet. If you feel led to serve, give, or simply pray, know that your involvement makes a lasting difference.

Let's continue to invest in the next generation—together.

With gratitude and anticipation,

Elton DaSilva

Executive Director, Camp Arnes

SUMMER 2025

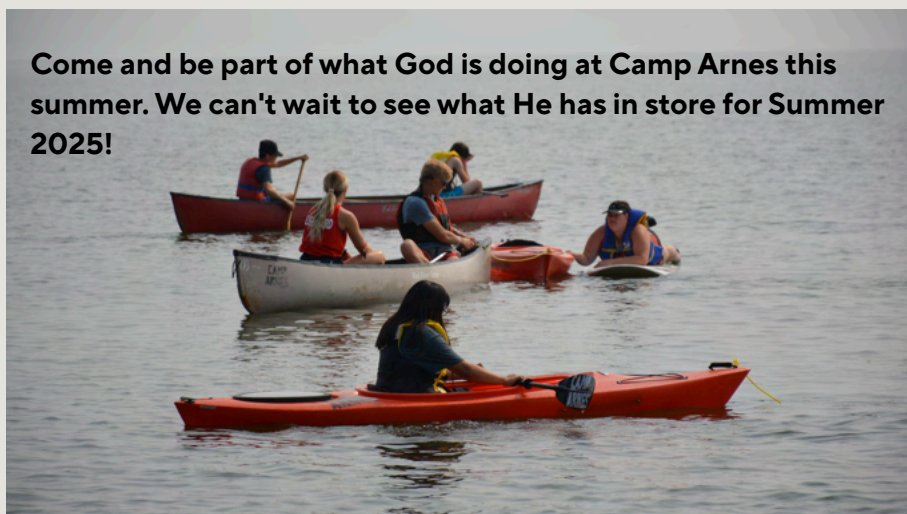


Camp Arnes is a Place To Grow, Last summer I saw so much growth in staff and in campers! Many Campers come to Camp to learn and have fun and create long lasting friendships! Last summer was my first summer and it was life-changing for the better! I remember in week 5 we had a camper and she had come so broken on the inside and not wanting to be at camp at all, I quickly felt that that week was going to be a little difficult, however God is a God who works in everyone! I began spending my free time with her and making sure she knew we all loved her! There were many times that there would be an outburst, but I kept reminding her that she is loved, we would spend time down on the sand collecting rocks or on the playground swinging on the swings or just sitting on the bench talking! The last morning came and we were in our Bible study and I asked if anyone wanted to share how their week was and she put her hand up. In front of everyone and told her story and said she realized how much all the staff loved her and how much God loved her here, she said she wants to come back the next year! It was so encouraging to hear! God works in everyone and he loves everyone! Just like this young girl realized that God loves us all so much it will never end!

**Serina, Camp Life Leader 2024
Current Year Round Admin Staff**

Summer 2025 is just around the corner, and we couldn't be more excited! We're counting down the days until campers arrive and the energy of a brand new week fills the air. This summer, our theme is "Called"—and it's one we believe deeply in. We want every camper and staff member who steps through the gates of Camp Arnes to know that they are here for a reason. God has a purpose for each of us, even if we don't yet fully understand what that is. He never disappoints, and we're excited to share that truth with everyone who joins us. If you're between the ages of 10 and 17, we invite you to be a part of this unforgettable adventure! And if you're 16 or older, we encourage you to prayerfully consider joining our team this summer. Working at camp is more than just a job—it's an opportunity to grow, lead, and make a lasting impact, all while having an incredible time. We're especially looking for Camp Life Leaders and Cabin Leads, so if you feel that nudge, don't ignore it—you are Called.

Come and be part of what God is doing at Camp Arnes this summer. We can't wait to see what He has in store for Summer 2025!



STAFF NEEDS 2025



WE HAVE URGENT NEEDS

We're Hiring – Seasonal & Summer Opportunities!

Looking to work in a meaningful, Christ-centered environment? Camp Arnes is currently hiring for seasonal, year-round, and summer roles. Whether you're serving behind the scenes or directly with campers, there's a place for you here!

Now Hiring:

Seasonal Cleaner/Housekeeping
(May–October)
Help keep camp clean and welcoming!
Potential to grow into a year-round role.

Kitchen Help

(Prep Cook & Casual Help – Year-Round)
Join our kitchen team with flexible, casual hours.



Summer 2025 Staff & Volunteer Positions:

- Camp Life Leaders
- Cabin Leads
- Activity Staff (see website for full list)
- Media Team
- Lifeguards
- Kitchen Staff (Volunteer)
- Housekeeping (Volunteer)
- Grounds Keeper (Volunteer)
- Health Team (Volunteer)
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Summer Volunteer Perks:

Licensed Nurses, EMTs, and EMRs serving in our Camp Health Station receive 100% off a camper's fee
All other summer volunteers receive 50% off a camper's fee

***Make a difference. Grow in your faith. Impact lives for eternity.
Apply now at www.camparnes.com/summer-emp***



SAVE THE DATE



SPEAKER

GARETH GOOSSEN

Gareth Goossen was born and raised on a farm in Manitou, MB. After marrying Gayle Klassen in June 1978, he started farming with his father-in-law and brother-in-law in Starbuck, MB. In 1984 he left the farm to attend MB Biblical Seminary in Fresno, California graduating with a Masters in New Testament Theology.

He has been an associate pastor for 3 years in Williams Lake, BC at Cariboo Bethel MB Church, 5 years at Kitchener MB Church in Kitchener, ON. He then spent 21 years doing itinerant ministry in the area of worship, prayer and discipleship in Canada, USA and Central and South America. In 2013 he published "Worship Walk: Where Worship and Life Intersect" in both English and Spanish. He has been on staff at Waterloo MB Church since 2013 first as interim worship pastor and as pastor to seniors and pastoral care since 2016.

Gareth & Gayle live in Breslau, ON and have 3 adult children, two in-laws, and 5 grandchildren.



**YOU'RE
INVITED**

**DATE:
SEPT. 12-14**

Escape to Camp Arnes for an unforgettable weekend designed for seniors 55 and up! Enjoy a perfect blend of teaching, worship, and quality time with others in a beautiful outdoor setting. This weekend retreat offers a variety of fun games, relaxing moments, and a chance to connect with nature, making it an experience you won't forget. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually, make new friends, and enjoy the great outdoors at Camp Arnes!



UP & COMING EVENTS



**DATE:
MAY 14TH**

**CAMP AGM
EASTVIEW
CHURCH 6PM**

**DATE: JUNE
8TH**



**FREE FAMILY
FUN DAY
12PM-4PM**

**SUMMER
2025**



**DATE: SPET.
12-14**



Support local while also sending kids to camp!

We have partnered with Colosimo Coffee to launch our very own coffee last year and we put all proceeds of the sales towards our campership program. Get caffeinated and send kids to camp!

CAMP ARNES FIRESIDE ROAST

Fazenda Sucuri is the coffee farm where we source our Camp Arnes Fireside Roast. Located in Coromandel, Minas Gerais, Brazil, this 490-hectare farm produces top-quality coffee at 1045 meters altitude.

The Barbosa family, cultivating coffee since the twentieth century, ensures meticulous quality control from tree to cup. The Cerrado Mineiro region's ideal conditions—defined seasons, fertile soil, and a cool, dry climate—enhance the coffee's unique flavor.

We proudly serve Camp Arnes Fireside Roast, featuring the rich, distinctive taste of Fazenda Sucuri's legacy of excellence.

WAYS TO HELP CAMP SUPPORT THE FUTURE



HOW CAN I HELP CAMP?

**Want to make a real impact?
Start with your time.**

At Camp Arnes, we believe your time and presence are some of the greatest gifts you can give. Before anything else, we ask one thing:

please pray for camp.

Over 75 years ago, a few faithful individuals caught God's vision and stepped out in obedience to build something lasting. Today, that legacy lives on – and we're inviting you to be part of it.

Whatever time you have, we believe God can use it – and you – to bless this place and the lives that pass through it.

We're looking for volunteers in every area, including:

- Construction & Maintenance
- Kitchen Crew
- Cleaning & Facilities
- Woodcutting & Groundskeeping
-and anything else you bring to the table!

If you think your skills won't fit—we're willing to bet they will.

Camp has a place for you.

Ready to serve?

Let's talk: volunteer@camparnes.com

You might not swing a hammer — but you can help build camp.

Not everyone can volunteer, but your generosity can still shape lives at Camp Arnes. Every gift helps us share faith, fun, and unforgettable experiences with the next generation.

Ways to Give:

Online -

<https://camparnes.campbraingiving.com/>

Mail a Cheque -

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Winnipeg, MB R2G 4E9

By Phone -(204) 642-7618

Sponsor a Project – Help fund real needs like cabins, equipment, or supplies.

In-Kind Gifts – Have gear, tools, or materials? Let's connect!

You're not just giving to camp — you're investing in campers.

Thank you for being part of the story.