



The Camp Arnes Spring Newsletter

Welcome here, folks and buckle in for an update on all things camp related. We have had quite the journey as we have had some more staff changes over the winter and continue to work towards reconnecting with rental groups that have not booked with us since COVID-19! We are so appreciative of your prayers and support as we continue this journey into realigning the camp message with the core intent of making Jesus known to those who pass through these hallowed grounds. Our journey would not be made possible if not for your prayers and financial support, after the information download feel free to check out ways to continue to support us at the end of this letter. Thank you for your desire to keep up to date on all things camp related!



75 Years Growing Strong!

This is Camp Arnes' 75th year! What a fantastic legacy it has been. So many children have been introduced to Christ, so many lives have been released from bondage, and Lord willing, so many more will be in the years to come at camp. But the future of Camp Arnes is in your hands. If you believe in the past 75 years and want to be part of the camp's future legacy, then your financial support is so very important. We cannot wait to celebrate with all of those involved in our great history of camp.

Volunteer Needs:

We are always in need of volunteers. Those of us at camp have worked very hard this past winter. When not hosting groups or conducting outdoor education, we pick up projects that wait for our free time. In order to operate camp with a limited number of staff, we need to lean on you, our volunteers, to come and take part in camp life at all times of the year. Each season has its special activities. However, work projects exist year-round. We sure would love to see you at camp! Some critical activities for volunteers are wood splitting, kitchen food prep and cleanup, dining hall duties, cleaning between groups, construction, and maintenance shop projects. And the list goes on...please consider contacting us to serve at volunteer@camparnes.com. Whether you want to commit to a day, a weekend, or a week, we would love the support to help camp.

Honouring the past and new ventures:

Sleigh Skis

This winter, we took the old sleigh skis out of storage and transferred the hayride wagon onto them. Seeing how well this old sleigh glides on the snow has been great. It's beautiful when we can honour the past and allow our groups to use a nostalgic piece of equipment. We have enjoyed the laughter and cheers as we explore the ol' trails with rental groups that continue to be an iconic part of their stay at the camp. Many of the guests look forward to these ventures as we hear time and time again that it was a highlight of camp.



The Pool

One of the most common questions is, “When will the pool be fixed?” Although we can’t give a date, we can report that work is underway to put the pool back into operation. Of course, this is a massive project, and we would love your support and prayers in accomplishing it financially.



Ice Fishing

This is our second year of ice fishing. Some of you will remember that we had ice fishing as an educational component in the past, using fishing nets and knowledge from local commercial fishermen, but now we are ice fishing as anglers. We have four ice fishing shacks and have had great fun learning the details of this great winter sport.

2023 STAFF PHOTO



Staffing Needs:

Let’s chat about upcoming summer Staffing Needs. We are asking you to pray with us about the following available positions that need to be filled:

- 19 male cabin leads, and 19 female cabin leads
- Skills coordinators for baking, archery, arts and crafts, homesteading, & waterfront
- Support activity staff homesteading, biking, ropes
- Additional camp life leaders that are willing to work as either Stokers, Challengers, or Explorers
- Head Lifeguard & two additional Lifeguards

We are still looking to hire spring staff: The start date is immediately.

Part-time positions available: Cleaning in May, June, July

Please let others know about this need. Our biggest hiring resource has always been word of mouth.

In any photo there are important people missing. But here is the 2023 year-round staff, family photo:



Back = Zach Churchill, Jim Croy, Angelika Fletcher, Katie Romas, Keeley Wiebe, Eva Metzler, Jennifer Flett, Rose Dembowski

Front = Kim Hartman, Sandy Croy, Malachi Khalil, Andrew Stienstra, Jared Olojan, Andre Schau, Fabio Ruiz, Flavia Ruiz

Missing = Jens Metzler, Carol Dueck, Previous valued staff members of the 2023 year-round season.

Upcoming dates at Camp Arnes:

- May 15th Annual General Meeting at Eastview Community Church
- June 8th - Family Fun Day – Come bring your kids to explore our camp open house!
- June 28th - Staff training begins – Please pray for summer staff!
- July 8th - Summer kickoff – Please pray for camp!
- September 20th-22nd - 75th Gala weekend – More info about these plans coming – save the date on your calendar!
- Oct 6th - Fall Supper - Tickets are available closer to the date.



2023 Summer Testimony:

“I had a camper kept asking questions about God and sin. I talked to her about who God is and explained to her that Jesus is the only way to God. She was willing to submit her life to Jesus and I was almost in shock because she was so earnest! I even asked if she wanted to give more time to think about it, but she genuinely wanted to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of her life. I took her aside at night, we prayed together, and she repented of her sin! She got emotional and I could feel what she was feeling. It was a vulnerable moment and it was very touching. I told her further about Christian living and the calling we have as believers to be like Jesus. We hugged and it was a joyful night!

Afterwards, I was rather overwhelmed with emotion (namely joy!) and I was able to talk to a fellow staff about what had happened. The next day, I wrote a note in her Bible and highlighted some passages to encourage her! Before she left with her family, I was able to connect with her father about what had happened.

I haven't had an experience like this before and it truly opened my eyes. You practically become speechless at God's beautiful work! I cannot truly express in words the experience of God working in my life, it's almost as if you need to experience something like it for yourself. God is surely always working, but we ought to seek Him out, having the eyes to see the work that He is doing in our lives.

To God be all the glory forever! Amen.”

-Nicole, Explorer Cabin Leader Summer 2023

What an amazing testimony to the work that God is doing at this camp. Camp Arnes exists to adventure in Creation. We constantly find these stories time and time again of those who experience challenges in sharing the Gospel, but the faithful prayers and encouragement of others spur on our staff to be bold in their faith. Thank you for your continued prayers as we work together to bring the good news to kids here in the great outdoors of camp with fun and laughter too!

Camp does not run without the bills getting paid. If you would like to support us through a financial gift, then here are the following ways to help support. If you know a potential summer sponsor you can forward their contact information to marketing@camparnes.com if they would like to sponsor a specific portion of camp.

Ways to Donate:

Call 204-338-4648.

Mail a Cheque made out to Camp Arnes:

Box 28009 RPO North Kildonan
Winnipeg MB R2G 4E9

Donate online at:

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

E-transfer -> accounting@camparnes.com

(Include personal details in memo for tax receipt purposes)



A very big thank you is due to many at this time: Lastly, we want to thank all of you for your continued support and prayer for Camp Arnes. We could not move forward without you saying yes! We also want to say a great big thank to all of our year-round staff, summer staff, board members, and current volunteers who work hard to make camp possible. Please continue to pray for all those who are involved in camp and for each person who sets foot on the camp premises. Please pray for strength, health, unity and that God will be stirring in each heart as they interact with Camp Arnes.

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

