#### THE WOOD KOOKIE



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#### **Fall 2023**

We enjoyed being back at Camp Horizon for Fall 2023 Outdoor School. We had 6 schools and 288 students attend our Fall Programs. Here are some of the comments we received from teachers:

We had a great time. Definitely memories were made!

The campfire songs were especially amazing this year!

Our favourite part was campfire! Everyone was engaged and the kids were up and smiling. It was really well organized and fun. The counsellors were really great with the students.

The kids were engaged. The counsellors were engaging. There was a variety in activities.

The facilities were clean and warm with everything in close proximity. They accommodated all physical needs and were easily accessible.

The staff had excellent knowledge of programming at the site and gave personable delivery [of activities]. They were patient, kind, caring, energetic, friendly and accommodating. Thank you, we love you quys!

#### **Issue Highlights:**

- Fall 2023
- Staff Announcements
- Staff Hiring
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- Upcoming Dates

#### The Peanut Gallery









#### **Staff Announcements**

The changing of seasons has also brought about some changes in our year-round staff team.

In late October Camp Director Nick "Eddy"
Taven moved on to pursue a teaching degree.
We thank Eddy so much for his time and
dedication to Kamp in all his roles since 2011.
(See the previous newsletter for more.)

Since early September, Becca "Hoot" Shapiro has been transitioning into the role of Camp Director and fully assumed the role in late October. Hoot first worked at Kamp nearly a decade ago and rejoined our team as Program Coordinator in February 2023. We are thrilled to have her now in the role of Camp Director and excited for all the ideas and enthusiasm we know she will continue to bring to Kamp and help empower youth to to explore, think critically, connect with their communities, and to make the most of life for themselves and others. You can check out Hoot's full bio on our website.



We are sad to announce that our Wellness Coordinator Jordie "Tiki" Ley will be moving on from Kamp Kiwanis at the end of December 2023 to pursue some new adventures. Tiki started at Kamp as a Junior Camper, attending Kamp every summer until she became a Camp Counsellor in 2019. In February 2023, she joined our team as Wellness Coordinator, a new role at Kamp Kiwanis. We will miss Tiki's fun-loving energy and all the support she has given both Kampers and Staff. We wish her all the best!



#### **Staff Hiring**

We will be hiring for Spring and Summer Seasonal Positions soon. Please visit www.kampkiwanis.ca/employment for job positings.

Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink (BFK)

Kamp Kiwanis was proud to be a participating charity for a 4th year in Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink (BFK) which wrapped



up on August 31st. BFK is a non-profit program run under the Shaw Charity Classic Foundation. 100% of donations made through BFK on behalf of Kamp Kiwanis go directly to supporting Kamp Kiwanis. Donations will be matched up to 50%, with funds going directly to Kamp Kiwanis.

We are pleased to say this year was our best year yet for fundraising through BFK as we raised \$18,941.34, including matching funds!

Thank you so much to the BFK and the Shaw Charity Classic Foundation for their support. We also wish to thank the following donors for their support:

Eric Pedersen Brian Anderson Talore Peterson Rick Armstrong **Trent Bruce** Barry Pollock Morse Handy Jenn Radder Rahim Lakhoo Paul Radder Millenia Engineering Barb Shapiro **Next Compression Brett Shikaze** Chris Novak Joseph Viola Maria Obiniana **Emily Wood** 

Everyone who purchased raffle tickets in support of Kamp Kiwanis

Everyone who bid on Silent Auction Items in support of Kamp Kiwanis

Numerous Anonymous Donors

### Send a Kid to Winter Reunion!



We kicked off our year-end campaign in November. Our goal is to give at least 100 kids a Winter Reunion experience this December. The cost per camper per day is \$117 and includes all program, transportation, a warm festive lunch, snacks and a special gift. If you would like to donate to this cause, please consider supporting a camper and donate at https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/kamp-kiwanis/campaign/kamp-kiwanis-winter-reunion-for-kids/

Any donation amount welcomed!

## Upcoming Dates

- Dec 16&17 Winter Reunion for Summer 2023 Camps
- Dec-Jan Hiring for Spring & Summer
- March 2024 Spring Programs Begin

You are welcome to send us your feedback or potential contributions to our newsletter at <a href="mailto:community@kampkiwanis.ca">community@kampkiwanis.ca</a>

# Happy Holidays

Wishing you and your family a happy & safe holiday season and all the best in 2024!

## From all of us at Kamp Kiwanis

"Raven"

Doug "Talon"

Becca "Hoot"

Thomas "Ghost"

Jenn "Splash"

Jordie "Tiki"

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