



December Newsletter



"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

– Isaiah 9:6



As Christmas quickly approaches and we plan to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, all of us at Camp Arnes want to wish you and your families the Lord's blessing this holiday season. May He keep you safe and healthy as you gather with loved ones, and may the true meaning of Christmas resonate deep into your hearts as you sing carols and enjoy feasts of thankfulness. It's so easy to get caught up in the constant running around and forget the true celebration and greatest gift that we could ever receive!

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

– John 3:16



Speaking of feasts, we need to send out a huge thank-you to all those who were involved with our Fall Supper this year. On October 16th, we served nearly 400 plates of food to our guests at Camp and the Interlake community. We couldn't have done this without the support of our donors, volunteers, and staff members. So many people were involved with food preparation and cooking, baking pies for our first ever Pie Auction, helping to decorate the dining hall, serving food, washing dishes, and cleaning up. Also, a huge shoutout to the businesses in the area that sold tickets for us! You might be asking yourself, "what does it take to prepare a meal for four hundred guests?" Well, here are a few of the numbers to give you an idea of the work involved:



Jesus answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God'" - Matthew 4:4



Turkeys	16
Potatoes	120 lbs
Butter	25 lbs
Brussel Sprouts	50 lbs
Cranberries	15 lbs
Apples	120 lbs

Meet A Team Member

Name: Chris Buffington

Title: Executive Director

State Date: June 1st, 2022

Favorite Bible Verses: Proverbs 2:3-6

Hobbies: Spending time with family, fishing, reading, and writing

About: Chris was born and raised in Manitoba, attending Camp Arnes as a youth, and felt called back to serve God in this ministry.

He has spent the last twenty years working in leadership roles in the fields of hospitality, social and disability services. The last fifteen of those years were with Christian non-profit agencies due to the importance of living out his faith in his everyday life. Merging lives of service to God with school, work, and play are important to Chris and his family - his wife Jacqueline, son Ryder (10), daughter Skye (8), son Kael (6), and son Reed (4). As a family, they attend Grace Canadian Reformed Church, and the kids are enrolled at Immanuel Christian School in Transcona. Chris was very excited to join the team at Camp Arnes and to work alongside the dedicated staff, volunteers, and board members as they seek to put God's will first in all that they do.



“Yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding”

- Proverbs 2:3-6

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Manitoba Outdoors Show – Red River Exhibition Park, February 3-5th, 2023

Missionfest Manitoba – Church of the Rock, February 3-5th, 2023

Camp Arnes Fishing Derby – February 20th, 2022

New for 2023 – Arnes Led Camps

Beginning in early 2023, Camp Arnes will be leading weekend retreats and getaways. The goal of these retreats is to offer a holistic and engaging learning experience in a beautiful natural setting. We are planning for cooking camps, art camps, writing camps, father/son and mother/daughter getaways, marriage retreats, and more. Not only will you get to grow in talents, but in your relationships with Jesus Christ and others!

Have you ever been told that somebody wants to paint, cook, or knit like you? Are you interested in volunteering to share your God-given talents with individuals who would love to learn or perfect a skill? Reach out and let us know if you would like to be part of teaching at these Camps!

Join our Team!

Are you or somebody that you know interested in joining our team? Camp Arnes is currently looking to fill the following important positions in the upcoming year:

Volunteers for all areas of Camp - Summer 2023

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

Cabin Leads/Activity Staff and Skills Coordinators – Summer 2023

Camp Health Officer – 6 Month Term, from April to September 2023

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

For more information, reach out at execdirector@camparnes.com

Reminder

The end of the year is quickly approaching and there's still time to donate to our Year-End Appeal and receive your tax receipt! We really need your help to fix the roof of our dining hall before more damage is caused. If you have the capacity to give to this project, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting us. We still have a long way to go to raise the \$200,000 needed for this massive undertaking. If you would like to donate, please call us at 204-338-4647 or click this link: [Donate to Camp Arnes! \(campbraingiving.com\)](http://campbraingiving.com)



Prayer Requests



- The recruitment process, and that the right staff will be brought to Camp Arnes to ensure a great summer and year-round program
- That God will bless us with a successful Year-End Appeal, giving us the needed finances to complete the roof repairs
- Wisdom and insight as we head into our operational planning sessions to finalize the vision for Camp next summer
- Safe travels for staff and guests who are driving to and from Camp throughout the winter months
- That God will continue to guide Camp's leadership team in making decisions that are pleasing and glorifying to Him

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."

-Matthew 7:7-8

