



Kamp Kiwanis Newsletter

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2022 - The Year In Review

2022 was certainly a year to remember in the Kamp History Books. We said farewell to our site of 71 summers, purchased a new site for which development proposals are underway and we continued to run programs throughout the year including:

- Summer Camps 2022: 237
 participants
- Leadership Programs 2022: 69 participants
- Outdoor School Programs 2021-2022 School year: 1,338 participants
- Day Trip Programs 2021-2022 School Year: 2,717 participants
- Rental Facilities Jan-June 2022: 1,154 participants

In 2022, Volunteers gave over 700 hours of their time to help with programs, site maintenance, strategic development, board and committee meetings, moving Kamp and reviewing nominations for Kampers to attend summer programs.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our staff, volunteers and everyone who supported us through this past year!

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The Peanut Gallery



Admin Teambuilding



Member & Alumni Winter Gathering





Winter Reunion 2022

In early December we hosted our Winter Reunion for Summer 2022 Kampers and Staff at Easter Seals Camp Horizon. We had around 90 participants attend. Everyone had a great time re-connecting and enjoying some winter activities and a delicious festive lunch made by the Camp Horizon Kitchen Staff. Thank you so much much to all the Staff and Volunteers for assisting with this event and making it so memorable for Kampers.!



Membership & Alumni Winter Gathering

On January 14th, our Kamp Kiwanis Membership Committee organized a Winter Gathering for Members and Alumni at Bowness Park. It was the perfect day out and included a hot dog roast, a deluxe hot chocolate bar, crokicurl bonspiel and skating. Members and alumni got to connect and enjoy time outside with family and friends. Thank you so much to our Membership Committee for putting on the event! If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Kamp Kiwanis member and how the membership supports the organization please email <u>membership.committee@kampkiwanis.ca</u>

Kamp Kiwanis Board

The Kamp Kiwanis Board of Directors is made up of individuals who volunteer their time to help with building organizational capacity in the areas of strategic planning, governance, financial management, fund development, risk management, community outreach and advocacy and building a culture of philanthropy for our organization.

We are so grateful for the dedication these individuals have put in to support Kamp Kiwanis, especially during this busy and exciting time where we are planning for our new site.

Kamp Kiwanis 2022-2023 Executive:

Aaron Graham - Chair Craig Skimmings - Vice Chair Christa Skimmings - Treasurer Chris Novak - Secretary Nikki Lepine - Director Paul Kelba - Director Stacey Robins - Director George Taven - Director

For more on our Board Members and to read their bios: <u>kampkiwanis.ca/board-members</u>

The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. -Deann Hollis

New Team Members

We're thrilled to welcome (back) 2 new members to our team! Jordin "Tiki" Ley started in February as our Wellness Coordinator, a role that will support both our participants and staff, with a focus on mental and physical wellbeing, as well as, supporting the admin team with staff training and program planning. Rebecca "Hoot" Shapiro also started in February as our Program Coordinator, developing and implementing both Outdoor School and Summer Camp Programs. Though they are not new to Kamp Kiwanis, they are both new to these admin positions and we are excited for them to bring their experience and enthusiasm to these roles.

Jordin "Tiki" Ley, Wellness Coordinator (She/Her)

Jordin, aka "Tiki" grew up going back and forth between the Kelowna beaches and the Rocky Mountains here in Calgary. She first started at Kamp



when she was a junior! She fell in love with Kamp and wanted to be a counsellor ever since. She counselled for half of a summer in 2019, and really looked up to and wanted to be a part of the Resource team. Jordin achieved this goal in 2022 as First Aid Coordinator; after taking a break from Kamp in 2020, and 2021 to play beach volleyball and lifeguard.

Tiki is excited to step into her new role as Wellness Coordinator here at Kamp. She loves to prioritize and learn about mental health and biology. She one day hopes to use the skills she's learning at Kamp to become an EMT/paramedic.

Tiki's favourite part about Kamp is making an impact, and helping kids like her counsellors and resource staff have helped her throughout her years at Kamp. She also has many hobbies and interests. and although hasn't travelled much yet, has plans to travel new places such as New Zealand, Australia and Spain. She loves sports and takes priority in staying active! When at Kamp you'll likely see her playing her favourite game, capture the flag in the field, floating in the river, painting in hobby hut, or trekkin' around Kamp making sure everything is always happy, healthy and fun!

Becca "Hoot" Shapiro, Program Coordinator (She/Her)

Becca, a.k.a "Hoot" has spent most of her life in Calgary after moving from Winnipeg as a child. She is bilingual and attended French immersion schooling from kindergarten



until graduating high school. Hoot first started camping and enjoying the outdoors with her family and then as a Girl Guide, starting in Brownies (Embers) and continued until Rangers.

She first came to Kamp Kiwanis as a high school volunteer counsellor for a week of Outdoor School in 2014. She then attended the K.I.T.E.s Program that summer and started working at Summer Kamp, first as a counsellor and then as First Aid Coordinator. In her break from working at Summer Kamp, Hoot worked at the Calgary Humane Society facilitating summer day camps and outreach events. During the off-season, Hoot became a Primary Care Paramedic (EMT) at SAIT, as well as a First Aid and Professional Responder Instructor with the Red Cross. Hoot has played ringette for 15 years and is a referee for ages U8 to U16.

Two of Hoots favourite Summer Kamp activities are 1) PBK!!!! because it's such a fun and refreshing way to wake up and 2) day hikes because of the beautiful views and the feeling of accomplishment once you all get to the summit together! She's excited to learn more about our local wildlife in outdoor school – especially birds (like owls!)

Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink

Kamp Kiwanis is proud to be a participating charity for a 4th year in Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink (BFK) in 2023. 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 March 1 - August 31, 2023.

To donate, go to:

https://shawcharityclassic.com/donate/kamp-kiwanis

In 2022 Kamp Kiwanis received \$7,877.50 in total donations. Our goal for 2023 is \$10,000. Donations of any amount are welcomed. We encourage donors to consider the following amounts for their gift:

- \$702 = 6 Days of Kamp for a Kamper
- **\$117** = 1 Day of Kamp for a Kamper
- **\$83** = 1 Day of Outdoor School for a Student
- **\$70** = 1 Session of transportation costs for a Kamper
- **\$63** = 1 Day of equipment, supplies and supervision for a Kamper
- **\$43** = 1 Day of nutritious meals for a Kamper

If you donate for 2 Kampers, your donation could be matched up to 50%, meaning a 3rd Kamper could be supported with your donation for 2!

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

Make it a "Kamper's Dozen" and Donate Monthly

For the month of March CanadaHelps will make



a one-time extra \$20 donation for every new monthly gift of \$20 or more made to Kamp Kiwanis using CanadaHelps.*

To make a monthly donation to Kamp Kiwanis through Canada Helps please visit: <u>https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/8819</u> and select "Donate Monthly."

\$59/month = 6 days of Kamp for a Kamper

\$32/month = 6 days of equipment, supplies and supervision for a Kamper

\$28/month = 3 day Outdoor School experience for a Student

\$22/month = 6 days of nutritious meals for a Kamper

\$6/month = transportation costs for a Kamper

*Visit <u>https://www.canadahelps.org/en/make-</u> <u>it-monthly-terms-and-conditions/</u> for all the Terms and Conditions

 SEEDS Connections - March 6-10 Spring Programs: March - June Summer Camp Nominations Open - April to May Summer Programs: July 3 - August 21
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You are welcome to send us your feedback or potential contributions to our newsletter at <u>community@kampkiwanis.ca</u>