

Looking Forward to our 70th Year of Summer Kamp

We are celebrating 70 years of Kamp Kiwanis this year!

We look forward to welcoming over 350 kampers and leadership participants to Kamp Kiwanis beginning July 12, 2021.

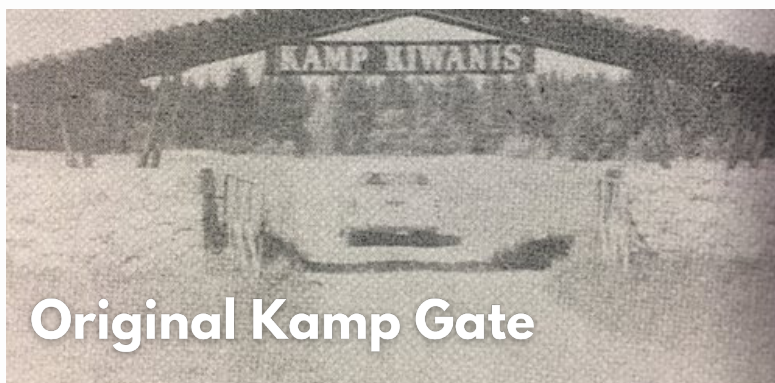
We are monitoring the guidelines and restrictions of the government and health officials. If restrictions are lifted and we are able to run Summer Camp safely we intend to operate as normally as possible. However, if this is not possible, we intend to modify our Summer Camp program and look for ways to ensure children still have the opportunity to experience the benefits of camp. We will be posting updates on our website www.kampkiwanis.ca and on social media. Please contact us if you have any questions.

For more on the history of Kamp Kiwanis please visit our blog at <https://www.kampkiwanis.ca/blog>

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The Peanut Gallery



In Memory of Nestor Kelba

Our dear friend, mentor, former Kamp Kiwanis Director/Manager and inexhaustible Kamp Kiwanis patron extraordinaire Nestor Kelba passed away in April. Our deepest sympathies, thoughts and prayers remain with his wife Ellen and their children Joan, Tim, Stephen, Paul, and their families and Nestor's siblings Doug, Grant and Betty and their families. Nestor was "One of A Kind" and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Nestor, then a teacher with the Calgary Board of Education, began his journey at Kamp Kiwanis in 1966 as Kamp Director with his wife Ellen, Kamp Mom and Nurse. They raised 3 of their 4 children for 6 years at Kamp (their youngest being born after their directorship at Kamp.) They were the first Kamp family to live in the White House which remains the residence of the Kamp Director today.

In the Spring of 1968, Nestor brought about a major change to Kamp Kiwanis. The Calgary School Board was searching for an outdoor education centre near Calgary for their outdoor lab school program. Considering Nestor's affiliation with the School Board, it seemed logical to hold it at the camp. In May of 1968, the first elementary school students arrived at the camp for a week of environmental studies and lessons. Nestor recruited high school students as counsellors for the outdoor recreation program; many of them, because of this experience, would stay on as summer staff.

Nestor introduced many new ideas and concepts during his years as Director, and many of these have become important Kamp Kiwanis traditions that have had a positive effect on the many children and staff who were involved in both the outdoor school and summer programs.

Nestor was the first Director to integrate the staff so that there were both male and female counsellors for each session, providing diverse role models which Nestor felt was important for the children. He developed the idea that each wooden K-Pole with the names of kampers and staff should have a special meaning, something relevant to an incident or activity that occurred during the session. He also introduced the "wood cookie" name tags on which each staff member and kamper would burn his or her name.

Nestor and Ellen left their positions at Kamp in 1972, however, they liked the area so much they bought a house about five minutes from the camp. Nestor became the Supervisor of the Calgary Board of Education's Off-Campus Activities Team and was actively involved in running outdoor school programs for the Board. Nestor continued to be involved with the Kiwanis Club of Calgary and Kamp Kiwanis, serving on the Board of Directors for both. Nestor was instrumental in turning Kamp into a year-round facility and developing the Main Lodge in the early 1990s when there was a possibility that the Kamp might be closed. In 1994, Nestor returned to Kamp Kiwanis as the Managing Director, a position that he held until his retirement in 2012. In 2013, the Main Lodge was dedicated and renamed Nestor Lodge.

Nestor Kelba, aka "Wolverine," leaves a legacy of 55 years of involvement with Kamp Kiwanis and the Kiwanis Club of Calgary, one that will certainly endure in the many years to come.

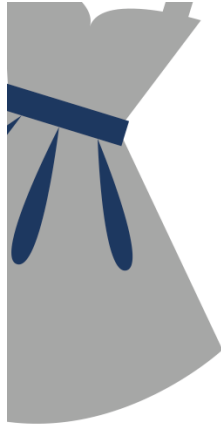


Nestor Kelba Oct 31, 1936 - April 11, 2021

You will be deeply missed and your legacy will endure.

We are looking for donations of gently used, interview-worthy clothing and hoping that you can help! It has been brought to our attention that some of our leadership participants may be disadvantaged in their personal job searches because of the clothing they can afford. We want them to have everything they need to succeed, so we are collecting clothing items to give to them that help them put their best foot forward!

Please contact Brittney Felske (Akorn) at leadership@kampkiwanis.ca if you would like more information!



INTERVIEW CLOTHING DRIVE



A clothing drive to support Leadership Participants who will be interviewing for their very first jobs!

June 14th - 25th, 2021

Drop off: Nestor Lodge, Kamp Kiwanis

Contact: leadership@kampkiwanis.ca

We are looking for:

Dress pants

Dress shirts

Blazers

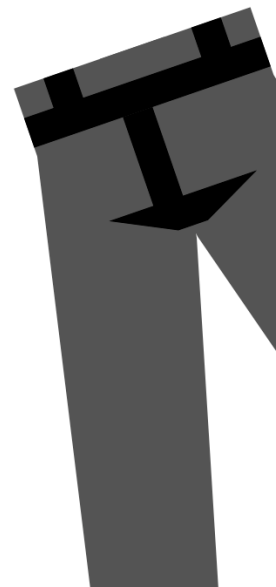
Collared shirts

Blouses

Skirts

Dresses

Formal shoes



Shaw Birdies for Kids Presented by AltaLink

Kamp Kiwanis is proud to be a participating charity in Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink (BFK) in 2021. BFK is a non-profit program run under the Shaw Charity Classic Foundation. 100% of donations made through BFK on behalf of Kamp Kiwanis will go directly to Kamp Kiwanis. Donations will be matched up to 50%, with funds going directly to Kamp Kiwanis, making your donation go even further! The program donation period runs from February 1 - August 15, 2021.



To donate, go to:
<https://shawcharityclassic.com/participating-charities/kamp-kiwanis/>

Donations of any amount are welcomed. We encourage donors to consider the following levels of donation for their gift:



PLATINUM LEVEL - \$1,000 or more
A gift of \$5,616 could fund 1 cabin group of 8 children for 6 days of camp.



GOLD LEVEL - \$500 - \$999
A gift of \$702 could fund 1 child to attend camp for 6 days.



SILVER LEVEL - \$250 - \$499
A gift of \$350 could purchase new equipment such as a couple of archery bows or backpacks.



BRONZE LEVEL - up to \$249
A gift of \$150 could purchase materials for a class to participate in the Modified Outdoor School System (MOSS)

For more information on the Shaw Charity Classic and BFK:
<https://shawcharityclassic.com/>

Chip In For Kids

Now until August 15, 2021 Chip in for Kids by texting KIDS134 to 30333 and help us send kids to summer camp. Shaw will match your donation and the matched donation will then be matched again by the Shaw Charity Classic, up to an additional 50%. Your \$10 can grow into a donation of \$30 to Kamp Kiwanis. Shaw Shaw Charity Classic.

Almost 20 years ago I attended your camp, to this day I remember the wonderful time I had. I was a shy, quiet, keep to myself kid. At your camp I made friends, I spoke out, I really got comfortable. I loved the activities and programs. To this day I remember some of the songs, games, activities, and friends I made there. We made a necklace out of a circular piece of tree trunk of which I still have. You have no idea how much I needed that and the impact it made at the time. It was a very special time and just wanted to say thank you for allowing me the opportunity and having such an inviting environment. Thank You.
Angelina, Former Camper

Hike A Kid to Kamp



Enjoy the outdoors, so kids can too! Kamp Kiwanis invites you to Hike A Kid To Kamp and give kids in Calgary and Area a summer camp experience.

Step 1. Plan a hike with your family/friends (up to 10 people)

Step 2. Register for Hike A Kid To Kamp at <https://www.kampkiwanis.ca/hike> Registration is free.

Step 3. Encourage others to support Kamp Kiwanis by donating through Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink (BFK).

Step 4. Enjoy your Hike.

Step 5. Post a picture of your hike on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter using the hashtags #Hike4Kamp and #Birdies4Kids and tagging Kamp Kiwanis @kampkiwanis



Great Canadian Giving Challenge

Help Us
WIN \$20,000!

The Great Canadian Giving Challenge begins today and runs for the month of June. Help Kamp Kiwanis win \$20,000 and send kids to summer camp! Every \$1 donated IN JUNE through Canada Helps is an automatic entry for your charity of choice to win (minimum \$3 donation required). To donate to Kamp Kiwanis go to

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/gcg/c/57851>

Find out more at

<https://www.kampkiwanis.ca/great-canadian-giving-challenge>



Upcoming Dates

- July 12 - First Day of Summer Kamp
- September 2021 - Fall Outdoor School Begins (Date TBD)
- September 25-26 - Kiwanis Apple Festival

You are welcome to send us your feedback or potential contributions to our newsletter at community@kampkiwanis.ca