



Spring Newsletter



“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.”

2 Corinthians 4: 16-17



As we celebrate the first week of spring and anticipate seeing God’s beautiful creation renewed, we can be thankful for the continuous regeneration that we have through the power of the Holy Spirit, who works so diligently to transform us to become more Christ-like every day. We are reflecting and it feels like it was last week that the Winter Newsletter went out to our supporters. Thank you to everybody who contributed to our Year-End Appeal! We saw a great response from our donors, and we are in awe as we see how God continues to bless the work of our organization when we commit all that we do to glorify Him. There has been a whirlwind of activity with the staff and volunteers planning for Summer 2023. Back in December, we held an

operational strategic planning session at Camp. The roaring fire kept us cozy as we assigned tasks and deadlines to ensure everything gets done. We’ve seen fantastic collaboration and teamwork as we work on everything from policies and procedures to the skills, activities, tuck shop goodies, and songs that children and youth will remember for years to come.

On March 14th, we had the privilege of spending a day in prayer and spiritual reflection. Prayer is one of the most important ways that we connect with God and its significance is easy to realize with how often we see it referred to in God’s Word. Thank you to our Prayer Warriors who planned the day and came to Camp to spend time with us, break bread, share their stories, and pray with us. We truly felt the love of God working through all of you and it was refreshment for our souls!

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

– 1 Thessalonians 5: 16:18



Registration for summer 2023 is live with our theme of “In the Garden”, which is directed back to the basics of our goal to be a place to grow! We are currently sitting at around 200 registered campers out of our maximum of 1200. We are so thankful to announce that we will be seeing our C.R.E.W (Christ Readily Equips Workers) program and LTP (Leadership Training Program) back in action for summer 2023! Both these programs are being renewed and will ensure that youth participating in them are well equipped for works of service. C.R.E.W is a two-week program set to provide a mix of fun and work, helping youth to develop the skills needed to enter the workforce, training them in things like resume writing, interview prep, their rights as employees, and most importantly how to live out their Christian faith in the workplace – both in ministry and secular work. LTP is a four-week program focused on developing practical and leadership skills for future service with Camp Arnes, strengthening one’s faith, and deepening one’s love for God and His work. Want to register your child for Camp or one of our service programs? It’s easy, just click [HERE!](#)

What's New at Camp Arnes?

Summer 2023 will bring with it four new skills for campers to learn:

Gardening: Our theme of In the Garden wouldn't be complete without an actual garden for our campers to spend time in. Youth will get a chance to learn about creation care through homesteading concepts including tending to the garden, using and preserving the fruit and vegetables produced, animal husbandry, and how these can all be used to help create a sustainable future!

Mountain Bikes: Whether cutting through trails or taking a jump on our pump track, our campers are sure to experience the thrills and adventure that mountain biking provides. Thanks to our partnership with Northern Cycle, we can offer a program that equips youth with high quality bikes to help in the learning process.

Woodworking: Jesus was a carpenter; what more can we say? Expanding on the popularity of our Creator's Studio, campers will get a chance to work on individual and group projects in the program that's designed to help them learn a hands-on artisanal skill. From simple kits like birdhouses or gumball machines to larger projects like park benches and Pool-Ball tables, our participants will have the opportunity to show off their craftsmanship and leave their mark on Camp Arnes for years to come!

Baking: Food is an important part of our lives. There are countless Bible passages that talk about the importance of sharing a meal together and enjoying fellowship. We want to give our campers another opportunity to get their hands dirty while learning a skill that they can use for the rest of their lives. From healthy options like homemade granola bars to decadent chocolate brownies, our campers are sure to find a sweet spot in their hearts for their newfound ability.

While on the topic of skills and programs, this fall we are anticipating a re-launch of our Forge program. We have found a talented individual to help us rebuild the program and planning is currently underway. It's getting a massive facelift, including the name and goals of the program. Like C.R.E.W and LTP, we want to continue down the path of equipping our youth for service in their local churches and community, so the main emphasis will be on developing servant leaders, modelled after our own Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It's being designed as a discipleship program that runs for a whole year, aimed at students graduating out of high school who may not know their callings yet or who want to prepare for careers that involve leading others. Stay tuned for more information!



A new way to give:

Amazon Wishlist: Want to donate to Camp Arnes, but you're not sure what we need? Just click [HERE](#) and you'll be taken to our Amazon Wishlist, and you can see some of the items that we need at Camp. All you do is choose the items you'd like to purchase for us, check-out, and Amazon will send the items directly to us!

Meet A Team Member

Name: *Jim Croy*

Title: *Operations Director*

State Date: *February 2022*

Favorite Bible Verses: *John 3:16*

How were you led to Camp Arnes?

After retiring from a 40-year corporate job and completing the renovations on my house. I sat in my comfortable chair and simply asked God, "what do you want from me?"



Two months later I was driving into Camp Arnes to help a friend plow snow and to do a little work in the Maintenance area. 24 hours after that, I had completed the application process for the role of Operations Director. This, of course, was with much encouragement from my wife, Sandy. As with all parts of my life, she knows me better than I do.

Working in a God centred environment is empowering and so very uplifting. Morning devotions with staff, Christian discussion throughout the day - everything about this place is amazing, and I'm doing work that God spent 40 years getting me prepared for.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

- John 3:16

Join our Team!

Are you or somebody that you know interested in joining our team? Want to use your gifts and talents to serve an organization where everything that you do feels like it has a bigger purpose? We're looking to fill the following positions at Camp Arnes:

Head Cook/Kitchen Manager – Year-Round, Full-Time

Kitchen Staff – Year-Round and 6 Month Summer Terms – We need 4 more individuals! Spread the word!

Cabin Leads/Activity Staff and Skills Coordinators – Summer 2023

Summer Ministries Co-Leader – 6 Month Term, from March to August 2023

Volunteers for all areas of Camp - Summer 2023

- Camp parents
- Camp photographer
- Kitchen and dining hall helpers
- Nurses

For more information, reach out at arnes@camparnes.com or click [HERE!](#)

"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!"

-Psalm 90:17

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

75 Weeks of Stories – We want to hear your stories! Camp Arnes will be highlighting a story every week for the next 75 weeks about our community and how we've grown over the last 75 years. Please contact us to be part of this project!

AGM – Monday, April 17th at 7pm in the North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church!

Spring Workday – Date TBD at Camp Arnes. Come volunteer and help us tackle some big projects!

Open House – June 10th at Camp Arnes. See the work being done at Camp Arnes and join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

Interlake Outdoor Show – Sept 8th to 10th in Arborg, MB. We're bringing activities, so come check it out.

Seniors Retreat – Sept 2023. After a long hiatus, it's returning to Camp Arnes. You might want to start practicing your shuffleboard techniques now!

Staff Alumni Retreat – Oct 2023. Want to reconnect with Camp and others that you built relationships with? Come join us for a weekend that's sure to be filled with good memories, laughter, and heart-felt stories of lives being changed.

Writer's Retreat – Nov 2023. November is National Novel Writing Month! Need a quiet space to work on your current project or want to learn some new writing skills to start working on your memoir or work of fiction? Join us for a weekend dedicated to the craft of writing.

More information on exact dates, visit our [website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#)

Reminder

Even though we've past the end of the year for 2022, we are still seeking donations to repair the roof on the dining hall. If you have the capacity to give to this project, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting us. We still have more than half-way to go to raise the \$200,000 needed for this huge undertaking. If you would like to donate, please call us at 204-338-4647 or click [HERE!](#)



Prayer Requests



- The development of our new and return programs and skills.
- The recruitment process, and that the right staff and volunteers will be brought to Camp Arnes to ensure a great team atmosphere. We are urgently looking for Kitchen Staff and Cabin Counselors!
- That God will continue to bless us with donations, giving us the vital finances to complete the roof repairs and keep up with building needs.
- That we can plant many seeds of hope as we serve our community
- That God will continue to guide Camp's leadership team in making decisions that are pleasing and glorifying to Him.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

-Philippians 4:6