

CAMP ARNES NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Back-to-School Bells—and Summer Camp Memories

As September begins, we hear school bells ringing across our province. But all summer long, another set of bells echoed at Camp Arnes—inviting over 650 campers, ages 8 to 17, to experience the love of God in a fun, safe, and caring environment. Over six weeks of camp, children and youth came from *diverse backgrounds and social situations to enjoy team-oriented activities, meaningful fellowship, and exploration of faith.*

“I didn’t know what to expect, Now I don’t want to go home.” – Camper, age 12

We often saw campers arrive on Monday filled with nervous anticipation, only to leave on Saturday morning with tears in their eyes, sad to go. Best of all, many expressed a new or renewed commitment to follow Jesus. What a joy to witness God at work!



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Chapel Time That Overflowed

This year, we welcomed six guest speakers, each bringing a wealth of biblical wisdom and ministry experience. They didn’t just teach from the stage—they engaged campers personally with care, prayer, and laughter as they made memories. God moved in remarkable ways. It became common to see campers lingering at The Lighthouse (our chapel space) long after sessions ended. They stayed not because they were told to, but because they longed for prayer, conversation, and encouragement as they learned about Jesus and His love for them.



“Campers stayed for hours after chapel, asking for prayer and encouragement.”

A Team That Makes Ministry Happen

It takes a village—and this summer it took more than 70 dedicated staff and volunteers to make camp possible. From cabin leaders and activity instructors to cooks, janitors, office staff, and mini-farm keepers, every role was essential. Many days were long and demanding, but God’s love shone through their service. In the end, their greatest reward was seeing campers encounter Christ’s love through both people and creation as He stirred deeply within their hearts.

“We saw God’s love reflected in staff, from the kitchen to the cabins. Kids found God’s love even at the activities.”

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Thank You for Standing With Us

At Camp Arnes, we never forget that none of this would be possible without the faithful support of our friends and partners. Your prayers, donations, and volunteer hours sustain this ministry and allow us to continue the work God has entrusted to us.

As we step into the fall and winter seasons, would you consider standing with us once again? Whether through prayer, a financial gift, or volunteering, your involvement continues to shape lives for eternity.

Looking Ahead:

New Initiatives at Camp Arnes

We are excited to share some upcoming programs designed to extend our ministry impact year-round:

- **Leaders Development Camp** – A three-week program equipping youth with leadership and life skills for future ministry.
- **Ministry Exploration Program** – A nine-month journey combining theological foundations with practical, hands-on ministry experience.
- **Staff & Camper Follow-Up** – A new initiative to stay connected through multiple touchpoints, fostering relationships and creating pathways for ongoing spiritual and personal growth.



Closing Words

This past summer has been a reminder that God is still powerfully at work through camp ministry. From shy arrivals to joyful departures, from chapel tears to cabin laughter, the seeds planted at Camp Arnes will bear fruit for years to come. Thank you for journeying with us. Together, we are shaping lives, building faith, and leaving a legacy of hope.

With gratitude,
Elton DaSilva
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