

Kamp Kiwanis Program Update



Spring ACT Leadership Programs

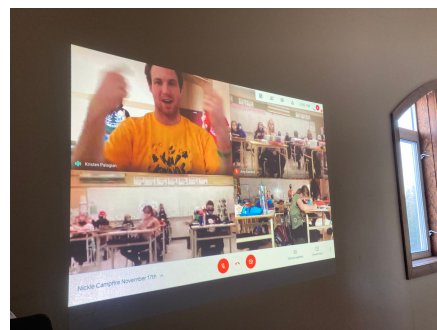
After a successful pilot of the ACT (Achieving Community Together) Program in Fall 2020, we are continuing to offer this opportunity to students in grade 9 -12. Unfortunately, we are currently not able to have the students out at Kamp due to COVID-19 restrictions, however, we are running three 1-hour long evening sessions per week which began on March 8th. During these sessions we have continued to offer team building activities, skill building activities, general check-ins on how they are doing with the rest of their life, and a community project. For this project, ACT participants are writing a children's book for Kamp Kiwanis for counsellors to be able to read to campers. The stories within this book are based on the ACT participants' own stories about being at Kamp Kiwanis, along with current staff and alumni's stories about their experiences here. The ACT(ers) are currently going about amalgamating, adapting and illustrating the stories into a children's book!

It is our goal to restart in person programming as soon as possible including in person sessions and volunteering at the Kamp Kiwanis site.

There are currently 8 participants regularly taking part in these weekly sessions.

M.O.S.S.

The Modified Outdoor School System(MOSS) is a contactless outdoor school program that includes many of our Overnight Outdoor School and Day Trip programs as well as live online campfires and wood-cookie name tags. The purpose of the program has been to maintain a connection with schools that usually come out to the Kamp as well as to give the students as much of an outdoor school/camp experience as we can with them being unable to come out to the Kamp. The highlights of this program are the live campfires where we get to teach the students action songs and see them following along. Fire's Burning and Kum Ba Yah work really well in sign language! The response from schools has been positive and it has proved a great way to stay in touch with the schools who usually book with us, as well as, to connect with some schools which have not come out in quite a while. This Spring we have been able to offer this program to more than 20 schools and more than 2000 students.



Students Participating in MOSS program.

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Summer Camp Programs

We are monitoring the guidelines and restrictions of the government and health officials. If restrictions are lifted and we are able to run Summer Camps and Summer Leadership Programs safely we intend to operate as normally as possible. However, if this is not possible, we intend to modify our Summer programs and look for ways to ensure children and youth still have the opportunity to experience the benefits of camp. **We will be posting updates at www.kampkiwanis.ca**

In Summer 2021 we intend to run 6 sessions of camp, each 6 days in length. These will include 2 Junior Sessions for students finishing grade 4, 2 Intermediate Sessions for students finishing grade 5 and 2 Senior Sessions for students finishing grade 6.

Regular Summer Camp Program during normal operations will include:

- Nature activities
- Field & games court games
- Cooperative games, initiative tasks and group development activities
- Flatwater canoeing
- Overnight camping under tarp shelters
- Archery
- Arts and crafts
- Swimming
- Many other specially designed activities by our staff

Summer Leadership Programs

Our summer leadership programs are designed to keep engaging youth in outdoor leadership activities through grades 7-11.

Outdoor Skills I (students finishing gr. 7)

- bridges 'camper' experience with leadership training and service
- 2-day backpacking trip and fun activities

Outdoor Skills II (students finishing gr. 8)

- 2-day backpacking trip in the Kananaskis area, fun camp activities and camp service projects

LITES (Leaders In Training for Excellence for students finishing gr. 9)

- communication and interpersonal skills and outdoor technical skills
- 4-day backpacking trip and 3-day canoe trip and experience assisting with leading summer camp

KITES (Kounsellors In Training for Excellence for students finishing gr. 10)

- activity leadership skills and cabin placements to help lead groups

SITES (Staff In Training for Excellence for students finishing gr. 11)

- activity development and execution
- cabin and program area placements to help lead groups

ACT, MOSS and Summer Camp Programs are 100% subsidized and subsidies are available for Summer Leadership Programs so there are no barriers to participation.